

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 18th September 2016 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr David writes...

My Godson's wedding, at which I presided last weekend, went very well.

All the English speaking regions of the Catholic Church are revising their liturgies. You will remember that some years ago the Church in Canada revised certain parts of the Mass and we changed the Gloria, the Creed and some of the Mass responses. Britain is slightly ahead of Canada in this process of revision so they have also already revised their rite of marriage and now there are some beautiful vows that are part of the marriage ceremony. For example, as the couple exchange their rings, previously they say their fiancé's name and continue, "Receive this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Now the words have been revised to:

"I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage:
with my body I honour you,
all that I am I give to you,
and all that I have I share with you,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen."

I thought this was such a wonderful statement of self giving. It was a real joy for me to be part of my Godson's marriage celebration.

This last week I have been in my home diocese meeting with our bishop and some of the senior priests of the diocese. Priests are not normally out of their home for extended periods as I have been, so there is a lot for us to talk about. I have not met the new bishop of my diocese before so there is also some 'getting to know you' to be done. Also I hope to visit our retired bishop, Bp. Christopher, who is in hospital having a hip replacement.

From the Parish...

Welcome Fr. David Potluck!

Please join us in welcoming Fr. David on Wednesday, September 28th at 5:30 pm. at the Fernie Family Centre. If your last name begins with A to N bring a salad or main dish. If your last name begins with M to Z bring a veggie or dessert. If you bring dishes and cutlery our clean up is much easier! You will be entertained by sax playing Fil Roccamatysi.

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday
9am Sunday

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

Weekday Masses:

Fr. Harry Clarke will be going back so there will be no weekday masses this week.

Normally (*but please see newsletter for weekly variations*):

St. Michael's, Sparwood –
9am Monday
Holy Family Church, Fernie –
9 am Tuesday
Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie –
11 am Wednesday
St. Bernard's, Elkford –
11am Thursday
Lilac Terrace, Sparwood –
11am Friday

September 18th to September 24th

**Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Gennaro & Luisa Rino
From Rino family.**

Catechism Registration and Start up Date

Catechism registration for 2016-2017 will be Wednesday, September 28th. Join us for the potluck supper with registration to follow.

Registration is \$40 for one child, \$60 for two children and \$75 for three or more children.

Catechism will start on Wednesday, October 5th at 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm in the Fernie Family Centre.

Contact Heather Mong for information at phone number 250-423-0192.

Choir Practice

Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm there will be choir practice. Contact information at rosanna1@shaw.a or text 250-423-7290.

Pilgrimage of Faith 2015/2016

The end of our current Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal campaign will be on September 30th.

Thank you to those of you who have already made their donation.

We have already collected \$14,058.52 Only \$541.48 left to meet our goal.

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25, 2016 there will be a collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. In his letter to the parishes across the country, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), recalls that the collection "is an opportunity for all the faithful in our country to give a hand to helping the Gospel." In view of the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King, Bishop Crosby also notes that the Year of Mercy "is being lived out with joy and commitment throughout our local churches and different communities of faith."

From the Diocese and Beyond...

Jubilee Mass in Nelson on Wednesday 21st September

Come join your diocesan family in celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Cathedral in Nelson on Wednesday, 21st September at 4pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to pass through the Doors of Grace and to receive the abundant blessings that comes from the Lord. Hospitality will include hot and cold appetizers after the celebration.

Rachel's Corner...*"Jesus Christ came to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, release to the prisoners, and comfort all who mourn. To me, that is what Rachel's Vineyard is all about. . . . I tried to hold on in my own strength but inside I was 'mourning,' I became the 'brokenhearted,' and I thought that I could never be forgiven of this grave sin. I was a 'prisoner.' The Lord sent me Rachel's Vineyard. -Testimonial*

Rachel's Vineyard:

We are now taking registrations for our Fall Retreat Friday, October 21 to Sunday, October 23. Anyone suffering from the effects of an abortion experience, directly or indirectly please contact Sue, 250-762-2273 or info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com. Confidentiality assured.

Ministries:

Saturday 24th September:

Eucharistic Minister:

Ewa Langer

Reader:

Lisa Westhaver

Greeters:

Nellie Dunlap & Hilda Cadorath

Sunday 25th September:

Eucharistic Minister:

Rosalinda Pukalla

Readers:

Anne Majic & Colin Lynch

Greeters:

Luis Grijalva Family

Church Cleaning for this week:

G. & K. Smith, G. Blakey &

S. Penault

Finance

Collections:

10th/11th September\$812.23

Candle money.....\$7.60

Pilgrimage of Faith (to date):

.....\$14,058.52

Our Diocesan Goal: ... \$14,600.00

To donate to the Fernie Refugee

Fund please go to our website:

www.holyfamilyfernies.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