

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

*Fr. David writes...*

### Welcome!



We extend a particularly special welcome to anyone who is joining us for our 'Homecoming' weekend.

I have a family member who, every so often, will refer back to what a particular bishop said at a school assembly over forty years ago. This upset him and, I think, has coloured his view of the whole Church since then. This is so sad, yet in a way I am no different. When I was a teenager I had first a Honda motorbike then a Yamaha. The Honda always started and functioned perfectly; the Yamaha never started and was always back at the garage for this or that to be repaired. Then forty years later I was buying a small generator and there was a Honda and a Yamaha – and you know which one I chose, don't you – yes, the Honda. This says to me that memories linger on, even after many decades!

Of course the difference is that a motorbike is just an inanimate object; a bishop is someone with authority, someone who is expected to show us the face of Christ, someone who we want to trust. So perhaps I should be a bit more understanding of my family member.

If a bishop, a priest or a Catholic parishioner has said something to you that has upset you, I am sorry. If it would help to tell me about it I would happily listen.

The whole purpose of this 'Homecoming' weekend is to try to live out the Pope's vision of a Church which centres itself on mercy. So we do welcome in love all those who are joining us this weekend.

### Mass Times

#### Sunday Masses:

##### Fernie:

5pm Saturday

9am Sunday

##### Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday &

11am Sunday

Elkford – 4pm Sunday

#### Weekday Masses:

Holy Family Church, Fernie –  
9am Tuesday

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

## ***From the Parish...***

### **New Carpets** – Update from Anne Majic

The Church Restoration Committee is happy to report that the installation of the new carpet in the church will take during the week of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

We almost have the cost covered; we are still about \$1,150 short of the \$32,000 total. Much of the cost has come from grants of one kind and another, so this is a really big improvement to our facility at a greatly reduced cost to the parishioners.

Thank you to all those who have already contributed; perhaps when we see the new carpets the last bit of money will come in. To donate please mark your envelope “Carpets”.

### **Reconciliation Services**

As mentioned last week, we are looking ahead to Advent which starts next weekend. So as you draw up your ‘Things to Do’ list remember to include ‘Go to Confession’. To help we hope to have two priests coming in to assist with celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. This will be part of a special reconciliation Mass here in Fernie at 7pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will also be a Reconciliation Mass in Sparwood at 7pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you write these dates in your diary now then you are less likely to get double booked!

## ***From Beyond the Parish...***

### **Development & Peace**

*Development & Peace have written to us saying:* “At the Heart of the Action with Development and Peace for ecological justice At the COP21, Canada committed to investing \$2.65 billion by 2020 to support countries of the Global South that are severely affected by climate change. While there are many ways to respond to climate change, we believe that agriculture must be at the heart of proposed solutions. Let’s support an agricultural model that enables these stewards of the earth to live in dignity and feed their communities in a way that respects our common home, the earth. Sign the Development and Peace Action Card next weekend! Ask the Prime Minister to take into account the vital role of small family farmers in feeding and cooling the planet and to ensure that their voices are heard: [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).”

*Please note, these are the words of ‘Development and Peace’ not the parish.*

## **Ministries:**

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November:**

#### **Eucharistic Minister:**

Ewa Langer

#### **Reader:**

Lisa Westhaver

#### **Greeters:**

Annette Harrison

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November:**

#### **Eucharistic Minister:**

Rosalinda Pukalla

#### **Reader:**

Anne Majic & Colin Lynch

#### **Greeters:**

Luis Grijalva Family

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

Rosetta Rino, Alice Aylward Nally & Annette Harrison

#### **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.

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## **Finance**

### **Collections:**

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> November .....\$1,121.00

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

Our Diocesan Goal.....\$11,600.00

Given to date.....\$ 3,465.00

### **Church Restoration Phase 4:**

Estimated cost .....\$32,000.00

Donations to date .....\$ 1,350.00

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