

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 30th October 2016 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish...

All Saints' Day – Mass at 6pm on Tuesday

Tuesday is the feast of All Saints. 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 Wednesday which is All Souls' Day. (*The Mass time was chosen so any CWL ladies attending the meeting in Sparwood that evening can attend.*)

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

Parish Council Meeting – This Tuesday

There will be a Parish Council meeting at 7pm this Tuesday, 1st November. Sorry for the short notice but we need to discuss various issues. So can all council members please try to attend.

Special collection for Haiti Relief – Next Weekend

As you will know Haiti was struck by cyclone Matthew at the beginning of October. This had a massive effect on the country. At least 545 dead and 128 are missing according to official authorities, but other sources indicate a death toll of more than 1,000. Overall about three million people were affected:

- 175,000 have been displaced and are living in temporary shelters;
- 1.4 million people require humanitarian assistance;
- 806,000 face severe food insecurity;
- 1,412 new cases of cholera have been reported;
- 200,000 houses have been destroyed or serious damaged.

Development and Peace is working with Catholic Relief Services (USA) and Caritas Haiti to assist the victims. Any money you give next weekend will go directly to these charities and a tax receipt will be supplied. Please mark envelope 'Haiti', and cheques can be made out to the parish but note that it is for Haiti.

Homecoming Weekend – 20th November, Feast of Christ the King

As mentioned some time ago, the Pope's "Year of Mercy" is a time for us all to rediscover the love of God, a love that is not judgemental and backward looking, but a life-giving love that through mercy wants to move past any hurts and difficulties there might have been. Very particularly in this diocese we are being asked to celebrate a "Homecoming" weekend when we invite Catholics who do not usually come to church to return and join us on the weekend of 19th/20th November which is the Feast of Christ The King.

So what we are asking you to do firstly is to think who you might want to invite; most obviously might be family members, friends or neighbours, but you might also think about work colleagues, fellow Mums or Dads at the kindergarten, or whoever. Next weekend we will provide you with an invitation you can give out to invite these Catholics back; it will have the date and times of our "Homecoming Weekend" Masses written on it. The prayer we will pray says, "We desire to reach out to all of them as you have reached out to us – with mercy." So let us pray that we will be a welcoming community and people will return.

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal 2016/2017 Envelopes

There are still a number of Pilgrimage of Faith envelopes on the table in the entrance way of our church. Can you please check to see if one is for you. The rest will be mailed out, but this costs the parish money, so a quick check can save the parish a dollar!

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday
9am Sunday

Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford – 4pm Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Holy Family Church, Fernie –
**6pm Tuesday – please
note different time!**

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

Welcome Baby Franzeska Farkas

This last Wednesday we celebrated the baptism of Franzeska Rose Farkas, and it was a joyful celebration. So we welcome Frankie to the Catholic community; she is Butch & Mike Coultry's granddaughter.

CWL Rosary for Deceased Members – *this Tuesday*

At 1pm this Tuesday, 1st November, in the coffee room the CWL will be gathering to pray the Rosary for its deceased members. They would like to extend an invitation to any parishioners to join them in this time of prayer. Then there will be a short meeting before they go for coffee.

CWL Fall Tea

The CWL writes: Thank you for your participation at the fall tea. We made \$1121.50 after expenses. This came from the door prize which raised \$517.00, grocery hamper \$121.00, bake table \$323.35 and 'White Elephant' table \$266.00. We also have \$120.00 for the Syrian Refugee fund. So many thanks to all.

Knights of Columbus Meeting – *Wednesday 9th*

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

Fr David writes...

Vatican Instruction about Cremations

You might have heard something about this in the press this week. After consulting with our Bishop I produced the attached comments on this subject, I hope they are helpful. They just highlight why the Vatican raised the issue and some of the principles behind the Vatican's teaching in this area.

Second Reading at Sunday Mass

For the next three weeks our second reading on Sunday's will be taken from the second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. The city of Thessalonica (modern day Thessaloniki) was and is a major city in this region of Turkey. It is believed that at some point after St. Paul had written his first letter to the Thessalonians some of them grew concerned about whether those who had died before Christ's second coming would share in His victory. St. Paul's second letter to this community was a response to these concerns.

As you might imagine in this newly formed church community in Thessalonica there were those who tried to take the community in different directions and taught things contrary to what St. Paul had taught. While St. Paul gives stern orders not to go along with them, he adds in 3:15, "Do not regard them as enemies, but warn them as believers." or in other translations, "...but warn them as brothers".

In two weeks' time we will hear in this letter St. Paul saying, "we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat." In 1917 Lenin, the first leader of the Soviet Union, described this as a "socialist principle". Such as shame that Lenin didn't read on a few verses and make 'regard your enemies as brothers' also a principle; perhaps this is a reminder of the danger of 'cherry picking' verses from scripture.

Standing and Sitting

If you didn't see the item last week about when we stand and sit at Mass there are copies at the back of the church. Basically it said that the rubrics ask us to be seated as the offertory gifts are brought forward, so there is no need to stand at this point.

From Beyond the Parish...

Reminder To Turn Clocks Back Next Sunday

We are approaching that time again: next Sunday, 6th November, the clocks will be "falling" back one hour. If you attend the Sunday morning Mass, don't be caught out!

Ministries:

Saturday 5th November:

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

C. Lynch

Greeters:

Rob Lecavalier

Sunday 6th November:

Eucharistic Minister:

Geraldine Rocca

Reader:

Gisele Kitchen and Sandy Carter

Greeters:

Luis Grijalva 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 or text 250-423-7290.

Finance

Collections:

22nd/23rd October\$1192.25
World Mission Sunday.....\$ 250.00

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2016:

Our Diocesan Goal.....\$11,600.00
Given to date\$ 1912.00

Church Restoration Phase 4:

Estimated cost.....\$32,000.00
Donations to date.....\$ 650.00

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.devvp.org

Rachel's Vineyard:

www.rachelvineyard.org

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:

www.cccb.ca