

Welcome to
† Holy Cross Church †

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Our Lenten Reconciliation service:

Tuesday March 12

7:00pm

All encouraged and Welcome!



Lenten Reconciliation service:
Creston - Tues. March 12

Sparwood & Fernie - Wed March 13

Kimberly - Thurs. March 14

Golden - Tues. March 19

Invermere - Thurs. March 21



Mass Times

Holy Cross Church

Sunday - 9:30am

Monday - 9:00am

Tuesday - 9:00am

Wednesday - 9:00am

Thursday - 9:00am

Friday - Stations 6:30pm

Mass - 7:00pm

Saturday - 5:00pm

Exposition of Blessed

Sacrament - 1st Sat & Sun of month 30 mins before Mass AND 9am to 12pm Fridays during Lent

Riondel Mission (MHR)

No Mass Until End March

Food Bank Donations

As a Lenten project, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for the food bank.

Please place items on the Altar and we will be dropping them at the food bank. Thank you!

Readers:

Saturday: Sharon Deyotte

Sunday: CWL



Holy Hour - Adoration

Adoration FRIDAYS during LENT

09:00am - 12:00pm

(Divine Mercy Chaplet at noon.)

Also Adoration continues 1st Sat & Sun of month 30 mins before Mass



Sacraments

Reconciliation

- Weekdays after 9:00am Mass
- Before Mass on Saturday and Sunday
- By appointment.



Baptism or Marriage - Please make an appointment with Parish Priest.

Sacrament of the Sick - Call the office or Parish Priest.

Welcome Home

We are happy that your life's journey has brought you here today.



Welcome

To Our visitors, enjoy your visit with our parish family.

To our new parishioners,
Welcome Home!

March 10th 2024, 4th Sunday in Lent

“God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.”

Chrism Mass

Monday, March 25th, 2024, is the celebration of the **Annual Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson at **7:00pm**. Everyone is invited to celebrate with the Bishop & our brothers & sisters from all over the diocese. If you celebrated or will celebrate a special wedding anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45 & 50 +) this year, you are invited to the dinner at 5:00pm. **RSVP to the office by March 12** if attending.



CWL

Greetings Ladies! You are cordially invited to a potluck to be held next Saturday, March 16th, starting at 11.30am. Nothing fancy, just food to visit with. Please consider volunteering to help with the set-up and tidying up afterwards – many hands make light work! If you need a ride, please drop me an email so we can get that arranged for you. Patricia and Lorraine are very excited to take this opportunity to give details about our planned mini-retreat to be held in May. Further details will be given as we get closer to the time. All are welcome!

May God's Healing Love Enfold Those Who Are Sick:



Please Pray For the Sick in Our Parish :

Mary Ann Staples, Chris Watson, Max Shramm, Dorothy, Marty Sontag, Antonia Kananowicz, Julia Jones, Anne Long, Cathy Salviulo, Marianne Knopfler, Kahlia, Sylvia Manning, Pauline Brezden, Ed Kulicki, Dianne, Kelly McGovern, David Robinson, Cameron, Lorne Lalliberte, Demetre, Brian Lansing

Memorial flowers

Envelopes for memorial flowers are in the foyer. Put your donation in the envelope and write the names of your lost loved ones on the envelope so we can pray for them at Easter.

2023 Tax Receipts are available for pick up in the foyer, please pick yours up

Our Prayers and Condolences

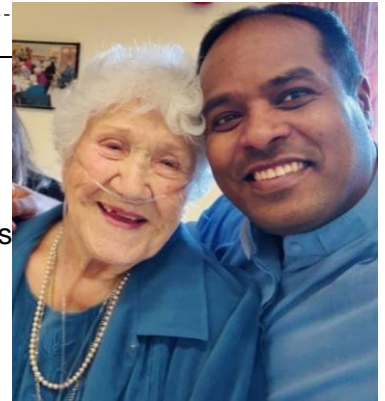
Our Dear **Katherine Lemieux**, passed away on Tuesday March 5th.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

We Offer all our love, prayers, and condolences to All her family & friends May her soul rest in peace.
The funeral is tentatively set for first week in May.

God gives rest to His loved ones. Psalm 127:2B



Love... continued

Since Ash Wednesday was on Valentine's Day and during Lent, we should all be spreading as much **LOVE** into our world as possible! We thought we'd share this: (*We'll share a few each week*)

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4- to 8-year-olds, **'What does love mean?'**

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.' Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.' Lauren - age 4



My Dear Parishioners and Friends, Greetings to you all in the name of the Lord!

“March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb!” We are already in the second week of March, the days are getting a bit longer and liturgically we are celebrating the fourth week of Lent. Probably, it is time to pause for a while and look back at our Lenten journey so far!... (continued over page)



...We began the Lenten season on Wednesday - Ash Wednesday, February 14 with the emphasis on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Every week we had a different theme for our reflection (the first week - Overcoming Temptations, the second week - Participation in the

Glory - Transfiguration and the third week - Cleansing of the Temple). There have been a good number of parishioners who show interest and attend the Stations on Fridays, spend time with the Lord personally and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. It not only gladdens our hearts but also strengthens each other in the journey of Lent. Every effort we make in Lent is certainly going to have an impact in our spiritual life individually and in others too.

As we are approaching the middle of Lent, I would like to share with you an interesting event that took place last Tuesday. After the Mass, I went with Lynette Collins - a Eucharistic minister to a few of our homebound parishioners. We also stopped at a care center to visit a parishioner. Her routine and busy schedule made us wait for a while and then we got in to pray with her. Once the Communion distribution was done, she asked us whether we were in a hurry to leave immediately. And I responded, certainly not! We sat for a few minutes and started to listen to her. There she came up with a fascinating story that happened in her family recently. She said that she was praying for a special intention: unity and peace in her family. For two months she prayed for that intention holding the Cross in her hands. She never gave up hope but persistently prayed for it. Guess what? After two months, her niece started to realize the importance of her family and took steps to be united. Most importantly, she brought her children to visit their granny in the care center and the whole family is now happy. We honestly witnessed her joyful sharing and her faith in the power of the Cross. Her personal sharing about the power of the Cross, precisely reminded me of the second reading from the third Sunday of Lent.

“The message about the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” 1 Cor 1:18. Lent is the special time given by the Church to gaze our eyes specifically upon the Holy Cross on which our Lord was hanging between heaven and earth. The Cross though to some is foolishness and to others a sign of a shameful punishment but to us it is the sign of salvation or redemption. St. Paul powerfully proclaims the significance of the Cross in our life that “The Cross is the power of God and the wisdom of God 1 Cor 1:24.”

My friends, there are just two more weeks from now until Palm Sunday – the beginning of the Holy Week which will culminate obviously in Easter. I absolutely understand your busy schedule: I can see some are busy with their job, which is the basic need for a family, some are busy traveling and most of you have age and health issues. In spite of everything we are called to sacrifice within our own capacities and make some kind of mortification in Lent in order to walk with our Lord - the poor, the homeless, the sick and the suffering.



Let us try to personally evaluate our Lenten journey! Am I faithful to Lenten observances: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving? Am I going to Sunday Mass regularly? Do I take an extra interest to spend some time with the Lord in Adoration and walk with our Lord passionately in the Stations of the Cross – the traditional practice of the Church? When was the last time I honestly showed up for confession? Or do I have some spontaneous lame excuses to deliberately avoid it? Sometimes I get an impression from some of our parishioners though it is unpleasant that Adoration, the Stations of the Cross and other spiritual practices are not important to them.

Let us not forget one thing my dear friends, if we do not practice, we are not certainly going to catechize or pass the faith onto our younger generation whose faith generally has already been secularized. Let us make use of the given time and the opportunities to strengthen our friendship with the Lord.

Thank you for all your support in strengthening each other’s faith especially the different groups and the volunteers leading the weekly liturgy and the Stations.

May the Lord bless you all!

Your servant in Christ and our Blessed Mother, Fr. Lawrence.



Parish News



Most Holy Redeemer Riondel



**Contacts: Christa Nagel: (250) 227-9355
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Stewardship - Sunday Collection

March 9th & 10th, 2024 **\$2,272.65**

Thank you for your Gifts.

NEW Office Hours:

Monday – CLOSED

Tuesday – after 9:00am Mass to 12:30pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday - after 9:00am Mass to 12:30pm

Friday - after 9:00am Mass to 12:30pm

Lenten pilgrimage to Radium on Thursday, March 21 at deanery level. Sign up TODAY

March 21st 1:00pm. Join us as we follow.

Jesus along The Way of the Cross outdoors (weather permitting) in Radium.



We need to be there by **11** our time: the **Stations are at 12pm Creston time and followed by Mass.** We will try to make it short as pilgrims drive back. **Sign up in foyer.**

Note: Pilgrims need to take care of their lunch. Tea/coffee, juice will be available after the Eucharist. If possible, you can bring some desserts to be shared.

This age-old tradition is a solemn way to remember the Passion of Jesus.

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Adoration EVERY FRIDAY 9am-12pm.**
- **Soup Kitchen EVERY MONDAY** Delivery & pick up (11:00-12:00)
- **Reconciliation Service** March 12th
- **Knight's Pancake Breakfast** March 17th
- **Development & Peace** March 17th
- **Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage** March 21st 1pm Invermere (12pm our time)
- **Palm Sunday** March 24th
- **Mass of Holy Chrism (Nelson)** March 25th
- **Easter Sunday** March 31st
- **Divine Mercy Sunday** April 7th

Discover MORE about your Catholic Faith

Did you know?

There are Online workshops *freely* available to anyone residing in Nelson Diocese! At:

www.franciscanathome.com

The side door will be left open Monday to Thursday

until 3:00pm during Lent. All welcome. Father concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm, before locking the door.

Coffee Sunday Schedule

Mar 10	Sacristy & Parish Pot Luck
Mar 17	Knights Pancake Breakfast
Mar 24	Palm Sunday- No Coffee

NOTE: Mass is at 8:00am on Wednesday this week!

Mass Schedule March 9th

Sat	March 9 5:00pm	Repose Pamela (Bryan & Jill)	Wed	Mar 13 8:00am	CWL
Sun	Mar 10 9:30am	Sp. Int. All Parishioners	Thurs	Mar 14 9:00am	No Mass
Mon	Mar 11 9:00am	Sp. Int. André Paul Montero (Zorne)	Fri	Mar 15 7:00pm	Knights of Columbus
Tues	Mar 12 9:00pm	35th anniversary Fr. Francis de la Cruz (Leanne&Ron)	Sat	Mar 16 5:00pm	Julia Jones (Jemma)