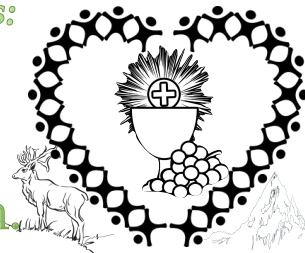


Our Current Weekend Mass Schedule for the Elk Valley is:

*Fernie on Saturday evening at 5pm,
Sparwood at 9am Sunday morning,
and Elkford at 4pm Sunday afternoon.*



The Sunday Mass is broadcast via Zoom from Fernie & Sparwood (see below).

15th/16th January 2022

Dear All,

Incase you are reading this in black and white, the border around the edge of this page is green because we are back into ordinary time, and so for the next seven Sundays I will be wearing green vestments and the altar will have a green covering. Now hold onto your hats because here is a whistle stop tour of where the gospel readings will be going over the first half of the coming year.

A Liturgical Road Map for the First Half of 2022

While we started our 'liturgical year' back at the beginning of Advent, it is only now that we start 'Ordinary Time', that is, the time when on Sundays we read sequentially through one of the gospels. This year it is the gospel of Luke.

Having said that, this Sunday we are going to be reading from John's gospel. In successive years we read from Matthew, Mark and then Luke with John's gospel being used at various places, most particularly around the major feasts, in Lent and, like this weekend, to start the year.

And once more, having said that, technically last Sunday was the first Sunday in 'Ordinary Time' but that Sunday is always the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, so this Sunday is the second Sunday in 'Ordinary Time' (or OT) but the first in green.

So this Sunday we will be hearing John tell us about the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus' first miracle in John's gospel (and one I made reference to in that long sermon on the New Year's weekend).

From next Sunday (3rd in OT) we will start reading sequentially through Luke's gospel... or almost. We will hear the opening verses of Luke's gospel and then jump over the whole story of the conception and birth of John the Baptist and then all the events around Christ's conception, birth and young life – *we have heard a lot of this part of Luke's gospel over Christmas*. We will also skip over the preaching of John the Baptist and the story of Christ's temptations in the wilderness – *we will be hearing much of this during Lent*. So after the opening four verses of Luke's gospel we will suddenly leap forward to chapter four and the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

The following five weeks (weeks 4 to 8 in OT) we will read the rest of chapter four of Luke's gospel, plus most of chapters five and six.

Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March, so from Sunday 6th March onwards Lent, Easter and the feasts after Easter will break in and we won't come back to Ordinary Time Sundays until 26th June. And because of the feasts of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi all displace 'OT' Sundays, we will miss chapters seven, eight and most of chapter nine of Luke's gospel, so we will come back when Jesus turns and starts his journey to Jerusalem.

(My hope is that by then Thumper and I will be regularly out in the camper!)

So to summarise where we are going immediately: after this week we will hear the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, his rejection in his home town, the call of the first disciples, and then Christ's new teaching which will be presented through Luke's version of the Beatitudes and the explanation of the meaning of these blessings. So after this weekend, expect 'beginnings' and a presentation of the 'reversal' of fortunes that Christ brings – a strong theme in Luke.

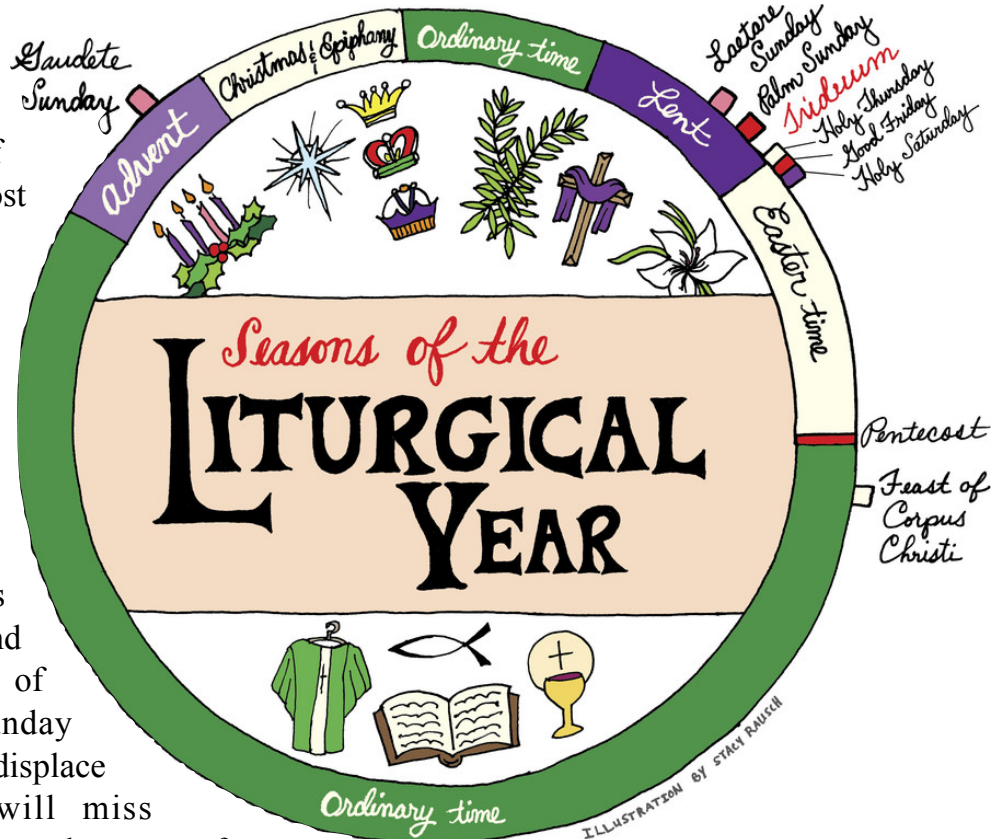
We can look at the structure of Lent and Eastertide when we get closer to them but for now, be listening out for how Luke presents Christ as the prophet who came to turn the values of this world on its head so that we will be free to live by the value of God; and this value is self-giving love.

And Finally...

I think I can squeeze this week's e-mail on to just two pages! So I will stop here.

With prayers,

Fr. David @ Thumper



Our churches are open to those *without* any Covid symptoms.
But Covid is still a real threat – thus caution is needed!



Zoom Links – To Our Weekend Masses

Link to Weekend Masses

To get the link to our two weekend Masses please send an e-mail to one of our parish offices with your name and you will then receive the link each week.

info@holyfamilyfernie.ca

ElkValleyRC@gmail.com

Audio Only

Don't forget, even if you have used up all your data for the month trying to look up the gospel readings between now and June, you can still listen to Mass via a phone call to our Zoom link.

Again, e-mail the office for the link for this.

Chat:

Feel free to greet people via the chat when you join our broadcast, and if you are praying for anything particular, do share this with others on the Chat.

Normally there is "1A - Chat (Co-Host)" who watches the chat for any problems or prayer intentions. If you don't want everyone to see your message you can send your message directly and it will remain private.

Waiting Room:

Please note when you log on you will be put in a "waiting room". Hopefully as soon as we see you waiting we will let you in. If there is a bit of a delay, please just wait; we will be with you as quickly as we can.

And for those who are attending church in person, be careful:

Please continue to be careful when you are in church. Please sanitise your hands, wear a mask at all times, always think of the good of others. As you move about in church you might come within a 'breath distance' of others, and be conscious that others might have health vulnerabilities that you don't know about.

Everyone still needs to be careful.

