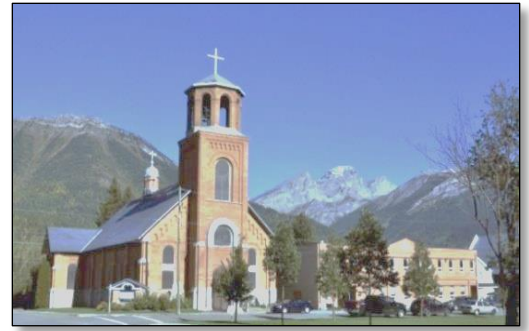


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Holy Family Parish is organised together with St. Michael's, Sparwood and St. Bernard's, Elkford.

9th April 2017

Passion (Palm) Sunday

From Fr. David...

Holy Week and Easter

We are about to start the most important week in the Church's calendar.

On Monday 7pm – at our Cathedral in Nelson the Bishop will gather with all his priests and a good number of parishioners from all corners of the diocese and he will bless the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the coming year in every parish in the diocese. The Chrism Mass starts at 7pm and is open to everyone. There will be refreshments after Mass.

The three services of the Maundy Mass, the Good Friday service and the Easter Mass make up the 'Easter Triduum' and the Church sees these as one service spread over three days. All Catholics are asked to attend the three services as these form the most important celebration of our faith. Indeed the Church sees every Sunday as a 'mini Easter', so all we do through the rest of the year stem from these three services.

On Thursday 7pm – (Wednesday 7pm in Sparwood) we will celebrate the Maundy Service. Maundy means "commandment" and at this Mass we symbolically fulfil Christ's command after he had washed his disciples feet that we too should wash each other's feet. So *all those* who come to this Mass are asked to have appropriate footwear so that they can easily have their feet washed. Also at this Mass we will receive the Holy Oils blessed and consecrated by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass. The service starts at 7pm and shouldn't be much longer than a normal Sunday Mass. After Mass there will be 'watching' when you are invited to stay and spend some time in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

On Friday 3pm – At the traditional time of 3pm (6pm in Sparwood) we will gather to listen to the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. We will then venerate the wood of the Cross, pray for the needs of the world and share in Holy Communion; so again this service should be about an hour long. We then leave in silence until we gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

On Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9am – at our normal Mass times we will have Easter Masses celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. At these we will hear of Christ's rising from the dead and appearing to his followers, then we as his followers will renew our baptismal promises and share in our Easter Eucharist. (Sparwood has a full Easter Vigil at 8pm Saturday night.)

Do please try to be part of our Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Masses

Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday 11am

Rocky Mountain Village

Sanctuary Lamp burns
for Gaetano Rotella
9th April to 15th April
From Vince Polcino

From the Parish...

Fernie Family Centre Kitchen Cleaning – This Monday

Calling on anyone who could help clean the kitchen in the family centre: there will be a cleaning morning this Monday, 10th April, from 9:15am to 12:15pm. If you have time please come and help, and you are also invited to bring something to share for lunch.

Family Garden Project – This Tuesday

If you are into gardening then please don't miss the meeting this Tuesday at 7pm. It will be an information session and open discussion to tell people about the proposed community or 'family garden' which will be behind our church. Everyone is invited to come and find out what the plans 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.

Good Friday Collection for the 'Holy Places'

On Good Friday there will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places. In these days living the Christian faith in the Middle East is far from easy and often Christians are subjected to forms of oppression and discrimination that undermine their living conditions. Keeping hope alive in such circumstances is difficult but vitally important. Our prayer and generosity will help bring hope.

2017 CWL Nelson Diocesan Convention – 4rd to 6th May;

Registration deadline Thursday 18th April

As mentioned previously, in May the ladies of the CWL from all over the diocese will be descending upon Fernie and Sparwood for their annual diocesan convention. 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.

CWL MEETING – Please Note time change

This Tuesday, 11th April at 11 am in the Fernie Family Centre there will be a CWL meeting.

From Elsewhere...

Nelson Diocese Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference

St. Charles Garnier Parish in Kelowna is hosting this year's Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Conference entitled "Jubilee of Fire". It starts at 7pm on Friday 28th April with an opening Mass and ending at 5pm the next day again with a Mass. The guest speaker is David Managan who might be known to those in the Charismatic movement.

Ministries:

Saturday 15th April

Eucharistic Minister:

Eunice Peterson

Reader:

Cathleen Sonntag

Greeters:

Rob Lecavalier

Sunday 16th April

Eucharistic Minister:

Sharon Switzer

Reader:

Anne Majic & Colin Lynch

Greeters:

Sharon Switzer

Church Cleaning for this week:

Sandy Carter and Lisa &
Alan Westhaver

Finance

Collections:

1st/2nd April.....\$983.10

Development & Peace\$805.00

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2017:

Given to date.....\$7,970.00

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

*To donate to the Fernie Refugee Fund
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www.holyfamilyfernie.ca
and there is a link on the home page.
You will receive a charitable receipt for
any donation from Canada Helps.Org*

Suggested Websites:

Diocesan Website:

www.nelsondiocese.org

Catholic Women's League:

www.cwl.ca

Knights of Columbus:

www.kofc.org

Development & Peace:

www.devp.org

Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops: www.cccb.ca