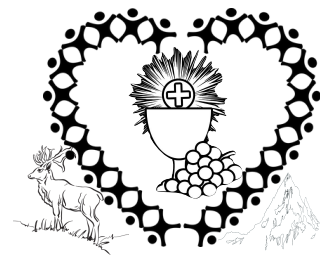


*Our Weekend Mass Schedule for the Elk Valley is:
Fernie on Saturday evening at 5pm,
Sparwood at 9am Sunday morning,
and Elkford at 4pm Sunday afternoon.*



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

3rd/4th June 2023



*Eternal holy Trinity
and undivided Unity.*

Dear All,

Last week I said that there wouldn't be a weekly e-mail this week, but as we now have the name of our new pastor, I thought I had to put together something about this good news.

Also, we have changed the time of our ***Sunday Morning*** Mass as from this coming weekend, so I need to highlight that both for those who join us in person in Sparwood, but also for those who join us on line.



Fr. Neil Lustado

I am delighted to say that from the weekend of 15th/16th July, Fr. Neil will be the new pastor of the parishes in the Elk Valley.

Fr. Neil is currently at the Cathedral in Nelson and he has done a wonderful job as the Cathedral Administrator. So I am sure that by bringing his energy and his enthusiasm, and most particularly, his love of God and of God's children, he will give a real lift to the parishes. Additionally, I am sure that his administrative skills will be another blessing for the parishes.

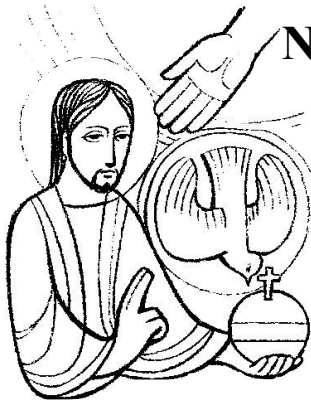
And, of course, there are three other assets that Fr. Neil brings that are very important:

- *He has been a CWL Spiritual Advisor,*
- *He has a dog and*
- *He is under five-foot-six-inches tall.*

What more could a parish want!!!

I know that you will make him very welcome, and I am sure that the Filipino community will also get a great lift from his ministry.

Again, I am so pleased for the parishes that I will be able to leave you in Fr. Neil's competent hands. Fr. Neil will be joining us starting on the weekend of 15th/16th July.



New Mass Time on Sunday

Last week in Sparwood we had an open parish council meeting where it was wonderful to see so many parishioners attend. At this meeting the parishioners decided that they wanted their Sunday Mass to return to its pre-Covid

time of 11am. Additionally, as some parishioners in Fernie had been

discussing the possibility of having – *for a limited part of the year* – a Mass on Sunday morning instead of Saturday evening, Sparwood recognised that this later time would allow Fernie to choose between its two pre-Covid Mass times of 5pm Saturday evening and 9am Sunday morning. During his visit to Sparwood a few weeks ago the Bishop said that he was happy for us to make this change of time, but he wasn't happy about the Elk Valley adding extra Masses to what it has now. But ultimately this discussion will have to be between the parish councils, your new pastor and the Bishop.



From this Weekend Sparwood Sunday Mass Moves to 11am

So as from this weekend – 4th June, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity – the Sunday Mass in Sparwood is moving to 11am. Fernie and Elkford's Mass times are unchanged.

Zoom Broadcasts

Obviously, our Sunday morning Zoom broadcast will also move to 11am Mountain Time. So there will be no excuse to watch the Zoom Mass in your PJs!

Very early on Thursday this week I am off to Prince George to get ready for the CWL's Provincial Convention, and then I hope to be taking nine days holiday. This means that for the three weekends of 11th, 18th and 25th June our Sunday Masses *won't* be broadcast on Zoom. Obviously Mass in the parish continues as normal with Fr. Marian.

And Finally...

I am writing this very early in the week from Whitehorse, and sadly Thumper isn't with me. He decided not to try to fit into the overhead locker on the plane, but rather he is visiting some friends of his in the middle of nowhere. But before he went off, when we were walking in the bush, he thought he had found a new playmate, but in the end he gave this one a miss.

With prayers, *Fr. David @ Thumper*



Thumper saw the Elk, he turned and looked for instructions, I called him back, and he came – good as gold!

Post Script

It is now Wednesday evening, and after celebrating Mass today with Bishop Hector – the Bishop for the whole of the Yukon – I got shown some items that the local First Nations peoples have made for their priest.



Also as it was a nice (*if cold*) day, the priest who is the Yukon CWL Spiritual Advisor took me out to a place where we could look down on Whitehorse with the mountains in the far distance.

Tonight we had a CWL do and tomorrow is all CWL business.

I am writing this at midnight (*local time, I am Mountain Time*) and it is still light!

On Friday I jump on a plane and I hope I will be back in the Elk Valley by midnight.



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



Zoom Link – To our Trinitarian Sunday Masses

Link to Our weekend Masses (*it is the same link for both of our broadcast Masses*)

Topic: **Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**

Date & Time: Saturday – 3rd June – at 5pm Mountain time from Fernie

Sunday – 4th June – at **11am** Mountain Time from Sparwood

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

info@holyfamilyfern timers.ca

ElkValleyRC@gmail.com

Audio Only

Don't forget, if you don't have the internet but have a phone you can still listen to Mass via a phone call to our Zoom link; again, e-mail the office for the link.

Chat:

Feel free to send greetings via the chat when you join our broadcast, and if you are praying for anything particular, do also share this with others.

Those who are attending church in person, be careful:

**Covid is still about – also other viruses are about –
so please still be respectful of other people's space.**

Some people might have vulnerabilities that we don't know about, and with a number of viruses going around, please continue to be careful, and please don't breathe over people. If someone at Mass wants a bit of space, we have a lot of it in our churches, so please be respectful.

Everyone still needs to be careful.



My Timetable up to Fr. Neil's Arrival

As given last week, here is my timetable for the next number of weeks. As you will see, over the next four weeks I am away quite a bit on pre-arranged visits. It is unfortunate that I have to be away so much when I have so little time left in the parish.

- Thursday 8th to Friday 30th June:
Away at CWL Provincial Convention in Prince George, followed by nine days holiday.
- Saturday 10th to Sunday 25th June:
Fr. Marian will be in the parish.
- Saturday 1st to Sunday 9th July:
In the parish as normal.
- Weekend 15th & 16th July:
First weekend for Fr. Neil.

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