



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
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December 13, 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 14th. The Fernie Community Choir will sing in support of this dinner, proceeds from the evening of song on December 18th 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 Roccamatasi at 250-423-8507 and for the Christmas Choir Anne Majic at 250-423-4053.

TAX INFORMATION: Please note that all donations for 2015 receipts must be received by the Parish prior to Dec 31st. We cannot receipt monies received in 2016 as 2015 donations, even if your cheque is dated December. The Diocese has reminded us that the collection at the 5 pm mass on Dec 31st is considered to be for New Year's Day and is therefore not receipted until 2016.

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 12	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	HFP STM	RIP – Hannah Kelly Pro Populo
Sun, Dec 13	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	HFP STM STB	Pro Populo Pro Populo
Mon, Dec 14	9:00 AM	STM	RIP – Joanne Gris Fraser
Tues, Dec 15	9:00 AM	HFP	RIP – Vi Minifie
Wed, Dec 16	11:00 AM	RMV	RIP – Claire Wilson
Thurs, Dec 17	12:00 PM	STB	RIP – Clara Marchi
Fri, Dec 18	11:00 AM	LTS	RIP – Albina Schissel
Sat, Dec 19	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	HFP STM	RIP – Claire Wilson Pro Populo

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH

Pilgrimage of Faith: \$5,852.22
 Diocesan Goal: \$14,600

COLLECTIONS:

Dec 05 & Dec 06, 2015 - \$1352.17
 Candle - \$1.30
 Christmas Offering - \$100.00

**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 14th 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 15 – 7 pm – Creston
 December 16 – 7 pm – Kimberley
 December 17 – 7 pm – Cranbrook

2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES –

The 2016 offertory envelopes are in the front entrance.

PLEASE DO NOT USE UNTIL JANUARY 2016.

Please put your name and mailing address on the first envelope you use so we can update the parish list.

There are a few extra boxes for parishioners who were not assigned a number.

Please do not use the extra envelopes for random offering, use the blank ones provided and put your name and address on it for income tax purposes.

Thank you.

NATIONAL & DIOCESAN NEWS ARTICLES

Tobacco Plains Mission

Since the year 1900 when Our Lady of Seven Dolors 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

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 VINEYARD –

Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for any man, woman, or family member who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. Register now for our October retreat in Kelowna. For more information call Sue, 250-762-2273 or email rvnelsondiocese@shaw.ca. The retreat and registration are strictly confidential. Visit www.rachelvineyard.org

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

Diocesan Website - www.nelsondiocese.org

CWL – www.cwl.ca

Knights of Columbus – www.kofc.org

Development & Peace - www.devp.org

Rachel Vineyard - rvnelsondiocese@shaw.ca

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops - 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 16th, 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm. Everyone is welcome.

FERNIE COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT -

- Friday, December 18th at 7 pm
- Holy Family Catholic Church
- Tickets at the door
- Adults \$5.00 (suggested)
- Children & Seniors Free

DOMAIN NAME FOR NEW WEBSITE IS:

bcrockiescatholicchurches.ca

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

DEC 19 & Dec 20, 2015 SCHEDULES

LECTORS

DEC 19

Donald Di Georgio

Dec 20

V. Sonntag

C. Sonntag

GREETERS

Dec 19

Patsy Caravetta

Frank Rambold

Dec 20

Sharon Switzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec 19

Colin Lynch

Dec 20

Geraldine Rocca

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 or text 250-423-7290.

