

Holy Family Parish
521 4th Avenue
Fernie, British Columbia



Welcome!

May 20, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE


Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Rocky Mountain Village
Wednesdays – 11:00 AM

Priest - Fr. David John

CONFESSIONS

Following Mass 6:30 pm or by appointment

Mass is broadcasted on  for those who are unwell or are unable to attend in person.

Communion will be distributed outside of the Church after Mass for those who are unable to attend in person from 6:00 – 6:30

Here is the  link for Saturdays Mass:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2504236127>



May 21, 2023

Ascension of the Lord

Holy Family Parish and Family Centre

Mailing Address: PO Box 519, V0B 1M0
Phone: 250-423-6127
Website: www.holyfamilyfernie.ca

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays to Fridays - 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Office Administrator/Secretary:
Lucrecia Lynch

Prayer for the Week

Jesus, I thank you that you came in human form and lived on earth. You always did what your Heavenly Father desired. Today, we celebrate your ascension to your throne to take your place at the right hand of our Father. We trust in You and we believe in your promises to us as we await your return when sin and death will finally be defeated. Amen.

Finance Report

Weekly Donations May 6, 2023

Actual: \$575.00

Budget: \$1,000.00

Difference: (-\$425.00)

Total Offerings YTD 2023

\$22,408.69

Pilgrimage of Faith 2023

As of April 30, 2023

Goal: \$21,650.00

Received: \$3,860.00

Difference: (\$17,790.00)

All your donations are greatly appreciated as expenses continue to rise due to inflation. There are new methods to use for donation including interact e-Transfer and SAG (Stewardship (Pre) Authorized Giving) by making your regular Sunday offerings each month by direct debit. Please call or email the parish office for more information.

Volunteer Schedule May 20, 2023

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Bob Sumka

May 27, 2023

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Alice Aylward-Nally

Church Cleaners

May 15 – May 28

Gary & Kathy
Smith

In Loving Memory

*Maria
LaRizza*



Well known to Fernie and Holy Family Parish and a member of the Catholic Women's League, Maria will be greatly missed by many. May God's loving arms welcome Maria into His Kingdom and may eternal rest be upon her. Holy Family sends our condolences to Maria's family.

In Loving Memory

*Shirley
Czeh*



A long-time resident of Fernie, Shirley has made many friends and left many memories. She will be greatly missed. Holy Family sends our condolences to Shirley's family. May she rest in peace.

News and Announcements



Bishop Gregory Bittman visited the Elk Valley last weekend on Mother's Day.

Pictured left Father David John and Bishop Gregory with the Historic bell tower at Holy Family.

Pictured below youngsters at St. Michael's receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion.



Holy Family Parish welcomed Bishop Gregory to Fernie in the afternoon of Sunday, the 14th of May and presented him with a summary of the on-going restoration of our beautiful, historic church. Bishop Bittman met with Father David John, Anne Majic, John Pallone, and Mike Delich. An update of the bathroom improvements and the overall condition of the Family Center was presented and the recent repair work on the bell tower were reviewed and inspected. Bishop Gregory then asked to climb up the bell tower, examined the repairs and appreciated the majestic views of the Rockies surrounding Fernie.

The Fernie Family Center is becoming a hub for preschoolers in Fernie. Wild Wapiti Daycare (opening in June), Little Me Daycare, Parent-Tot Fun Time and Fernie Kindergym provide needed services for families in the community.

Bishop commented that the facilities and the services are important in any community and was pleased that Holy Family Parish can provide the space needed for the children.



Hello Fernie Family Gardeners!



Here is an update: the water has been turned on and gardeners are getting started with their beds. The weather has been amazing! Soon we'll be building 2 new wheelchair-accessible garden tables - made possible with support by The Fernie Community Fund, Fernie Brewing Cheers to Charity, and our bottle collection program.

We'd like to welcome Wild Wapiti Playschool Society, who is partnering with the garden to enhance the play area. They will be an awesome addition to our group, and the kids will have a lot of fun playing and learning in the garden!

The shed is complete with improvements to the siding, new door and latch. Thank you to Butch Coultry and Fil Roccamatysi for your donation of time, materials, and craftsmanship!

We are looking for perennials to plant in the garden. If you have any - or know of anyone - who needs to transplant or divide plants in their own garden, please contact the office to get in touch with us!

Catholic Women's League of Canada Fernie Council

Next CWL Meeting:

To be announced.



Saint of the Week

St. Rita of Cascia was an Augustinian nun who lived in the 1300s. St. Rita was made to marry at the early age of twelve. Her husband was a cruel man who was physically abusive, yet she met his cruelty with kindness. St. Rita's family was caught up in the internecine strife rampant in Italy at that time. Her husband was killed as a result of the rivalry between the Guelphs and the Ghibellines (which Dante wrote about). St. Rita received the stigmata from Jesus and died a holy death.



Prayer

O Holy Patroness of those in need, Saint Rita, whose pleadings before thy Divine Lord are almost irresistible, who for thy lavishness in granting favors hast been called the Advocate of the hopeless and even of the Impossible; Saint Rita, so humble, so pure, so mortified, so patient and of compassionate love for thy Crucified Jesus that thou couldst obtain from him whatsoever that thou askest, on account of which all confidently have recourse to thee, expecting, if not always relief, at least comfort; be propitious to our petition, showing thy power with God on behalf of thy suppliant; be lavish to us, as thou hast been in so many wonderful cases, for the greater glory of God, for spreading of the consolation of those who trust in thee. Amen.

If you would like to add anything to the newsletter, please let the Parish office know by 5:00 PM on Thursdays. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you or delivered to you or call the Parish office and we will add you to our list.