

Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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

25th December 2016

Nativity of the Lord

From the Parish...

Mass Times For The Next Week

Between Christmas and New Year – Fr. David will be flying off for a very quick visit with his family during Christmas week, so there won't be any weekday Masses in Fernie until the New Year.

New Year Weekend – The Masses for the New Year weekend are as normal (see times on right) when we will be celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Coffee Time Notice

As everyone will be busy over Christmas we are not going to be having coffee after our Sunday morning Mass this week or next.

New Church Cleaners' & Greeters' Schedules

There are new schedules for 2017 for the cleaners and for the greeters and they can be found in the foyer. Will all those involved in these very valuable ministries please take a copy.

2017 Church Envelopes

The 2017 planned giving envelopes are now available in the foyer. If you were not assigned a box, there are extras. If you take a new box then please make sure you put your name and mailing address on your envelope when you first use it so we can update our records. Income tax receipts are given out in February. Thank you.

Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

Fernie: 5pm

Also: Elkford - 8pm
& Sparwood - 10pm

Christmas Day:

Fernie: 9am

Also: Sparwood - 11am

New Year's Eve:

Fernie: 5pm

Also: Sparwood - 7pm

New Year's Day:

Fernie: 9am

Also: Sparwood - 11am
& Elkford - 4pm

Sanctuary Lamp burns for

The Intentions of the
Coultry family
Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st Dec.

Ministries:

New Year's Eve:

Eucharistic Minister:

Eunice Peterson

Reader:

C. Sonntag

Greeters:

Nellie Dunlap & Hilda Cadorath

New Year's Day:

Eucharistic Minister:

Sharon Switzer

Reader:

Gisele Kitchen & Sandy Carter

Greeters:

Luis Grijalva family

Church Cleaning for this week:

G. & K. Smith, G. Blakey
& S. Penault

Finance

Collections:

17th/18th December \$1867.85

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2016:

Our Diocesan Goal... \$11,600.00

Given to date \$ 5,685.00

Newsletter

Please note that there will be no newsletter next week.

Christmas Homily of Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this holy night,
while we contemplate the Infant Jesus
just born and placed in the manger,
we are invited to reflect.

How do we welcome the tenderness of God?
Do I allow myself to be taken up by God,
to be embraced by him,
or do I prevent him from drawing close?

“But I am searching for the Lord” – we could respond.
Nevertheless, what is most important is not seeking him,
but rather allowing him to seek me,
find me and caress me with tenderness.

The question put to us simply by the Infant’s presence is:
do I allow God to love me?

Pope Francis, Vatican, Christmas Day 2014

And I don’t want to put words into the Pope’s mouth,
but what this means to me is:
if I think that I have to do the work of finding God,
then my focus can too easily be on myself;
if I think that everything depends upon God,
then my focus is upon Him alone,
which is probably a good game plan.

On behalf of the parish council
and all those who work so hard to keep the parish going,
and from myself and Ranga,
can I wish you a happy and at least slightly holy Christmas.

I will be with my family for a couple of days
over Christmas which will be nice.

Fr. David

