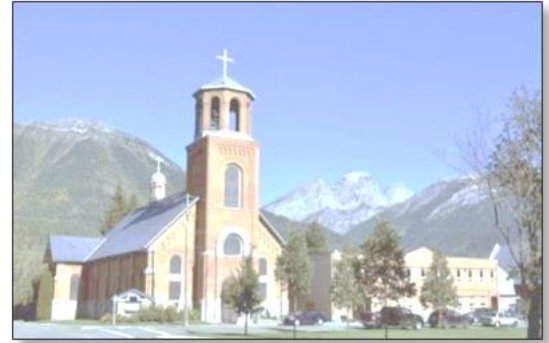


Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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

22nd September 2019 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish

Catechism Classes

Catechism started its new year with a lovely Mass with joyous music. Many thanks to all those who attended, we had over two dozen people attended. Classes will now be as normal in the Family Centre next to the Church every Wednesday starting at 3:45pm and running for one hour. Please pray for the volunteer catechists and the catechism children for meaningful engagement. If you didn't register last week you are not too late, just come in on Wednesday and see the teaching staff.

Fr. David Away in October

Fr. David will be away for the first part of October. Firstly he will be attending a B.C. & Yukon CWL Provincial Executive meeting in Kelowna, and then he will join the Bishop and the other priests of the diocese as they gather for their annual 'Priest Study Days', which is also in Kelowna.

Accordingly we will be welcoming Fr. Michael Poole from the Helena Diocese in Montana for the weekend of October 6th. As mentioned in the letter last week, when Fr. David is away there will only be **one Mass** in Fernie on that weekend, the Sunday morning 9:00am Mass. So on Saturday October 5th there will be no 5:00pm Mass. This is for one week only. If you didn't pick up the letter explaining the reasons for the cancellation of the Saturday evening Mass, spare copies are available in the church. Please do look at the letter and if you have any comments, please do feed them to any parish council member.

In Need of a Purpose

Over the years, the local Knights of Columbus hosted a fundraiser, a Soap Box Derby. It was a terrific community event for young boys and girls, and a great fund raiser. The street venue is not available in Fernie and about 40 soap box carts need a new home. If anyone is interested or knows of an organization that is, Please contact Butch Coultry through the Parish Office. They are also good items to have to help advertise local businesses.



Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Mass

There is no Mass at Rocky Mountain Village this Wednesday as they are having a barbecue that day.

Fr. David is way for the first two Wednesdays in October, so there will be no Mass at Rocky Mountain Village until 16th October.

An Invitation, Knox United & Christ Church Anglican

Please join us on Sunday September 29th at 10:30 am. The service begins at Knox United Church, 201, 2nd Avenue in Fernie. It will then move to Christ Church Anglican, 591 4th Avenue. You can walk or drive between Churches. The service will conclude at Christ Church and be followed by a lovely potluck luncheon. Feel free to pass along this invitation to anyone you think might be interested. If you are unable to attend, please hold us in prayer. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

Fernie Family Garden

The garden fence is almost finished, with the parking area gate entry to be complete next week. The rain garden project is installed, with many beautiful plants in place. We are excited to see them grow! Thank you to the Elk River Alliance for helping with this addition to the garden. A request for photos of the old nun convent or school hall that once was standing at the garden site. Please send to ferniefamilygarden@gmail.com.

Successful Event

Thank you for your support with the Parish Fall Tea. The people who donated, those who worked, and all who attended, made this social a successful event! Many participants and children attended. The Tea provided the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances. Ticket sales indicated \$1228.16 was raised for parish needs. Thank you!

Ministries

Saturday 28th September

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

Colin Lynch

Greeters:

Rob Lecavalier

Sunday 29th September

Eucharistic Minister:

Sharon Switzer

Reader:

Giselle Kitchen

Greeters:

Luis Grijalva & Family

Church cleaning for the two weeks starting Monday 16th September:

G. Blakey and K. Smith

Finance – Collections:

14th/ 15th of September \$846.65

Candles \$ 10.10

Pilgrimage of Faith:

Diocesan Goal \$12,150.00

Given to Date..... \$7620.00

Need to reach

Diocesan Goal..... \$7,030.00

From the Deanery and Diocese

Walk With Me: A Workshop For Catechists – Saturday 5th October

The diocese is running a workshop in Kimberley for any catechists who are interested in learning more about teaching the faith. It runs from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Sacred Heart Parish, 502 Church Avenue, Kimberley. The whole deanery is invited to this workshop which will be presented by Yvonne Valiant, Director of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Nelson. Lunch & refreshments will be served (donations accepted). To register, please contact Lorraine Witzel at lorraine.witzel@nelsondiocese.org. The deadline for registration is Monday September 30th.

Voting as Catholics – 2019 Federal Election Guide

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced a guide to issues we might want to consider, when voting in the upcoming election. A few copies are available at the back of the church.