

# 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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *Fr David writes...*

I write this just before I head out to the airport to fly back to Canada from Iceland. I will have had only three full days in Iceland, but I have enjoyed them. I should say that the weather has been awful; it has rained on an off the whole time, the skies have been grey, it has been cold and yesterday we had a force ten gale which produced winds so strong that at times it was difficult to walk, and even when driving one battled to keep the car on the road. Yet that is part of what Iceland is - a rocky outcrop at the northern end of the Atlantic Ocean. It is a very barren country. Some areas of the lowlands are fertile and green from all the rain, but most parts are rugged, windswept hills, and as much of the rock is volcanic and very black these hills and mountains look even more bleak. Like parts of the west coast of Ireland or the northern parts of Scotland, houses are tucked away in little hollows or snuggled next to hills in an attempt to avoid the worst of the storms. Then close by there will be a waterfall that will take ones breath away - the force of the water which falls in powerful arrows that never end and the noise and the spray, and then a few metres further down stream the water is a calm river as if nothing had happened. On a bit further and there is steam rising from the ground; it might be a farmer extracting the geothermal heat for his greenhouse, or it might just be a spring gushing hot water into a stream. Last night I sat all alone in a deep crater of a volcano as the wind whistled around me; as the sky turned from grey to dark blue I just marvelled at this place. Iceland does not have classical beauty but it is spectacular and I would love to come here again and have a bit more time just to be still in this rugged land.

I probably won't get back to the parish until early on Saturday morning, and with a funeral and a baptism, Saturday will be a full day, but if I get time I will print off some pictures of my time in Iceland and put them in the churches.

And talking of funerals, we do pray for Gail Martin whose funeral was on Saturday in the church, and we pray for her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Also we have Daniella Agars's baptism at our 5pm Mass this weekend, so we congratulate her and her parents and thank them for letting us celebrate this baptism at the parish Mass.

Although I am still away, I am expecting that our weekday Masses this coming week will be at their normal times.

### *From the Parish...*

#### **Welcome Fr. David Potluck!**

Please join us in welcoming Fr. David on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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

### **Catechism Registration and Start up Date**

Catechism registration for 2016-2017 will be Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm in the Fernie Family Centre.

### **Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal Year 2015**

The end of our current Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal campaign will be on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be accepted up to Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We have collected \$14,058.52 and we are only \$541.48 away from meeting our goal.

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

### **Parish Fall Tea**

The Parish Fall Tea will be on Saturday, October 15 from 12:00 to 2:30 pm at the Fernie Family Centre. Tickets are \$5.00 and Children five and under are free. Please bring baking for the Tea and items for the White Elephant Table after 6 pm on Friday night. Items for the White Elephant Table may be brought to Marilyn at the Parish office in the Fernie Family Centre on Tuesday and Friday between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm.

### ***From the Diocese and Beyond...***

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next Catholic Mountain Star is Monday, October 12. Please email them to [corpuschristikelowna@shaw.ca](mailto:corpuschristikelowna@shaw.ca)

### **LIFE CHAIN**

The annual Life Chain, uniting Pro-Life and Right to Life groups across Canada is on Sunday 02 October, from 2 PM to 3 PM in Cranbrook, BC. Please gather at the McDonald's parking lot at 1:45 PM for preparation and prayer. People are called to give witness to the sacredness of all human life in this visible and public way (on Highway #3/95 - Cranbrook St. N.).

***Rachel's Corner writes...*** "It is our part to seek, His to grant what we ask; ours to make a beginning, His to bring it to completion; ours to offer what we can, His to finish what we cannot." St. Jerome, Feast Day: Sept. 30

Do you seek His healing mercy after having had an abortion? Make your beginning step a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and allow Him to bring your healing to completion.

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**Rachel's Vineyard writes...**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](mailto:info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com). Confidentiality assured.

### **Ministries:**

#### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October:**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Colinn Lynch

**Reader:**

Lisa Westhaver

**Greeters:**

Patsy Caravetta and Frank Rambold

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Geraldine Rocca

**Readers:**

Anne Majic and Colin Lynch

**Greeters:**

Sharon Switzer

**Church Cleaning for this week:**

S. Carter, A. Alyward Nally and  
A. Harrison

### **Finance**

**Collections:**

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September .....\$928.45

Candle money.....\$1.40

Pilgrimage of Faith (to date):

.....\$14,058.52

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

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*To donate to the Fernie Refugee Fund 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 any donation from Canada Helps.Org*

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### **Suggested Websites:**

Diocesan Website:

[www.nelsondiocese.org](http://www.nelsondiocese.org)

Catholic Women's League:

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

Knights of Columbus:

[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Development & Peace:

[www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org)

Rachel's Vineyard:

[www.rachelvineyard.org](http://www.rachelvineyard.org)

Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops: [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)