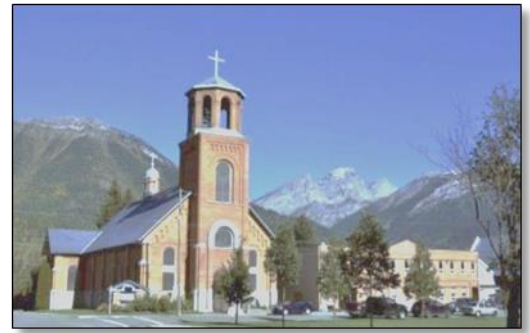


# Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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

17<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *From the Parish...*

#### **Catechism Registration** – *This Wednesday*

In the parish we offer classes to our kids to explain the faith to them, to let them experience prayer and to teach them about Christ's personal call to be his disciple. 'Catechism Classes' is 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. Catechism registration is this Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, and the classes themselves start the following week on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, from 3:45pm to 4:45pm – and this will be the celebration of an opening Mass. At this Mass the youngsters will be encouraged to participate by taking a full and active part in the celebration. Parents are also encouraged to attend this Mass, and indeed it is open to any parishioners. Adults attending are asked to set a positive example to the children by gathering near 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.

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

#### **Weekday Masses**

At 11am this Wednesday there is Mass at Rocky Mountain Village. All parishioners are welcome to be part of this Mass. At its meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September the Parish Council will review the issue of weekday Masses. If you have any input on this please do see a parish council member.

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

In one week's time on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm Parish Council will be having a meeting. All parish council members mark your calendar as there will be many things to discuss. If you want any issue raised at this meeting please see Mike Delich the chair of the Parish Council or some other member of the council.

### **Mass Times**

#### **Masses for Sunday**

Fernie:

5pm Saturday &  
9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood:

7pm Saturday &  
11am Sunday

Elkford:

4pm Sunday

#### **Weekdays Masses**

Wednesday 11am at  
Rocky Mountain Village

## **Crusade of Fatima Rosary – Looking ahead**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm the church will be open for the next historical reading from “The Crusade of Fatima” followed by a recitation of the rosary.

## **2016/2017 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal Ending**

The date set to end our current Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal campaign will be the morning of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to those of you who have already made their donation. We have collected \$10,100 which is a great amount. But the diocese sets a goal for each parish dependent upon its size and finances, and so we still require another \$1,500 in order to reach this goal. If you haven't made a donation to the Pilgrimage of Faith this year can we ask you to consider making a donation in the next couple of weeks before the appeal ends; if you have contributed but perhaps not as much as you intended, again there is still time; or if you have some spare money hanging about this would be a good appeal to give it to. Whatever is left of our goal at the end of September will have to be made up from parish funds, so giving to this appeal means that you are supporting the diocese and at the same time financially helping the parish. Donations can be put in the normal collection in an enveloped marked “Pilgrimage of Faith” and this money will be tax receipted in the normal way.

## ***From the Diocese...***

### **Needs of the Church in Canada Collection**

**– 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September –**

### **Why is there such a collection?**

Next weekend at the Masses there will be a second collection for ‘The Needs of the Church in Canada’. Every year the Bishops of Canada make this appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Bp. Douglas Crosby OMI., Bishop of Hamilton, has described this collection as an invitation to “*all the faithful to participate in the life and mission of the Church through their active involvement in the life of their parish community, their prayers, their diverse charisms, their moral support, and the contributions of their time and talents. The Collection for the Needs of the Church is an opportunity for Catholics to truly help their diocese participate in the regional episcopal assemblies and in the CCCB. This annual charitable initiative furthers the collegiality and synodality of the Bishops’ ministry in leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and pastorally caring for all of God’s children, disciples of Christ in Canada.*” As in the past, any monies contributed to the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada over and above our CCCB assessment, will be sent to ‘Catholic Mission in Canada’ to assist our sisters and brothers in the northern dioceses of Canada. This collection will take place next weekend, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Ministries**

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Ewa Langer

**Reader:**

Lisa Westhaver

**Greeters:**

Nellie Dunlap & Hilda Cadorath

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**Eucharistic Minister:**

Rosalinda Pukalla

**Reader:**

Giselle Kitchen & Sandy Carter

**Greeters:**

Luis Grijalva & Family

**Church Cleaning this week:**

B. Coultry, G. Kitchen, C. Sonntag  
& R. Anselmo

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## **Finance**

**Collections:**

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September .....\$923.33

**Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2017:**

Given to date .....\$10,100.00

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

*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 CanadaHelps.Org*