



**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
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**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 06, 2015**



## LOCAL & RECENT NEWS ARTICLES

### YEAR OF MERCY EVENTS

Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate a Year of Mercy beginning this Advent. It is a chance to show mercy to others and to ourselves. The efforts we make in this year will be listed here. Other efforts around the Diocese will also be listed.

To begin we will be hosting a Community Christmas Dinner to be held in the Hall on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Fernie Community Choir will sing in support of this dinner, proceeds from the evening of song on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm will go in part to pay for the meal. The suggested donation for the choir is \$5.00 at the door. For more information on the Christmas dinner contact Celia Roccamatysi at 250-423-8507 and for the Christmas Choir Anne Majic at 250-423-4053.

**OPENING OF THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY** – Diocese of Nelson. Bishop John will preside at the Blessing of the Holy Door at Mass Tuesday December 8, 2015 at 10:30 am at the Cathedral in Nelson. Everyone is invited to come.

### DOMAIN NAME FOR NEW WEBSITE IS: [bcrockiescatholicchurches.ca](http://bcrockiescatholicchurches.ca)

The winner of the domain name for our new website was Mike Delich.

**THREE CHURCHES OF THE ELK VALLEY - SCHEDULED MASSES**  
**(HFP – Holy Family Parish Fernie) (RMV – Rocky Mountain Village Fernie)**  
**(STM – St Michael's Sparwood) (LTS – Lilac Terrace Sparwood)**  
**(STB – St Bernard's Elkford)**

Sat, Dec 05	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	HFP STM	RIP – Mildred O'Rourke Pro Populo
Sun, Dec 06	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	HFP STM STB	Pro Populo Pro Populo
Mon, Dec 07	9:00 AM	STM	RIP – Clara Marchi
Tues, Dec 08	9:00 AM	HFP	RIP – Isabel Mangone
Wed, Dec 09	11:00 AM	RMV	INT – Bishop John Corriveau
Thurs, Dec 10	12:00 PM	STB	RIP – Molly Doratty
Fri, Dec 11	11:00 AM	LTS	RIP – Shirley Bevilaqua
Sat, Dec 12	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	HFP STM	RIP – Hannah Kelly Pro Populo

### PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Pilgrimage of Faith: \$5,068.00  
 Diocesan Goal: \$14,600

### COLLECTIONS:

Nov 28 & Nov 29, 2015 - \$1762.70  
 Candle - \$2.35  
 Parish Assistance - \$10.00  
 Christmas Flowers - \$20.00

### ONE MAN'S SCRAP, ANOTHER MAN'S GOLD

In this section of our bulletin we are going to ask for parishioner's unused equipment for our parish. We are going to put them to good use.

- As advent begins and our hall use increases, we are needing to upgrade some of our equipment. Our kitchen microwave served us well but is now broken and needs to be replaced. If there happens to be any of our homes that have unused microwave with turntable we would appreciate it if you could donate it.

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SUPPER

There will be a catered community supper at Fernie Family Centre on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The menu is a turkey dinner with assorted salads and desserts. There has been fundraising and there is no charge for the 100 tickets that have been printed. This supper is to support the Holy Father's Year of Mercy Theme. Tickets have been given to our congregation, the Ministerial, the Seniors' Group and the Women's Centre. People who are experiencing more stress have been given preference. However, anyone may attend who wishes to pay the \$24.15 for an adult ticket or the \$10.45 for a child's ticket. For more info phone Celia at 250-423-8507.

HFP – Holy Family Fernie                      STM – St Michael's Sparwood  
 STB – St. Bernard's Elkford

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Thurs – Dec 24 – HFP – 5 pm                      Thurs – Dec 24 – STM – 8 pm  
 Thurs – Dec 24 – STB – 10 pm                      Thurs – Dec 24 – HFP – 12 Midnight  
 Fri – Dec 25 – HFP – 9 am                              Fri – Dec 25 – STM – 11 am  
 Sat – Dec 26 – HFP – 5 pm                              Sat – Dec 26 – STM – 7 pm

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

December 08 – 7 pm – Fernie  
 December 08 – 7 pm – Sparwood  
 December 09 – 7 pm – Elkford  
 December 09 – 7 pm – Invermere  
 December 10 – 7 pm – Golden  
 December 15 – 7 pm – Creston  
 December 16 – 7 pm – Kimberley  
 December 17 – 7 pm – Cranbrook

### **St. Bernard's, Elkford –**

Our Light up for Christ is a bit different this year. On December 6 we will gather at 3 pm in front of the outside Nativity Scene, we will sing some carols and join Fr. Marcel for mass at 4 pm. We have our regular potluck supper at 5 pm.

## **NATIONAL & DIOCESAN NEWS ARTICLES**

### **Tobacco Plains Mission**

Since the year 1900 when Our Lady of Seven Dolours was built by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the mission has been in the care of various parishes in the southeast part of the diocese. We will include further detail of the history in this column. At present the Catholics in Grasmere and in the Tobacco Plains Bands are being served out of Fernie and through a special diocesan appointment by Sister Shelley Grant CND; of the Congregation of Notre Dame CMD. Sister Shelley lives at 361 Wade Avenue W, Penticton BC. V2A 1V2, her home number is 250- 492-4411, cell number is 250-328-9958 and email [Shelleygrant1234@gmail.com](mailto:Shelleygrant1234@gmail.com)

At present the band is circulating a memo when they would like to have mass on the reserve, whether it is on a Sunday or a weekday or perhaps both. Please continue to pray for the needs of the mission in Tobacco Plains.

Since being appointed here Fr marcel has been requested to serve this mission as best as possible, and to forge a unity amongst all the believers in this area of the BC Rockies Catholic Churches.

### **Rachel's Corner**

As long as you live, no one will be able to resist you; I shall be with you as I was with Moses; I shall not fail you or desert you. –Joshua 1:5

Let God reveal Himself to you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and show you how He has never abandoned you and never will.

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### **RECOMMENDED WEBSITES**

Diocesan Website - [www.nelsondiocese.org](http://www.nelsondiocese.org)

CWL – [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca)

Knights of Columbus – [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Development & Peace - [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)

Rachel Vineyard - [rvnelsondiocese@shaw.ca](mailto:rvnelsondiocese@shaw.ca)

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops - [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH**

#### **NATIVITY PLAY –**

The Catechism children will be putting on a Nativity play at the Fernie Family Centre on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES-**

Tues. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 11:45 pm at the Park Place Lodge CWL Members will be gathering for lunch. All Christian women in our community are invited to attend.

Friday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> CWL Members and their partners are invited to St. Michael's CWL Sparwood for the Christmas Potluck Supper. 5:30 pm cocktails and 6 pm supper. Gift exchange of \$10.00 - \$15.00.

### **HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

#### **DEC 12 & Dec 13, 2015 SCHEDULES**

#### **LECTORS**

DEC 12

Colin Lynch

Dec 13

A. Minto

Billie-Anne Kowalski

#### **GREETERS**

Dec 12

Nellie Dunlap

Hilda Cadorath

Dec 13

Luis Grijalva Family

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Dec 12

Kathy Smith

Dec 13

Sharon Switzer

#### **CHURCH CLEANERS**

Dec 14 to Dec 19

Grace Hughes

Regina Vinge

#### **THE CHURCH CHOIR**

Practices are held on Thursdays at 7 pm in the church. For anyone interested in joining contact Rosanna at [rosanna1@shaw.ca](mailto:rosanna1@shaw.ca) or text 250-423-7290.

