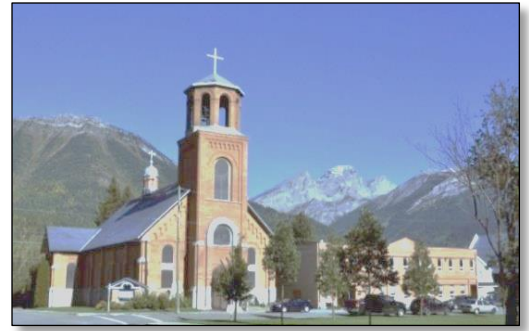


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12th March 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent

From the Parish...

March's CWL Meeting

The CWL meeting is this Tuesday, March 14th at 1 pm in the Coffee Room.

Bun and Soup Luncheon – *Two Thursday's left*

On Thursday's 16th and 23rd March, there is 'Bun and Soup' in the Fernie Family Centre from 11:30am to 1pm. Donations of soup, buns or baking will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be going to D&P.

Journeying Together Through the Passion of Christ

Fernie Ministerial Combined Services – 3rd to 7th April

Fernie Ministerial is putting on a series of lunchtime services the week before Holy Week; these will be held at the Salvation Army Community Church on 2nd Avenue. From Monday to Thursday at 12noon there will be a twenty minute service followed by a simple lunch. Each day a different minister will lead the service and each day a different church will be asked to provide a lunch. We have been asked to provide the lunch on the Monday, 3rd April. Then on the Friday there will be an evening service at 7pm. So hopefully these services will help us journey together through the Passion of Christ to his resurrection.

Community Garden Project

On Tuesday 11th April at 7pm there will be a information session and open discussion to tell people about the proposed Family/Community garden in the lots behind the church. Everyone is invited to come and find out what current plans are in place and also to offer ideas and input for the project. Regina Vinge and Tanya Thurmeier will be there to answer questions.

Old Catechism Program Books Being Given Away

Next week is the last week to come by the parish office and take a look at the older catechism program books and resources and take what you want. The parish office is open on Tuesday and Friday between 9:30am and 1:30pm. Any material not taken will be recycled during March break.

From the Diocese...

Chrism Mass – Nelson Cathedral

Everyone is invited to the annual Chrism Mass at 7pm on Monday 10th April at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate in Nelson. The diocese also invites all couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries to join the dinner which is before the Chrism Mass. In order to determine numbers for the meal they ask us to let us

Mass Times **Masses for Sunday**

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:
7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:
4pm Sunday

Weekdays Masses

Tuesday – 9 am
Holy Family Church
Wednesday – 11am
Rocky Mountain Village

know who's going by Monday 3rd April. So if you are celebrating a special anniversary this year and would like to attend, please let our parish office know as soon as possible.

From Fr.

David...

Reconciliation

Dates

We have the dates for our reconciliation service here in Fernie. It is Tuesday 4th April at 7pm. We will celebrate Mass and then we hope that one or possibly two visiting priests will be with us to hear confessions. If you can't make this date then Sparwood is having their reconciliation service on Monday 27th March at 7pm. If you can drive as far as Cranbrook, theirs is this coming Thursday, 16th March, at 7pm at Christ Our Saviour Church.

Service Times for Holy Week and Easter Weekend

The "Easter Triduum" consists of three services that the Church understands to be one service spread over three days. Thus at the end of the Maundy service there is no formal 'sending out', on Good Friday there is no formal welcome or conclusion, and on Easter night again the service starts very simply. During this time we will be asked to keep a certain 'stillness' in our lives.

The Maundy service is not significantly longer than a Sunday Mass; Good Friday is about the same length (depending upon the numbers who turn up); and for this year we will have a fairly simple Easter Saturday night celebration which again will not go on too long. And if you need another 'hook' to come – I don't preach at any of these services! Rather I try to get the liturgy to tell its own message. The service times in Fernie will be:

Maundy Thursday	– 7pm	– 13 th April
Good Friday	– 3pm	– 14 th April
Holy Saturday	– 5pm	– 15 th April
Easter Sunday	– 9am	– 16 th April

Over the next three weeks in the newsletter I will say a few words about each of the Holy Week services. First: the Maundy service.

Maundy Service: Fernie – 7pm Thursday of Holy Week

Maundy means 'commandment' so on this day we fulfil Christ's commandment to love one another and symbolise it with the washing of feet. At this service the washing of feet is offered to anyone who would like. This is not a re-enactment of Christ

washing his twelve disciples feet; rather it is the fulfilment of the commandment that Christ gave us, "After he had washed their feet... he said to them, "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:12-15)

At every Mass we process forward in a prayerful way to receive Communion; we started Lent by processing forward to receive the Ashes of Ash Wednesday; on Good Friday we will process forward to venerate "the wood of the cross". Similarly on Maundy Thursday you will be invited to process forward in a prayerful way to have your feet washed.



Ministries:

Saturday 18th March

Eucharistic Minister:

Ewa Langer

Reader:

Cathleen Sonntag

Greeters:

Rob Lecavalier

Sunday 19th March

Eucharistic Minister:

Geraldine Rocca

Reader:

Gisele Kitchen & Sandy Carter

Greeters:

Jesse Mong & family

Church Cleaning for this week:

A. Majic, A. Byrne, S. Gris & M. BeGuzman

Finance

Collections:

4th/5th March..... \$1539.60

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2017:

Our Diocesan Goal .. \$11,600.00

Given to date..... \$ 6,455.00

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

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

Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops: www.cccb.ca

There will be a bowl ready, please just step into it, I will touch your feet and then you will be invited to return to your place while you let Christ speak to you through this prayerful action.

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Development and Peace

Week 2 - March 12

Women are building an inclusive society in Indonesia

This week, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risya, a 22-year-old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI), this courageous young woman started to use her blog to write about discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. AJI has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard!

Remember! in 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations.

Use the activities in the Solidarity Calendar to deepen your Lenten Journey. Calendars were stapled to the previous newsletters and there are more on the table in the foyer of the church.

Bun and Soup is being served Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:00 in the Fernie Family Center. We have two more March 16th and March 23rd. Please come and support our D&P fundraiser.