

Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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Mass Times for Christmas Christmas Eve at 5pm and Christmas Day at 9am.

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.



16th December 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent

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 rosanna1@shaw.ca or call 250-423-7290.

Reconciliation Before Christmas

If you would like to have confession before Christmas, there is a reconciliation service in Cranbrook this Monday at 7pm. It is at Christ the Servant Church which is at 1100 14th Avenue S., Cranbrook. There should be a good number of priests there to help celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so if you do want confession before Christmas, do see if you can get to this service.

Nativity Play at the Fernie Family Centre – This Wednesday

The children of the parish invite everyone to this year's Nativity Play to be held Wednesday 19th December at 3:45pm in the Fernie Family Centre. Kim Lynch-Garlock will provide music! Please bring your singing voices and a donation for the Third 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.

We Welcome Rhett Rhinas

Next Saturday afternoon baby Rhett will be baptised. We pray for him, his big brother Kip, his parents and grandparents. It is so lovely to have another kid as part of our parish.

2019 Church Envelopes

The 2019 church envelopes are in the foyer. Please pick up but do not use until next year. If you were not assigned a box, there are many "extra" boxes.

The Income tax receipts will be issued the middle of February. Please put your mailing address on the first envelope you use in order to upgrade our parish list. Thank you.

Other News

Tuesday 18th December: International Migrants Day

In solidarity with the 68.5 million children, women, and men who have been forced to flee their homes, help us share the journey. You can walk and raise funds, sign our action card, or support our mission. For more information and to learn about the different ways to participate in the *Share the Journey* campaign, contact the Development and Peace representative in your parish, call 1-888-234-8533, or visit devp.org.

Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Mass

Residence will receive
Communion in their rooms
this week.

Pre-Christmas Events for Parishioners

Won't You Be My Neighbour? - Film at the Fernie Arts Station

On **Wednesday 19th December** at 7pm there will be a showing of the film, "Won't You Be My Neighbour?" The film is being put on by the all the churches in Fernie and is a 'pay-what-you-can' fundraiser for the Salvation Army's Community and Family Services. You are warmly invited to this.

About the Film: For over thirty years, Fred Rogers, and unassuming minister, puppeteer, writer and producer was beamed daily into homes across North America. In his beloved television program, Mister Rogers' Neighbourhood, Fred and his cast of puppets and friends spoke directly to young children about some of life's weightiest issues, in a simple, direct fashion. There hadn't been anything like Mr. Rogers on television before and there hasn't been since. Though he may be best known today as a soft-spoken, cardigan-wearing children's television host, in reality Fred Roger's career represents a sustained attempt to present a coherent, beneficent view about how we should best peak to children about important matters and how television could be used as a positive force in our society. This film looks back on the legacy of Fred Rogers' focusing on his radically kind ideas.

Christmas Reflection

Prayer for Young People this Christmas

There is a powerful story told among the Indigenous people of an Elder explaining to a youth that in each person there are two wolves that are constantly at war, a Good Wolf fighting to make us strong and noble and wise, and a Bad Wolf fighting to make us weak and evil and foolish. The youth asked the Elder which Wolf wins this war taking place within us and the Elder replied: "the Wolf that we feed."

To grow strong and noble and wise, young people need to be nourished by the dreams, wisdom and love of their Elders. Pope Francis' prayer for a Synod this year in Rome captures well the dream and hope of the Prophets of today for our Young People, the Prophets of tomorrow:

Lord Jesus,

your Church turns her attention to all the young people of the world.

We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life and always keep their hearts unencumbered.

Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them to respond to the call you make to each of them, to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others.

Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from you.

May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord. **Amen.**

As you gather with your family this Christmas you might like to invite one of the family – perhaps an older child – to read this prayer before Christmas lunch, or by the crib scene or at some other time.

Ministries

Saturday 22nd December

Eucharistic Minister:

Rob Lecavalier

Reader:

Billy-Anne Kowalski

Greeters:

Patsy Caravetta & Frank Rambold

Sunday 23rd December

Eucharistic Minister:

Sharon Switzer

Reader:

Giselle Kitchen

Greeters:

Sam Caravetta

Christmas Eve at 5pm

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

Greeters:

Nellie Dunlap & Hilda Cadorath

Christmas Day at 9am

Eucharistic Minister:

Reader:

Christine Fleming

Greeters:

Jesse Mong & Family

Church cleaning week starting Monday 17th December:

H. Binter, A. & L. Westhaver

Finance – Collections:

8th/9th December\$1566.13

Pilgrimage of Faith:

Diocesan Goal\$12,150.00

Given to Date\$ 3,705.00

