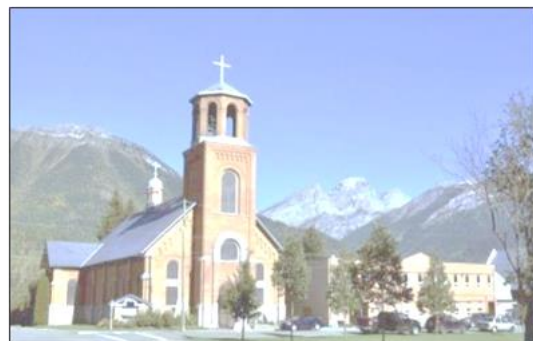


# Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## *From the Parish*

### Advent

*Fr. David writes...* Today we start the season of Advent. For the next four Sundays at Mass we will have readings that prepare us for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Today we will hear a message that tells us to be ready, then for two Sundays we will hear about John the Baptist, finally we will hear about the events immediately before the birth of Christ – specifically, Mary's visit to Elizabeth.

John the Baptist is given such prominence during these weeks exactly because he prepared a way for the Lord. And as all good road builders will tell you, sometimes this means knocking down as well as building up. In our case the 'knocking down' means getting rid of certain habits from our lives that will block the love of God from entering us. God is love and in the sending of his most beloved Son, God is sending us his love, and we need to have hearts to receive it. Thus the Church gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) so we can off-load that rubbish we carry in our heart to free them to receive God's love anew.

Previously our reconciliation services in Fernie have been very poorly attended. With Christmas coming straight after a weekend, there will not be time for confessions immediately before Christmas, so please make use of the reconciliation services listed below:

In Fernie: 6:30pm – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

In Sparwood: 6:30pm – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

In Cranbrook: 5:15pm – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The Fernie and Sparwood services will start with a Mass of reconciliation followed by individual confessions. We also hope to have a time when the catechism kids can come to the sacrament of reconciliation, but this has not yet been finalised.

## Mass Times

### Masses for Sunday

#### **Fernie:**

5pm Saturday &  
9am Sunday

Also:

#### **Sparwood:**

7pm Saturday &  
11am Sunday

#### **Elkford:**

4pm Sunday

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### Weekdays Mass

11am Mass at  
Rocky Mountain Village

## **Ministries**

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Rob Lecavalier

**Reader:**

Colin Lynch

**Greeters:**

Rob Lecavalier

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Sharon Switzer

**Reader:**

Anne Majic

**Greeters:**

Luis Grijalva & Family

**Church cleaning week starting  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:**

A. Majic & M. BeGuzman

### **Finance – Collections:**

24<sup>th</sup> /25<sup>th</sup> November .....\$950.85

### **Pilgrimage of Faith:**

**2018/2019**

Diocesan Goal .....\$12,150.00

Given to Date .....\$ 3,105.00

## **Catholic Women's League Christmas Social**

All the women of the parish are invited to the Catholic Women's League Christmas social on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Christmas plans, Christmas carols and some Christmas cheer are on the agenda! Bring an appetizer if you'd like but it's not mandatory.

## **Nativity Play at the Fernie Family Centre**

The children of the parish invite everyone to this year's Nativity Play to be held Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 3:45pm in the Fernie Family Centre. Please bring your singing voices and a donation for the 3rd world gift project. Last year the children raised enough to buy one goat, two hens and a rooster through the Chalice Gift Program.

Please come to the Pizza Party after the Play. If you have time, please contact Regina Vinge to assist with set up and clean up. Phone or text 250-423-9154.

## **Christmas Masses**

Our Christmas Masses in Fernie are:

### **Christmas Eve at 5pm and Christmas Day at 9 am.**

Fernie's *weekend* Mass times are unchanged around Christmas with the usual 5pm Saturday Mass and 9am Sunday Mass.

At Christmas *Sparwood* will have Mass at 10pm Mass on Christmas Eve and at 11am on Christmas morning.

## **Invitation to Youth and Children**

The Choir would like to extend an invitation to all youth and children who would like to join the Children's Choir to celebrate the Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm. For further information please email [rosanna@shaw.ca](mailto:rosanna@shaw.ca) or call 250-423-7290.

## **Pre-Christmas Events for Parishioners**

### **Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm there will be a Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service at Cherished Memories "Serenity Chapel" at 891 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a non-denomination service and everyone who attends will be given a candle to light in memory of their loved one. Light refreshments will be served following the service. Please RSVP to 250-423-7944 or by email at [cfs@shaw.ca](mailto:cfs@shaw.ca)

### **A Pre-Christmas Celebration of Music**

The Fernie Community Choir is excited to present its Christmas concert on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in the Holy Family Church. Tickets are on sale at the Scotiabank and at the door. The ticket price is \$10 a person and children under the age of twelve are free. Please come and enjoy the music.