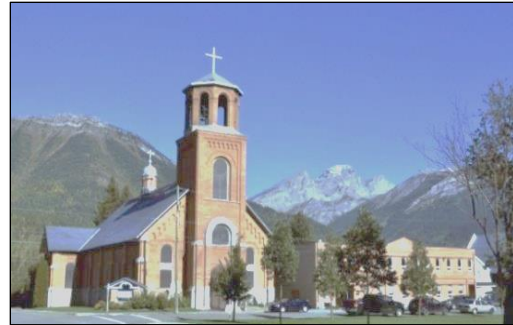


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Holy Family Parish is organised together with St. Michael's, Sparwood and St. Bernard's, Elkford.

26th March 2017 4th Sunday of Lent

From the Parish...

Reconciliation Dates – In Fernie on Tuesday 4th April

Our reconciliation service here in Fernie is on Tuesday 4th April at 7pm. We will celebrate Mass and then we hope that one or possibly two visiting priests will be with us to hear confessions. If you can't make this date then Sparwood is having their reconciliation service this Monday, 27th March, at 7pm. If you want to go to confession before Easter these are the best two opportunities so please don't miss them.

Readers needed on Palm Sunday Weekend

At both of our Palm Sunday Masses we will be reading the passion narrative from Matthew's gospel. This requires nine readers in addition to the priest (and whoever is reading the first and second readings at Mass). Some of these reading parts are very small and the text is available for readers to take home and practise. If you have never read in church this might be a good time to have a go. As you come in to church this week and next there might be someone with a pile of scripts who will approach you and ask you to read. Please don't simply say 'No, I don't read'. If you won't read then please ask yourself, 'Then who will read? Is it a faith-filled response always to expect others to do such tasks in church?' We need more participation at Mass from a wider number of people, and here is a very easy way to help.

Service Times for Holy Week and Easter Weekend

The "Easter Triduum" consists of three services that the Church understands to be one service spread over three days so please try to attend on all three days. The service times in Fernie will be:

Maundy Thursday	– 7pm – 13 th April	Holy Saturday	– 5pm – 15 th April
Good Friday	– 3pm – 14 th April	Easter Sunday	– 9am – 16 th April

Catholic Mountain Star

The latest edition of the Catholic Mountain Star – our diocesan newspaper – is now available. Some will have received their copy through the post, but if you pick yours up from church it should be on the table in the entrance. If you are not signed up to receive a copy there are lots of spares available so please do take one. In this issue Fernie is on the front, Sparwood on the back and Fr. David in the middle!

Journeying Together Through the Passion of Christ

– Fernie Ministerial Combined Services – Monday 3rd to Friday 7th April

The week before Holy Week there will be four midday services and lunches put on jointly by the Christian Churches in Fernie. They will be at the Salvation Army Community Church on 2nd Avenue from Monday to Thursday at 12noon. There will be a twenty minute service followed by a simple lunch. Each day a different minister will lead the service and each day a different church will be providing a lunch. We are providing the lunch on the Monday, 3rd April, and the CWL will gladly receive donations of soup, buns and baking to help with this. Then on the Friday there will be an evening service at 7pm. Hopefully these services will help us journey together through the Passion of Christ to his resurrection.

2017 CWL Nelson Diocesan Convention – 4th to 6th May; Registration deadline Thursday 18th April

From year to year the CWL Diocesan Convention moves around the diocese. This year we are delighted that Fernie and Sparwood are jointly hosting the event from Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th May. As the talks and events are here in our own area this give a chance for all our CWL member to attend. The CWL is also extends an invitation to any other Christian women in the area to attend the talks or events. There are also evening socials and a banquet at the end of the convention where the ladies can bring their family and friends. Full details of times and costs are in the parish office along with registration forms. Those attending do need to register beforehand and the deadline for registrations is Thursday 18th April.

Mass Times **Masses for Sunday**

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Masses

Tuesday – 9am.

(There is no Rocky Mountain Village Mass as it is the last Wednesday of the month)

Family Garden Project

There is quite a bit of excitement about the Family Garden Project. On Tuesday 11th April at 7pm there will be an information session and open discussion to tell people about the proposed garden which will be behind our church. Everyone is invited to come and find out what the plans and visions are for this project, and also people are invited to offer ideas and input for the project. Regina Vinge and Tanya Thurmeier will be there to answer questions.

Two 'Thank You's

Griz Day Garage Sale: Thank you to all who participated in the Griz Day Garage Sale; it brought in \$410.

CWL Selling of Purses and Scarves: The CWL would like to thank those who supported them in the selling of purses and scarves. This brought in \$237 which will go towards the expenses for the 2017 CWL Diocesan Convention that the Fernie and Sparwood CWLs are hosting in May.

From the Diocese...

Chrism Mass – Nelson Cathedral

The 'Chrism Mass' of our diocese will be at 7pm on Monday 10th April at the Cathedral in Nelson. There is a celebratory meal provided before Mass for any parishioners celebrating a special wedding anniversary, but to attend this supper the parish office will need to register you by Monday 3rd April. So if you are celebrating a special anniversary this year and would like to attend, please let our parish office know as soon as possible.

From Elsewhere...

Development and Peace Notice

D&P writes: One of the themes in today's Gospel is how life can sometimes be precarious. In order to create a future of hope, like the blind man we often need to speak up and to show our belief in grace. People affected by war are always living at risk, and it is important to unceasingly work for peace around the world. This week, read the story of Hannan, who tells us how, by speaking up and working with others, she helped 280 Syrian women to build towards a better economic future! For more information go to www.devp.org/testimonials Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place; please be generous.

From Fr. David...

Continuation of a series of articles - Easter Saturday Night Service: Fernie – 5pm Holy Saturday

In Fernie on Easter Saturday night at 5pm instead of a full Easter Vigil there will be a simplified Easter Night Service. This will include a couple of scripture readings but the main emphasis of the service will be on the symbols used: light and water, and of course on bread and wine.

With our new Easter or 'Paschal' Candle we will bring light into a dimly lit church, this will show us that Christ is our light, a light that cannot even be extinguished by death.

Taking our Easter Candle we will use this symbol of Christ's presence in the world to bless the water of our font. This water will then be used as part of our renewal of our baptismal commitment.

With Christ's light shining on us and having been made new by the living waters of Baptism, we then



gather around the altar to celebrate the Eucharist. On the night before he died the disciples gathered around Christ with fear and confusion and Christ gave them the Eucharist to strengthen them and give them peace. On the day of the Resurrection at Emmaus the disciples again gathered around Christ for 'the breaking of bread' and their hearts burned with joy listening to and be with their Lord. At the Eucharist on Easter Saturday night (and Easter Sunday morning) we focus on the joy of knowing the Risen Christ; we thank God the Father for his love shown so perfectly in Christ and we will simply rejoice in our faith.

While on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday we are asked to leave in silence and to find some stillness in our lives, on Easter Saturday night (and Easter Sunday morning) you are invited to leave the church rejoicing and go into our world ready to tell others of our joy in the risen Christ.

Sparwood is having a full Easter Vigil service at 8pm on Holy Saturday if you want to experience the church's full liturgy for Easter night.

Ministries:

Saturday 1st April

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

Donald DiGeorgio

Greeters:

Patsy Caravetta &

Frank Rambold

Sunday 2nd April

Eucharistic Minister:

Rosalinda Pukalla

Reader:

Cathleen Sonntag

Greeters:

Jesse Mong & Family

Church Cleaning for this week:

B. Coultry, G. Kitchen,

C. Sonntag & R. Anselmo

Finance

Collections:

18th/19th March.....\$1094.25

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2017:

Given to date\$7,555.00

Our Diocesan Goal.... \$11,600.00

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