

# Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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



**March 28, 2021**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

*World day of Youth*



B. C. new restrictions in place

Fr. David will send an e-mail early next week.

**Zoom Masses will continued as before.**

### Blessing of the feet

Meet Fr. David for the blessing of the feet.

**Date:** Thursday, April 1, 2021

**Time:** 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Location:** Holy Family Church



### CWL Soup and Bun Event on Thursdays of Lent



Do not miss last week of Lenten Soup and Bun with simple desert.

**Pick up or delivery only.**

**Location:** Family Centre Kitchen (back door)

Choice of 3 Soups

Time: 12:00 to 1:00 pm

**Thursday, April 1**

**Place an order:** Contact Mary (250) 423-4009 the Wednesday afternoon prior to the event.

Donations for "Development and Peace" or "CWL touchless bathroom Project" can be given at the time of pick up or delivery. (Suggested donation is \$10.00).

Please phone Mary at 250-423-4009 for more information.

### **Holy Family Parish Private Prayer**

Please book by phoning the Parish office or via email  
[info@holyfamilyfernie.ca](mailto:info@holyfamilyfernie.ca)

Available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM



### **Finance-Collections**

**March 21, 2021**

Actual Year-to-date:  
\$14,505.01

Target Year-to-date:  
\$13,200.00

Achieved: 110% of YTD target

### **Holy Family Parish**

Interac e-Transfer

Donations

[etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org)





### Religious Articles

Looking for something to insert in a special card to a loved one? The Parish has a supply of religious cards, bookmarks, prayer cards and other mementoes available for purchase by specified price or donation. These can be viewed at the Parish office during regular business hours.

### Church Stained Glass Windows story

It was 1896 when Father J. Welch, a priest from the Oblate Mission of St. Eugene was assigned the construction of a church in Fernie to minister to miners at Coal Creek. The 1908 fire destroyed that building along with most of the Fernie townsite.

In 1911 a long mine strike facilitated the development of present day church in a traditional cruciform pattern measuring 112 feet by 50 feet with bell tower soaring to 100 feet and work completed by 1912.

Over the years fundraising was successful to having statues and altars cleaned, walls repainted, new light fixtures installed, carpets replaced and roof redone to this much valued historical landmark the Catholic Church has become. A structure built by love and offerings of money and labour from the original worshippers of the time. Since then it has continued to be maintained by the generosity of parishioners and community members here and beyond that understand the value of the beauty and history of this building and what it means to the community.

The latest mission by the Restoration Committee is the replacement of the outside black covers on the 27 stained and diamond shaped glass windows that adorn the church. The original cost of each glass window was sponsored by families, organizations and individuals. The positive fundraising at present has only been possible because families, businesses and individuals have so magnificently come forward again and the estimated amount required was raised. Clear laminated glass protective covers were ordered and despite the shortage of trades persons work has been in progress. To date the exterior of every window has been professionally washed and trim on windows and doors painted. Eight stained glass windows have been covered with the new laminated glass covers with the rest of work to be finished soon. The round window above the Sacristy outside door had severe problems to the wood frame that only a specialty carpenter could accomplish however a very generous and thoughtful Fernie contractor stepped up and gifted this delicate important labor done by one of his talented workers to the project. The Restoration Committee is continuously amazed and grateful at the generosity of contractors, businesses, parishioners and individuals from near and far as well as the BC government grant awarded to keep the Historical Heritage of the impressive Roman Catholic Church that is considered of great significance for its beauty but also its Heritage value that has to be protected not only for Fernie but also for the rest of BC. This building is greatly valued not only by the Catholic community but also by people of other denominations and faiths who respect the historical aspect of the structure.

Fundraising has been successful to date however as in any project costs change due to unknown problems discovered once work begins. In this case some window frames were found to have decaying wood in places and some stained glass requiring re-leading. The Committee is looking to continue the fundraising campaign as the goal is to carry the project to the finish. The Committee is putting out a general appeal for help with this last leg of the project. Below is financial information on the project.

Total project Cost estimate starting in October of 2019 was at approximately \$145,217.03

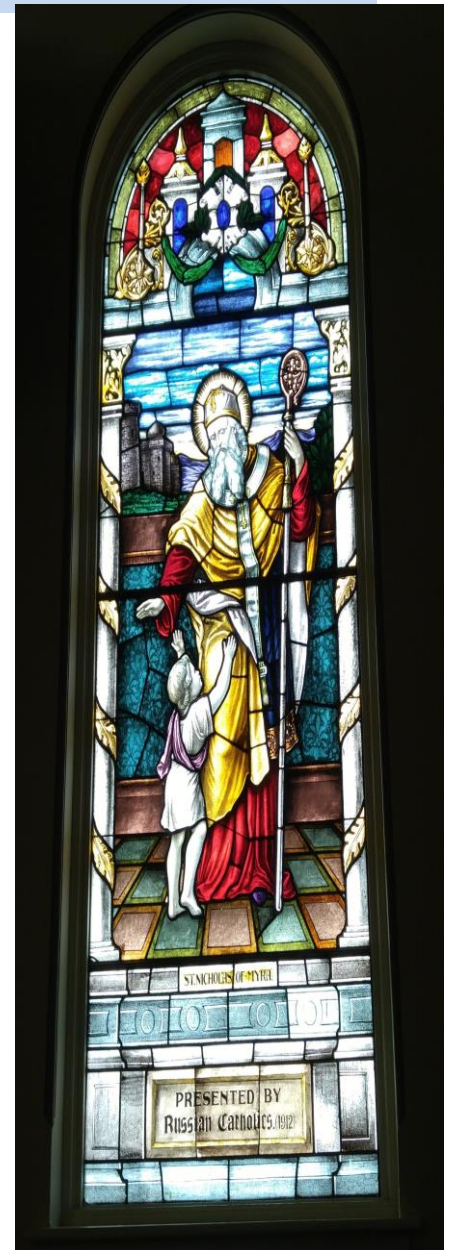
Grant monies were \$67,780.70 and raised was \$74,059.65

Paid out thus far \$48,105.55

Estimate to complete \$97,111.48

Shortfall was \$3,376.68

However with a rise in problems it is now determined that about \$10,000 is required. The Committee is confident that somehow this amount will be raised and the project finished to its entirety. A sincere thank you is extended to all that have contributed in whatever way to this very important project. -Mary G-



**zoom** *Mass Schedule for Fernie*

**Fernie Saturday Mass**

Time: 5:00 pm

Broadcast via Zoom

**Fernie Sunday Mass**

Time: 9:00 am

Broadcast via Zoom

Please forward our message to your family and friends. They can submit their email to the Parish office to participate in our virtual Christmas season at Holy Family Parish.

Sacraments: Contact the Parish Office via email [info@holyfamilyfernief.ca](mailto:info@holyfamilyfernief.ca) and we will reply to your email request accordingly.

