



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2015



LOCAL & RECENT NEWS ARTICLES

YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS - Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate a Year of Mercy beginning this Advent. It is a chance to show mercy to others and to ourselves. The efforts we make in this year will be listed here. Other efforts around the Diocese will also be listed.

A final report has been completed from the Synod on The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World.

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20151026_relazione-finale-xiv-assemblea_en.html

PATRON OF THE ARTS – HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

If there was any doubt the Catholic Church is a Patron of the Arts let that doubt be carried away by the voices of the Fernie Community Choir hosted by Holy Family Catholic Church.

TAX INFORMATION: Please note that all donations for 2015 receipts must be received by the Parish prior to Dec 31st. We cannot receipt monies received in 2016 as 2015 donations, even if your cheque is dated December. The Diocese has reminded us that the collection at the 5 pm mass on Dec 31st is considered to be for New Year's Day and is therefore not receipted until 2016.

THREE CHURCHES OF THE ELK VALLEY - SCHEDULED MASSES
(HFP – Holy Family Parish Fernie) (RMV – Rocky Mountain Village Fernie)
(STM – St Michael's Sparwood) (LTS – Lilac Terrace Sparwood)
(STB – St Bernard's Elkford)

Sat, Dec 19	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	HFP STM	RIP – Claire Wilson Pro Populo
Sun, Dec 20	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	HFP STM STB	Pro Populo Pro Populo RIP Joe Tracey
Mon, Dec 21	9:00 AM	STM	RIP – Molly Doratty
Tues, Dec 22	9:00 AM	HFP	RIP – Maria Turcasso
Wed, Dec 23	11:00 AM	RMV	INT – Bishop John Corriveau
Thurs, Dec 24	5:00 PM 8:00 PM 10:00 PM 12 Midnight	HFP STM STB HFP	Pro Populo Pro Populo RIP Molly Doratty Pro Populo
Fri, Dec 25	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	HFP STM	Pro Populo Pro Populo
Sat, Dec 26	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	HFP STM	RIP – Verona Simmons Pro Populo

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Pilgrimage of Faith: \$5,852.22
 Diocesan Goal: \$14,600

COLLECTIONS:

Dec 12 & Dec 13, 2015 - \$1281.15
 Candle - \$ 1.40
 New Year's offering - \$5.00

**ONE MAN'S SCRAP,
ANOTHER MAN'S GOLD**

In this section of our bulletin we are going to ask for parishioner's unused equipment for our parish. We are going to put them to good use.

- As advent begins and our hall use increases, we are needing to upgrade some of our equipment. Our kitchen microwave served us well but is now broken and needs to be replaced. If there happens to be any of our homes that have unused microwave with turntable we would appreciate it if you could donate it.
- In need of snow shovels.
- Thank you for donations of computers.

DECORATING OUR CHURCH: On behalf of Fr Marcel and Angelo we want to thank all that came out to decorate the church. Thank you all.

2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES –

The 2016 offertory envelopes are in the front entrance.

PLEASE DO NOT USE UNTIL JANUARY 2016.

Please put your name and mailing address on the first envelope you use so we can update the parish list. There are a few extra boxes for parishioners who were not assigned a number. Please do not use the extra envelopes for random offering, use the blank ones provided and put

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

HFP – Holy Family Fernie
STM – St Michael's Sparwood
STB – St. Bernard's Elkford

Thurs – Dec 24 – HFP – 5 pm
 Thurs – Dec 24 – STB – 10 pm
 Fri – Dec 25 – HFP – 9 am
 Sat – Dec 26 – HFP – 5 pm

Thurs – Dec 24 – STM – 8 pm
 Thurs – Dec 24 – HFP – 12 Midnight
 Fri – Dec 25 – STM – 11 am
 Sat – Dec 26 - STM – 7 pm

Catechism News

Thank you to all who support our program! We finished our 2015 lesson with a wonderful nativity play with lots of Christmas carols. Thank you to Mary Groeneweg for her piano skills.

- Catechism to start on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Community Christmas Supper was a success. Thank you to all who made this wonderful event possible!

Celia Roccamatysi

NATIONAL & DIOCESAN NEWS ARTICLES

Tobacco Plains Mission

Heart of Mary Church, Tobacco Plains on the left & Confirmation picture dated June 2, 1961, "front of Church (Our Lady of Sorrows) with Bishop Doyle, Fr. Wilson, Fr. W. Scott OMI on the right.



Since the year 1900 when Our Lady of Seven Dolours was built by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the mission has been in the care of various parishes in the southeast part of the diocese. We will include further detail of the history in this column. At present the Catholics in Grasmere and in the Tobacco Plains Bands are being served out of Fernie and through a special diocesan appointment by Sister Shelley Grant CND; of the Congregation of Notre Dame CMD. Sister Shelley lives at 361 Wade Avenue W, Penticton BC. V2A 1V2, her home number is 250- 492-4411, cell number is 250-328-9958 and email Shelleygrant1234@gmail.com

At present the band is circulating a memo when they would like to have mass on the reserve, whether it is on a Sunday or a weekday or perhaps both. Please continue to pray for the needs of the mission in Tobacco Plains.

Since being appointed here Fr Marcel has been requested to serve this mission as best as possible, and to forge a unity amongst all the believers in this area of the BC Rockies Catholic Churches.

RACHEL'S CORNER

"An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'" –Luke 2:9-11. Do not be afraid. He has come to set you free from what has caused you great suffering. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

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RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

Diocesan Website - www.nelsondiocese.org

CWL – www.cwl.ca

Knights of Columbus – www.kofc.org

Development & Peace - www.devp.org

Rachel Vineyard - rvnelsondiocese@shaw.ca

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops - www.cccb.ca

FERNIE COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Congratulations to Anne Majic for managing and to all involved and instrumental in putting on the Christmas Concert.



Holy Family Parish Schedules

LECTORS

Dec 24 – 5 pm

Mike Delich

Dec 24 – Midnight

Sandy Carter/Gisele Kitchen

Dec 25 – 9 am

Cathleen/Vince Sonntag

DEC 26

Lisa Westhaver/D. Di Georgio

Dec 27

Gisele Kitchen

Sandy Carter

GREETERS

Dec 24 Midnight

Rob Lecavalier

Dec 25

Benny Mangone

Sam Caravetta

Dec 26

Willie Oryschak

Dec 27

Jesse Mong & Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec 26

Eunice Peterson

Dec 27

Glen Carter

CHURCH CLEANERS

Dec 21 to Dec 26

G & K Smith

THE CHURCH CHOIR

Practices are held on Thursdays at 7 pm in the church. For anyone interested in joining contact Rosanna at rosanna1@shaw.ca or text 250-423-7290.

