

Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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

25th March 2018

Passion (Palm Sunday)

From the Parish...

Easter Week

As Easter week is the most important week in The Church's calendar we wish to highlight our upcoming Easter 2018 Services:

Maunder Mass – 7 pm Thursday 29th March

Good Friday – 3 pm Friday 30th March

Holy Saturday – 5 pm Saturday 31st

Easter Sunday – 9 am Sunday 1st April

Holy Land Collection

The Pontifical collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday 30th March, 2018. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.).

Pilgrimage of Faith - Thanks

Thank you everyone for the contributions to the Pilgrimage of Faith campaign. Holy Family Parish has now exceeded their goal for the year.

Church Delivered Catholic Mountain Star Paper

The parishioners who have asked for their newspaper to be delivered to the Church have arrived. You may pick up your paper on the table in the entrance way of our Church.

Restoration Committee

The Sunday following Easter, the Restoration Committee will be presenting highlights from the Restoration Consultants Report. The committee will be providing the schedule and summer works plan for the 2018 projects. We are excited to continue restoring and maintaining our place of worship in Fernie.

Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &

9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &

11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Mass

No Rocky Mountain Village Mass this week.

CWL Meeting

Looking ahead... There will be a CWL meeting on Tuesday 10th April at 1pm in the coffee room of the Fernie Family Centre.

Finance – Collections:

17th/18th March 2018.....	\$1217.10
Development & Peace.....	\$1656.15
<i>Pilgrimage of Faith</i>	
Given to date	\$11,127.75
Our Diocesan Goal.....	\$10,200.00

From Development and Peace

Thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Share Lent campaign

Development and Peace write: Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to donate online at www.devp.org/give Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

From the Diocese

Chrism Mass – Nelson Cathedral

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to the Annual Chrism Mass at 7pm on Monday 26th March at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate in Nelson.

Installation of Bishop Gregory Bittman

Bishop Gregory, will be installed as Bishop of the Nelson Diocese at a special Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 25th April. This ceremony will be at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Kelowna. The next day there will be a Mass of Celebration at 7pm at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate in Nelson. A ‘meet and greet’ reception will follow each Mass and all are welcome. Due to seating limitations for each Mass, tickets will be required for entry to these Masses. Information about acquiring a ticket will be forthcoming after Easter.

Ministries

Saturday 31st March

Eucharistic Minister:

Ewa Langer

Reader:

Donald DiGeorgio

Greeters:

Rob Lecavalier

Sunday 1st April

Eucharistic Minister:

Geraldine Rocca

Reader:

Cathleen Sonntag

Greeters:

Luis Grijalva & family

Church cleaning this week:

A. Majic, A. Byrne,
M. BeGuzman

To donate to the Fernie Refugee Fund please go to our website:

www.holyfamilyfernie.ca

and there is a link on the home page. You will receive a charitable receipt for any donation from CanadaHelps.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

Times of our Services over Easter 2018 (Fernie)

The Church sees the services of **Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil** as forming one continuous celebration, so please try to be at all these services if at all possible. At Easter we recall and celebrate what is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God, so please give time to this in some way or other.

7pm Maundy Thursday - 29th March

Our celebration of the Lord's Supper. At this Mass there will be the washing of feet. We will do the washing in the same way as last year; we will have a big bowl of water at the front and everyone will be invited to come forward and briefly step into the bowl and have a ceremonial washing. So please come prepared to have your feet washed.

At the end of the Mass the Blessed Sacrament we will use on Good Friday will be reserved at a side altar, and anyone who wishes can stay and 'watch'. This is to fulfil Christ's command to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane to "Stay awake and pray". If you are doing nothing else spiritual over Holy Week, here is a perfect opportunity to give an extra few minutes, or even an extra hour or so in silent prayer, just being with Our Lord.

3pm Good Friday - 30th March

Our Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion. At this we will hear John's version of the Passion read, after which we will be invited to come forward to venerate 'the wood of the cross'. We will pray for the Church and for the world, and then receive the Eucharist which was consecrated yesterday at the Maundy Mass.

Please Note: We assemble and disperse **as quietly as possible**. This is Good Friday, so for this one day-of-the-year please do not talk before or after the service - like those who are grieving, our whole attention should be on one thing: Christ Crucified.

5pm Easter Night Mass - 31st March

Once more we gather in silence for our Easter Night Mass. This simplified Easter service celebrates the Resurrection of Christ, then with light, water and song we will celebrate our faith, we will praise God and receive Our Lord in the Easter Eucharist.

You will then be welcome to leave singing and being merry!

9am Easter Morning - 1st April

Easter Mass on Sunday morning as normal. At this Mass we will hear of Christ's resurrection and then celebrate it through the renewal of our baptismal vows and a truly joy filled celebration of the Eucharist.

And we hope these services will help you know God's love for you.

