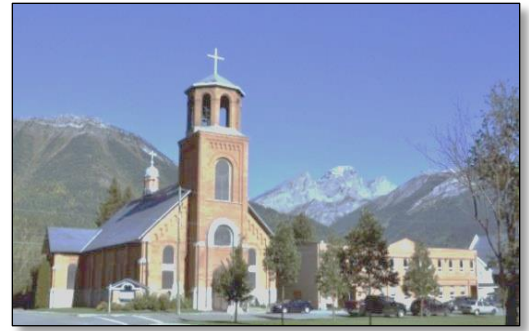


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26th February 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish...

Times of Masses for Ash Wednesday

Tuesday 7pm – St. Michael's, Sparwood

Wednesday 7pm – Holy Family, Fernie

Residence at Rocky Mountain Village will also be offered Ashing at their Mass, as will the Catechism children as part of their Catechism classes.

What Are You Doing for Lent?

If you haven't already decided what you might do for Lent, here are three simple suggestions that will take absolutely minimal extra time and not too much effort:

- ✠ If you are particularly attached to your seat at the back of church, why not give that up for Lent and decide to sit at the front? In this way you will not only be giving something up but also you might discover a richer involvement in the celebration of Mass, and you might also help improve the quality of our communal celebration.
- ✠ If you are one of the people who leave Mass early – *that is, before the liturgy has ended and the procession has got to the back* – think about giving up this practise for Lent. Or even if you just leave before the procession has got to the back, ask yourself why you do this and whether you could, for Lent, wait for the final hymn of praise to God to end before you feel the need to get up and go.
- ✠ Decide to think about the responses we make at Mass; then during Lent try to make them your own. So often we can find ourselves making the responses mechanically. Let's stopping and think about them so they aren't just minimalist mumbles but true proclamations that give glory to God.

Another idea: Sacrament of Reconciliation – While I was away I got the chance to go to confession so I could start Lent positively. After the 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass we will be welcoming Joseph Gigliotti's body into church but after that I will happily stay on and hear confessions if anyone would like to start Lent in that way. We will be having a reconciliation service later in Lent with at least one visiting priest.

Joseph Gigliotti RIP

Joseph had been ill for some time but his death came as a shock to all of us. He died very peacefully. We pray for the repose of his soul and for his family at this difficult time. His funeral will be in church on Thursday at 10:30am followed by a reception. The burial will take place as a later date. May he rest in peace.

Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Masses

Wednesday – 11am
Rocky Mountain Village

Wednesday – 7pm
Holy Family Church

Thursday – 10:30am
Joseph Gigliotti's
Funeral Mass

2016 Financial Report to Parishioners

Attached there is a summary of our parish's finances for 2016. Full details are available via the parish office.

Griz Days Garage Sale – *Next Saturday*

Next Saturday 4th March is our Griz Days Garage Sale. It starts at 10am and goes to 4pm in the Fernie Family Centre. As a wedding is taking place in the church that afternoon, please be considerate about where you park if you are coming to the garage sale. If you have items to donate to this you may drop them off at the parish office on Tuesdays or Fridays between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

On Wednesday 8th March there will be a meeting for the Knights of Columbus at 7:30pm in the Fernie Family Centre.

Bun and Soup Luncheon – *Proceeds to Development & Peace*

For two Thursdays, 9th and 16th March, there will be 'Bun and Soup' in the Fernie Family Centre from 11:30am to 1 pm. Donations of soup, buns or baking will be greatly appreciated. Our proceeds will be going to Development and Peace.

Handouts for Lent from Development and Peace

To assist you through Lent D&P are offering Solidarity Calendars, 'Women at the Heart of Change' & 'Activities to do Throughout Lent'.

Income Tax Receipts – *On the table in the foyer of the Church*

The receipts are in the Front Foyer of the Church. If you have any questions please call Mary at 250-423-4269. To save mailing costs, please pick up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Parish Potluck – *Well attended!*

There was a Community Potluck this past Wednesday in honour of 50 years of Development and Peace. It was well attended by the Catechism children, their families, parishioners from our parish and parishioners from other parishes. The food at the potluck was delicious! Keep watching for a potluck in the Spring.

Thank You – *Sauce and Meatballs Fundraiser*

Celia Roccamatisi writes: Thank you for your participation in our 'Sauce and Meatballs' fundraiser for the CWL Diocesan Convention that the CWL Council is hostessing in May. \$1500 was raised! Once again, thank you!

Old Catechism Program Books Being Given Away

The parish has some older catechism program books and resources which it no longer needs so is giving away for free. If you are interest you are invited to come and view them at the parish office on Tuesdays or Fridays between 9:30am and 1:30pm. Any material not taken will be recycled during March break.

News from the Syrian Refugee Committee for Fernie

The Refugee Committee writes: We are excited to announce that we have been linked with a family from Lethbridge, Alberta through the Family Reunification Program. The family of Tamer Mohammad came to Lethbridge one year ago from a refugee camp in Amman, Jordan. They could not bring their daughter and her family who were also in that refugee camp because she wasn't considered a child. The Mohammad family wants to bring their daughter Baraah Tamer, her baby of two months Sima, and her husband Raed to Canada through this program. Our committee has agreed to work toward bring this family of three to Fernie. Our group is doing a fundraiser for the Griz Days event on Saturday 4th March at the Station Square outside the Art Station and is asking for volunteers to help with cooking hamburgers, hotdogs and chili. Or if you

Ministries:

Saturday 4th March

Eucharistic Minister:

Eunice Peterson

Reader:

Donald DiGeorgio

Greeters:

Annette Harrison

Sunday 5th March

Eucharistic Minister:

Glenn Carter

Reader:

Cathleen Sonntag

Greeters:

Luis Grijalva Family

Church Cleaning for this week:

R. Rino, A. Alyward Nally, &
A. Harrison

Finance

Collections:

18th/19th February \$1511.27

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2016:

Our Diocesan Goal ... \$11,600.00
Given to date \$ 6,135.00

*To donate to the Fernie Refugee Fund
please go to our website:
www.holyfamilyfernie.ca
and there is a link on the home page.
You will receive a charitable receipt
for any donation from Canada
Helps.Org*

are able to donate a slow cooker of chili, buns for chili, a bag of bratwurst, hotdogs or hamburger buns please contact Sharon Switzer at 250-946-6919 or email ferneliving@gmail.com. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work toward raising \$15,000 in the next 6 months.