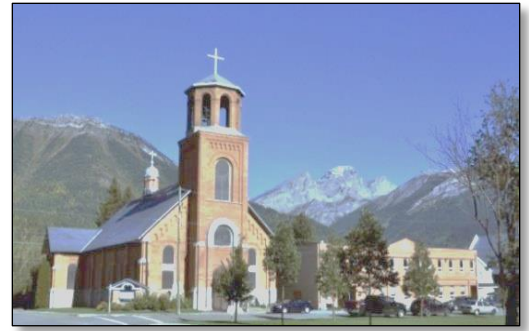


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5th March 2017 1st Sunday of Lent

From the Parish...

Knights of Columbus Meeting – *this Wednesday*

This 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 – *starting this Thursday*

Starting this Thursday 9th March and running for the following two Thursday's 16th and 23rd March, there will be '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 Development and Peace.

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.

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 told us last week that they now have details of the refugees they are hoping to bring in to Fernie. They are a young family of mother, Baraah Tamer, husband Raed and their two month old baby called Sima. Baraah's family are already in this country currently in Lethbridge. They all come to Canada from a refugee camp in Amman, Jordan.

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. There will be refreshments for all after Mass in the Catholic Centre that is next door to the Cathedral.

The diocese also invites all couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries (i.e. 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and longer) to join the dinner which is before the Chrism Mass. In order to determine numbers for the meal they ask us to let us 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.

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

Season of Lent

The gospel readings that we will hear on the Sundays Lent are some of the longer and most vivid stories from the life of Jesus (and some of them are *long* readings!)

We start with the account of Christ going into the desert for forty days and being tempted by the devil. This is a familiar story but there is so much in it. When we hear he 'fasted' he might think of this in a broader sense than just giving up food; he gave up all comforts. What might we fast from? The TV or the internet or texting? If not for forty days but perhaps for an hour a day of perhaps on Fridays. The other temptations too challenge us to look at how we live our life.

Then we will hear the account of the transfiguration of Christ. Here God's voice was heard to say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The Father was trying to put an image before the disciples that would strengthen them before their faith would be tested during the passion of Jesus. Lent is a time when God wants to strengthen our faith as well, so it is important to listen. You might ask yourself if Peter, James and John really thought about what they had seen and let it strengthen their faith.

Then for three weeks we leave Matthew's gospel are read from John. Firstly we get the wonderful story about Jesus meeting a woman at a well. In it Jesus says "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Is he talking about baptism or perhaps about his word as passed on to us in the scriptures?

Then the readings get more challenging with the story of the man who had been born blind but Jesus healed. In this Jesus says, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Being born into a family who can fall asleep at the drop of a hat, sometimes I will fall asleep without realising that it is happening. I wonder if Jesus is referring to a similar thing in our lives: that we can become blind to him in our world without realising it. See in this sense is not passive but requires effort; Lent is a time for us to awake from sleep and open our eyes to see.

The third reading from John we have is the story of the raising of Lazarus. In it Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Again during Lent we are asked to renew our faith in Christ as our resurrection and our life.

Finally we will read the story of the passion and death of Jesus; on Palm Sunday from Matthew's gospel and then on Good Friday from John's gospel.

Hopefully this quite run through the readings will encourage you to have a look at the reading ahead of time and we will all let ourselves be challenged by them so grow during this season of grace.

Ministries:

Saturday 11th March

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

Lisa Westhaver

Greeters:

Nellie Dunlap &

Hilda Cadorath

Sunday 12th March

Eucharistic Minister:

Rosalinda Pukalla

Reader:

Anne Majic & Colin Lynch

Greeters:

Sharon Switzer

Church Cleaning for this week:

Grace Hughes & Regina Vinge

Finance

Collections:

25th/26th February..... \$1225.94

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2017:

Our Diocesan Goal .. \$11,600.00

Given to date..... \$ 6,435.00

*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

Rachel's Vineyard:

www.rachelvineyard.org

Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops: www.cccb.ca