

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 23rd October 2016

World Mission Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday – 2nd Collection

A few weeks before the conclusion of the 'Jubilee of Mercy', World Mission Sunday allows us to celebrate missionary activity and also deepen our understanding of the spiritual meaning of mercy. It opens our hearts and minds to a future in which mercy is at the heart of our Christian life. What is mercy? Why mercy? How is this pastoral attitude a sign of God in our world? How can our Christian communities become the "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference"? Having drawn from the sources of life – the Word of God – now, we must "roll up our sleeves and not stand by and watch passively the suffering of the world." (*Pope Francis, 15th February 2015*) The Church is essentially a missionary extension of God's mercy. For us who believe in Jesus Christ, our mission is to be the signs of God's presence and closeness with all people in today's world. What we receive during the Year of Mercy, we must share with our brothers and sisters so they too may experience God's love and tenderness, through comfort, forgiveness and hope.

Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, or small and struggling. Today's second collection will help provide financial support for the needs of all missionaries in more than 1,200 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and even some of our remote northern Canadian dioceses.

From the Parish...

Diocesan Ordination and Weekday Masses

On Monday the Bishop will ordain a young man, Bonnie Fanaiye, to the order of Deacon. Hopefully early next year Bonnie will be ordained a priest. Bonnie is a lovely, lively and gifted young man who will be a real gift to this diocese both as a deacon and eventually as a priest. Please remember him in prayer.

As Fr. David will be at the ordination he will not be back in time of Mass on Tuesday. Additionally as it is the last Wednesday of the month there will not be a Mass at Rocky Mountain Village.

Looking ahead to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

Looking ahead to the following week, this year All Saints' Day is on a Tuesday. Normally we have a morning Mass on Tuesdays but in order to give more people an opportunity to attend church on this feast day we will be having Mass at 6pm. Similarly Sparwood will be having a 6pm Mass on All Souls' Day (so any CWL ladies attending the meeting in Sparwood that evening can attend).

Also on All Souls' Day our Anglican neighbours on 4th Avenue are having a service, they write, "To honour and remember your loved one you and your family are invited to attend an All Souls Memorial & Healing Service on Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm."

Syrian Refuge Family for Fernie Committee – This Thursday

The next meeting of the Refuge Committee will be this Thursday, 27th October, at 6:30pm in the Parish Family Centre. Please consider attending and becoming involved in extending a humanitarian hand beyond our parish boundaries. If you want to know more about the Syrian Refuge Family for Fernie initiative please contact Sharon Switzer at (250) 946-6919 or by e-mail at fernieliving@gmail.com. The Committee is also searching for additional volunteers and opportunities for further fund-raising ideas, and they are open to all suggestions from Parishioners.

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday

9am Sunday

Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday &

11am Sunday

Elkford – 4pm Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Apologies but there are no weekday Masses in Fernie this week, please see the note in main text.

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

Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Franzeska Rose Farkas
From Grandparents
Butch and Mike

Sunday 23rd October to
Saturday 29th October

Knights of Columbus sponsoring a Holy Family Prayer Program – Next Sunday

Following the mass next Sunday, October 30th the Knights will be saying the Rosary. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Pictures needed

If anybody has any pictures of the opening of the Fernie Family Centre in 1988 can you please bring them to the parish office to be copied. We would like them on file for are history archives.

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal 2016/2017 –
Our New Diocesan Goal This Coming Year is \$11,600

Pilgrimage of Faith envelopes for each household are at the entrance of our church; please take a moment to find your envelope. Thank you for helping us reach our goal last year.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Next month there will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on Wednesday 9th at 7:30 pm in the Fernie Family Centre. All Knights please mark this date on your calendars.

Fr David writes...

Standing For the Bring Forward of the Gifts – Currently in Fernie people stand up as the offertory gifts are being brought forward and then sit down again as they are presented on the altar. I have not seen this done in any other parish and it struck me as slightly odd, thus I checked with Fr. Jim Ratcliffe who has for many years been the most senior liturgist in our diocese, and with the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) which is the document approved by the Bishops of Canada that gives us principles about what we ought to do when celebrating Mass. With reference to the bringing forward of the gifts the GIRM specifically says that we should be seated,

“The faithful should sit... during the readings before the Gospel and the Responsorial Psalm and for the Homily and **during the Preparation of the Gifts at the Offertory...**” (GIRM §43)

Therefore it is desirable that in future in Fernie we don’t stand for the offertory procession, that is, the bringing forward of the collection and the gifts of bread and wine; rather we should follow the GIRM instruction and remain seated. If you do forget and stand I don’t think it really matters tremendously, but over time it would be good to discontinue this practice so we are in line with the rest of the diocese and with the instructions we have.

Sitting or Kneeling After Communion – The GIRM goes on to say about being seated after Communion. One of the basic principles that I have is that we should try to make Mass as prayerful as we can. When I go to the coast and attend church there once the distribution of Communion is completed I return to my seat and kneel – *as this is the practice in the church I usually attend*. Then, annoyingly, just at this most sacred moment of prayer the priest will sit down and everyone around me then moves from kneeling to sitting. Apart from the noise and general distraction, as the church is quite full there is always someone in the pew in front of me so as they sit I have no choice but to also sit or get hit by the back of the person in front of me.

Under the old pre-Vatican II rite people would sit while the Blessed Sacrament was on the altar, but as the priest had his back to the people one of the only ways to be sure that the Blessed Sacrament was reserved was to wait to see the priest sit down. This is no longer asked of us, rather now the Bishops of Canada ask us to show our unity by remaining standing until everyone has received Communion, and after that to be seated, or if you wish, to kneel.

Whether the priest is standing or seated does not make any difference and it doesn’t signify any significant liturgical moment during the Mass.

So a suggestion that I also throw out is that after everyone has received Communion – *and I will signal this by bowing to the congregation* – then people either sit or kneel until invited to stand for the ‘Prayer after Communion’. In this way that moment of wonderful prayer immediately after we have all received Christ in the Eucharist can be held for a few moments longer.

Ministries:

Saturday 29th October:

Eucharistic Minister:

Ewa Langer

Reader:

Lisa Westhaver

Greeters:

Nellie Dunlap & Hilda Cadorath

Sunday 30th October:

Eucharistic Minister:

Rosalinda Pukalla

Reader:

A. Majic/Colin Lynch

Greeters:

Benny Mangone & Sam Caravetta

Church Cleaning for this week:

M. Gareau, I. Gareau, L. Kremen & S. Butler

Church Choir

Practices are held on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the church. For anyone interested in joining contact Rosanna at rosanna1@shaw.ca or text 250-423-7290.

Finance

Collections:

15th/16th October\$1984.80
Candle money.....\$3.95

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2016:

Our Diocesan Goal\$11,600.00
Given to date\$145.00

*To donate to the Fernie Refugee Fund please go to our website:
www.holyfamilyferniefund.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