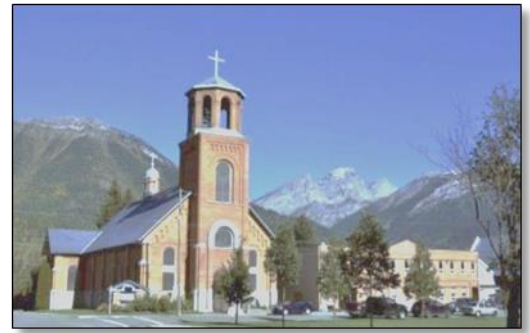


# Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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

## 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Please Note: there is a second collection today for  
'The Needs of the Church in Canada'*

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

#### **Catechism Classes Start this Wednesday**

Our catechism classes start up again this week. These classes are a time when our youngsters can find out about Jesus and the love he has brought into the world. And this knowledge is given expression through prayer and given a structure through having the faith of the Church explained to them. 'Catechism Classes' are so much more than learning the Catechism! So if your kid is in grade 1 through 7 (age 6 to 13) then please do register them for the classes. Classes run on Wednesdays from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. The first class will be a special Mass for the kids. At this Mass the youngsters will gather just as the disciples did for this most special meal. Parents are also encouraged to attend, and indeed it is open to any parishioners. Adults attending are asked to set a positive example to the children by gathering around the altar and getting involved with the ministries of the Mass like setting up, reading, serving, clearing away and, not least, making the responses in a joyous and meaningful way. Remember, faith is caught more than taught.

Catechism registration is \$40 for one child, \$60 for two children and \$75 for three or more children and this is just to cover materials. We are very grateful to all our teachers who are volunteers and give of their time out of love of the kids and of our faith.

#### **Parish Council Meeting – *This Tuesday***

There will be a Parish Council meeting at 7pm this Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. All parish council members are asked to attend as there will be many things to discuss. Weekday Masses will be discussed and if you want any other issue raised at this meeting please see Mike Delich the chair of the council or some other member of the council before Tuesday.

#### **Weekday Mass**

The Catechism Mass at 3:45pm on Wednesday will be our weekday Mass this week. All are welcome to join the youngsters as collectively we celebrate this Mass.

At its meeting this Tuesday the Parish Council will review the issue of weekday Masses. If you have any input on this please do see a parish council member before Tuesday.

### **Mass Times**

#### **Masses for Sunday**

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &  
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &  
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

#### **Weekdays Mass**

Wednesday 3:45pm –  
in the Fernie Family Centre

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Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Angelina Ballena  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
To  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September  
From Benny Mangone

## Choir Practices Start this Wednesday

Our choir practices will be in the church once again starting this Wednesday at 7 pm. If anyone is interested in joining the choir please contact Rosanna at [rosanna1@shaw.ca](mailto:rosanna1@shaw.ca) or text 250-423-7290.

## Appeal for New Readers and New Eucharistic Ministers

Over the last two weeks we have attached to the newsletter sheets that explain the need we have for more people to volunteer to read at church and more people to become Eucharistic ministers. If you didn't see either of these sheets, copies are available on the table in the entrance way.

Perhaps we need to stress again how few people we have doing ministries in Fernie. In terms of Mass attendance Sparwood is only about 60% the size of Fernie yet has getting on for twice as many on their volunteers list. Indeed tiny little Elkford probably has nearly as many readers and Eucharistic ministers as Fernie. In Fernie we struggle to get people actively involved at our Masses. So please do see these sheets and think about volunteering.

Generally speaking, we would only have to lose one or two of the key parishioners who do so much of the work, then our Sunday Masses would literally grind to a halt.

So please reflect on the following: Hopefully no one would go home to their parents house for a big and important family meal and just sit down without offering to help in some way? Yet this is exactly what many do when they go to their Heavenly Father's 'house' for the most special meal of all – the Eucharist. **We must all play our part.** And it is not only Eucharistic ministers and readers but also people to set up and clear away after Mass, people to help with the music, people to serve at Mass. And that is before the questions of joining in both the spoken and sung parts of the Mass in a meaningful way. Just imagine what your mother would say to you if you did choose to come into her house and just sat there without volunteering to help in some way. Now consider what God is asking of you when you come into *His* house.

## Pilgrimage of Faith...

### 2016/2017 Appeal Ends and 2017/2018 Begins!

This week our current Pilgrimage of Faith appeal comes to an end. Sadly we didn't quite make the goal of \$11,600 but we are very close at \$10,270. If you can help close this gap at all, then we need your money this week, either through the Sunday collection basket or by visiting the parish office on Tuesday between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm.

But once again, on behalf of the Bishop and the diocese a very big thank you to everyone who has contributed. The Pilgrimage of Faith is how each of us gives our financial and moral support to various aspects of the ministry of the diocese.

The next Pilgrimage of Faith appeal starts on the weekend 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October. The theme for the next appeal is 'evangelisation' and follows Pope Francis' words, "*In all the baptised, from first to last, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelisation.*"

More information about this new appeal will be sent out shortly.

## Ministries

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Colin Lynch

**Reader:**

Patrice Oscienny

**Greeters:**

Rob Lecavalier

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Geraldine Rocca

**Reader:**

Anne Majic/Billy-Anne Kowalski

**Greeters:**

Sharon Switzer

**Church Cleaning this week:**

S. Carter, L. & A. Westhaver

## Finance

**Collections:**

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September..... \$1205.12

**Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2016/2017:**

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

*Given to date* ..... \$10,270.00

*Shortfall from Goal* ..... \$1,330.00

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please go to our website:*

[www.holyfamilyfernie.ca](http://www.holyfamilyfernie.ca)

*and there is a link on the home page.*

*You will receive a charitable receipt for  
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