Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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



Sunday 3rd July 2016 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish...

Visitors, Baptism, Weddings and Readers

Fr. David writes... Visitors: As it is both the Canada Day weekend and the Independence Day weekend for those south of the boarder, there might be a number of visitors with us. You are all very welcome. One visitor I wish to welcome by name is Fr. Robert from Montreal; he will be joining us at our Sunday morning Mass in Fernie. Fr. Robert is a Francophone so we hope that he will pray part of the Eucharistic Prayer in French. Please make him doubly welcome as Sunday is his 45th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

Baptisms: Fr. Robert is here for the baptism this weekend of our young parishioner Rafael Favreau and his cousin Elise Vaillancourt. We hold them in prayer along with their parents, Nat & Nic and Emilie & Pierre. We also welcome their extended family to our parish this weekend. I notice we have some new born babies now joining us in church and this is a great delight to everyone. We hope to be celebrating their baptisms later in the year.

Wedding: Later this week we will be celebrating a wedding here in church, so we pray for Katelyn Hewitt & Tom Rose who have flown in from Australia to be married here in Fernie. Again, we thank them for choosing Fernie and promise to keep them in our prayers.

Reading: Can You Read? Could You Read at Mass? We are running a bit short of people to read at our Sunday Masses. This is a much easier ministry than many people think. Firstly, if you have a missal then you can look at the readings before hand to make sure there are no surprises. Secondly, one thing I notice is that in Fernie the reader sits on the sanctuary for part of the Mass; this doesn't happen in Sparwood nor has it happened in any of my previous parishes. While it is nice that it recognises the importance of the ministry of reading it also makes it a bit more difficult for people with children to volunteer. So if you think you could read at church on Sunday but are holding back because you don't want to be away from your family for a part of the Mass, then feel free to remain in the pews except when you are reading. It is obviously still nice if one of the readers on a Sunday processes in with the priest so the book of the Gospels can be carried in, but after processing in the reader can return to their normal seat until they are needed to read. If you would like to know more just ask one the people who already read and they will tell you about this ministry and even pass your name on to the person who does the schedules.

September 30, 2016 is the deadline for Pilgrimage of Faith submissions for this year. Today we have raised \$13,002.52. To reach our diocesan goal we need another \$1597.48. Thank you for your generosity.

On Sunday, September 18th there will be a parish pancake breakfast at 10:15 am in the Fernie Family Centre. All parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend.

This is a good opportunity to meet our new pastor Fr David.

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday 9am Sunday

Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday & 11am Sunday Elkford – 4pm Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Holy Family Church – 9am Tuesday

Rocky Mountain Village – 11am Wednesday

Also (but please see local newsletter for weekly variations):

St. Michael's, Sparwood – 9am Monday

Lilac Terrace, Sparwood – 11am Friday

St. Bernard's, Elkford – 12noon Thursday

From the Diocese and Beyond...

One Rock Youth Day 2016

In the year of Mercy the Diocese of Calgary is again hosting "One Rock", a festival of faith weekend event for youth, young adults & their families, at the Tsuut'ina Rodeo Grounds near Redwood Meadows. The festival will be on the weekend of 12th to 14th August, and people from the Diocese of Nelson are very welcome to be part of this. For more information visit www.onerock.ca.

From the Office of Faith Formation - Workshop Presentations

The diocese are offering two workshops but sadly they are both being held in Kelowna:

Foundations of the Faith – Scripture. This will be presented by Elaine Biollo, SC on Thursday 25th August at Our Lady of Lourdes School, West Kelowna. It is an all-day presentation running from 8:30am to 4pm. The cost is \$25. This workshop is for catechists, parish religious education coordinators and those interested in ongoing adult faith formation.

Responding to God's Unconditional Love. This is an RCIA workshop presented by retired Bp. Gerald Wiesner, OMI, and is given over two days, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd October at St. Pius X Parish in Kelowna. Again the cost is \$25. The diocese invites those involved with RCIA to attend this workshop.

For further information and to register contact Darlene at the Office of Faith Formation in Kelowna, via e-mail at Darlene.jackson@nelsondiocese.org or by phone at 250-448-2725 ext. 120

<u>From the National CWL</u> – Working Against Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia

The Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-14, an Act to amend the criminal code. This proposed legislation, which responds to the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in early 2015, will make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal and more accessible. The Supreme Court decision and current legislative efforts are in stark contradiction to the endeavours of individuals, families and communities to counteract the dangers and sufferings of suicide. To express your concerns about the legislation, visit: www.canadiansforconscience.ca

Catholic Independent Schools of the Nelson Diocese

The CISND has a number of postions available at various Catholic schools across our diocese, namely, Penticton, Kelowna and Nelson. If you might be interested in any of these please see the notice on the board giving details or view the diocesan school website www.cisnd.ca for full posting details as well as application documents and process.

<u>Employment Opportunity</u> – K-9 Distributed Learning Generalist Teacher for the Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie Area

CHEK ABC is a 'Distributed Learning' school with students and across B.C. Our head office is located in Nelson. We have approximately 500 students in both online and home education programmes.

Ministries:

Saturday 9th July:

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

Colin Lynch

Greeters:

Willie Oryschak

Sunday 10th July:

Eucharistic Minister:

Eunice Peterson

Readers:

A. Minto & Billie-Anne Kowalski

Greeters:

Jesse Mong & family

Church Cleaning for this week:

G. Hughes & R. Vinge

Finance

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

Suggested Websites:

Diocesan Website:

www.nelsondiocese.org

Catholic Women's League:

www.cwl.ca

Knights of Columbus:

www.kofc.org

Development & Peace:

www.devp.org

Rachel's Vineyard:

 $\underline{www.rachelvineyard.org}$

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.cccb.ca

We are looking for passionate Christian teachers to work with K-9 students and their families in a home education context. Teachers are responsible for planning and implementing student programmes, as well as some classroom teaching in a local learning centre. Candidates need to have good interpersonal, communication and organisation skills, plus they must be able to work independently and have an understanding of home education. A valid B.C. teaching certificate is required. Please apply to: kbernhardt@chekabc.ca

Autumn Pilgrimage to Guadalupe

You are invited to join Fr. David Franco of Holy Family parish in East Vancouver for an unforgettable Pilgrimage and Sightseeing Tour to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City. It runs from 14th to 19th November. There is a \$200 discount for those who register before 1st July. For further details contact John or Natalie at info@oc-travel.com or phone 778-655-0387. The deadline for registration is 1st August. They say they provide custom international tours of exceptional quality and value. Their website is: www.oc-travel.com