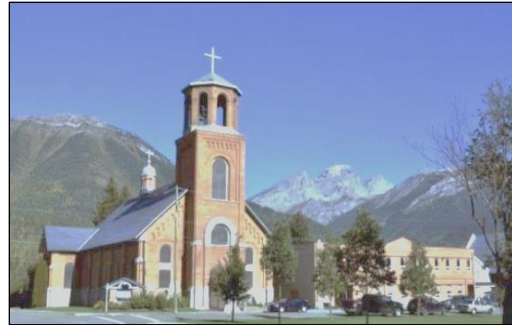


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19th March 2017 3rd Sunday of Lent

From the Parish...

Weekday Mass

There will be no Mass on Tuesday morning as Fr. David has to be elsewhere. We should be back to normal next week.

Bun and Soup Luncheon – *Just One Thursday Left*

This Thursday is the last day for ‘Bun and Soup’ in the Fernie Family Centre. It runs from 11:30am to 1pm. Donations of soup, buns or baking will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be going to D&P.

Baptism

Next Saturday Christina & John Powell’s baby Johnny will be baptised, so we extend a warm welcome to him as he formally becomes part of the parish family. And of course, we also make a fuss of Amelia in her role as a big sister. We keep them all in our prayers.

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

Looking ahead, on Tuesday 11th April at 7pm there will be an 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.

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 them 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 Elsewhere...

Development and Peace Notice

D&P writes: “Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This week, we meet with Ceile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. “Thanks to RCK radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights.” This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace – Caritas Canada’s monthly donor program? More information can be found online at devp.org/shareyearround.”

Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Masses

Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday – 11am

Rocky Mountain Village

Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Saverio Polcino
from 19th to 25th March.
From Vince Polcino

Reconciliation Dates

As mentioned last week our reconciliation service here in Fernie will be on 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.

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, so it encourages Catholics to participate in all three services and make this a very special time in their spiritual 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 speak for itself. The service times in Fernie will be:

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

In Sparwood they will celebrate their Maundy service on the Wednesday of Holy week at 7pm and their Good Friday service at 6pm on Good Friday.

In next week's newsletter I will say a few words about the Easter weekend services, but this week I write about our Good Friday celebration. If you missed last week's newsletter with the item about the Maundy Service, copies of this article are on the table at the back of the church.

Good Friday Service: Fernie – 3pm Good Friday

The Good Friday service isn't a Mass; our Maundy Mass is called the "Mass of the Lord's Supper" and after that Mass is not celebrated again until we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Saturday night. Indeed, during the time we are commemorating the death of Christ on the Cross to the time we celebrate his Resurrection none of the sacraments are celebrated (except in danger of death).



So our Good Friday service consists of an Old and a New Testament reading followed by the reading of the Passion from John's gospel. For the reading of this long and detailed gospel we will be seated and it will be read at a



very measured pace so we can give our maximum concentration to hearing the account of Christ's suffering and death. Then we reverence "the wood of the Cross"; the "instrument of our salvation" (both quotes from the liturgy of Good Friday).

Good Friday is a celebration of the passion, the suffering and the death by crucifixion of Jesus. Because this event won salvation for sinners, the day is called "Good" and the liturgy reflects on love as much as loss. Pope Frances has said, "The mystery of the Cross, a mystery of love, can only be understood in prayer; pray and weep, kneeling before the Cross." So we come humbly before the Cross recognising Christ's ultimate manifestation of his love for each one of us.

We will then share in Communion using the Hosts consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. After that the tabernacle will be left empty with no Blessed Sacrament reserved until Easter: the Church waits. You are encouraged to leave the church quietly and to try to find some stillness during the next twenty-five hours or so until we gather for the celebration of Christ being raised from the dead.

Ministries:

Saturday 25th March

Eucharistic Minister:
Rob Lecavalier

Reader:
Colin Lynch

Greeters:
Willie Oryschak

Sunday 26th March

Eucharistic Minister:
Sharon Switzer

Reader:
Adele Minto &
Billie-Anne Kowalski

Greeters:
Benny Mangone &
Sam Caravetta

Church Cleaning for this week:
M. Gareau, I. Gareau,
L. Kremen & S. Butler

Finance

Collections:
11th/12th March..... \$1094.25

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.

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