

# Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### *From the Parish...*

#### **Mass Times For The Next Week Or So...**

**Christmas** – As Christmas Day is a Sunday our Mass times are unchanged from normal weekends. So on Christmas Eve our Mass is at 5pm. This will be a family Mass, and do come early as there will be Christmas music from 4:30pm.

On Christmas Day Mass will be as normal at 9am.

There will also be a Midnight(ish) Mass in Sparwood at 10pm on Christmas Eve.

**Weekdays** – This week Fr. David is elsewhere on Tuesday so isn't available for Mass in Fernie that day, but there will be the normal Mass at Rocky Mountain Village on Wednesday.

**Between Christmas and New Year** – Fr. David will have a very quick visit with his family during Christmas week, so there won't be any weekday Masses in Fernie on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**New Year Weekend** – Again the Masses for the New Year weekend are as normal when we will be celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

#### **Nine Lessons and Carols** – *This Sunday at 3:30pm*

This Sunday afternoon there is the traditional service of 'Nine Lessons and Carols'. We are participating in this along with the Anglican Church and United Church. Over the next week there will be an abundance of glitter and nonsense, so this service of Nine Lessons and Carols will not only be an oasis from that but might be a good way to help you focus in on what we are about to celebrate. Do go along to the Anglican church – which is just next door to us on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue – and enjoy this service of scripture readings and carols. The service starts at 3:30pm this Sunday.

After the service you are also invited to stay for a potluck supper when you can meet our Anglican and United neighbours plus hopefully others from Fernie who will turn up for this service.

### Mass Times

#### Sunday Masses:

##### Fernie:

5pm Saturday  
9am Sunday



##### Also:

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

#### Weekday Masses:

Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie –  
11am Wednesday

**Also:** *(This is the usual schedule but please check the local newsletter)*

St. Michael's, Sparwood –  
10am Monday  
St. Bernard's, Elkford –  
11am Thursday  
Lilac Terrace, Sparwood –  
11am Friday

## **Catechism Nativity Play and Carol Concert –**

*This Wednesday at 3:40pm*

The catechism kids are putting on a nativity play and a carol service this Wednesday at 3:40pm. It should last about an hour. This should be a fun event. Through this the kids hope to raise a bit of money to go to the poor of our world through the “Chalice Gift Giving Programme”.

## **Children’s Choir Practice for Christmas Eve**

The children’s choir practice for the Christmas Eve Mass will be held this Monday 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 - 4:30pm in the Church, as well as Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am - 11:50am. Please have your children at the Church by 4:30pm on Christmas Eve.

## **Musicians and Singers**

We could use more musicians and singers to help out with the Christmas Masses. If you are able to help out please contact Rosanna at [rosanna1@shaw.ca](mailto:rosanna1@shaw.ca) or text 250-423-7290.

## **Church Cleaners’ & Greeters’ New Schedules**

You will find the new schedule on the small table at the back of the Church. Please take a copy.

## **Gratitude – from the Church Restoration Committee**

The Holy Family Church Restoration Committee would like to thank Fr. David, the CWL, the Knights of Columbus, the office staff, our interior designer, NuFloors, Jordon Earl Contracting, Service Canada Grant and all the parishioners for their generous support in time, expertise, labour and financial donations towards the Phase 4 Church Restoration Project. We reached our financial goal to install new carpet and to refurbish the baseboards in the entire church and we are happy to have this completed for Christmas. Blessings.

## **2017 Church Envelopes**

The 2017 planned giving envelopes are now available in the foyer. If you were not assigned a box, there are extras. If you take a new box then please make sure you put your name and mailing address on your envelope when you first use it so we can update our records. Income tax receipts are given out in February. Thank you.

## ***Fr. David writes...***



It is a real delight that over the next two weeks we have no less than *five* babies being baptised in our church. A couple of the youngsters are from Alberta and are grandkids of parishioners coming ‘back to base’ to be baptised, but the other three are all our own kids. Wonderful! So do please pray for all our youngsters and for their parents.

## **Ministries:**

### **Christmas Eve at 5pm:**

#### **Eucharistic Minister:**

Rob Lecavalier  
Colin Lynch  
Linda Pukalla

#### **Reader:**

Lisa Westhaver

#### **Greeters:**

Annette Harrison

### **Christmas Day at 9am:**

#### **Eucharistic Minister:**

Linda Pukalla  
Geraldine Rocca

#### **Reader:**

Gisele Kitchen & Sandy Carter

#### **Greeters:**

Jesse Mong & family

#### **Church Cleaning for this week:**

B. Coultry, G. Kitchen,  
C. Sonntag and R. Anselmo

#### **Church Choir**

Practices are held on Wednesdays at 7pm in the church. If anyone is interested in joining the choir please contact Rosanna at [rosanna1@shaw.ca](mailto:rosanna1@shaw.ca) or text 250-423-7290.

## **Finance**

#### **Collections:**

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December.....\$1269.35

#### **Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2016:**

Our Diocesan Goal ...\$11,600.00

Given to date.....\$ 5,685.00

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