

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2023

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Mass Services for the Elk Valley

Holy Family Parish
Saturdays - 5:00 PM

**Rocky Mountain
Village, Fernie**
Wednesdays 11:00 AM

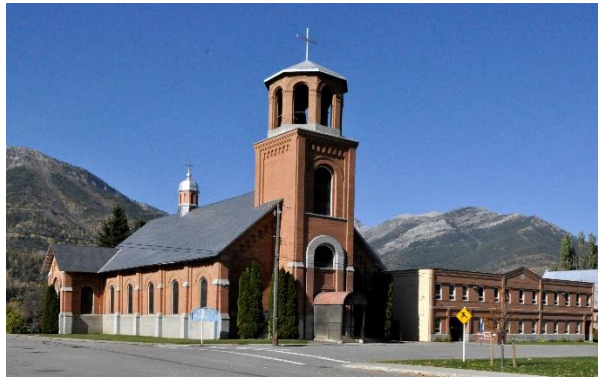
St. Michael's Parish
Sparwood
Sundays - 11:00 AM
Monday - Mass in
Fernie at 11:00 AM
Tuesdays - 7:00 PM
Thursday - 9:30 AM

The Holy Rosary is prayed
30 minutes before
Holy Mass

Lilac Terrace
Sparwood
Fridays – 11:00 AM

St. Bernard's Mission
Elkford
Sundays - 4:00 PM

Confessions:
30 minutes before
Mass or by
appointment



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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Website:

<https://www.holyfamilyfernie.ca>

Pastor: Father Thomas Kakkaniyil

Secretary: Lucrecia Lynch

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Welcome

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:9 11-13

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-33

Psalm 85

'Show us your steadfast love, O
Lord, and grant us your
salvation.'



“You of little faith, why
did you doubt?”

Matthew 14:31

Pastor's Message

August 13, 2023

God is in a Whispering Sound: 1 Kings 19: 9-13

I love the mountains. They fascinate me. I look at them, and I just want to say, "Good job, God." There are times that I feel that the power and strength of a mountain represents God watching over His world. Elijah went to a mountain to look for God. The particular mountain he went to was the mountain of the Lord, Horeb. This mountain was also called Mt. Sinai.

Remember how Sinai was presented in the Book of Exodus: Exodus 24:17 Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel." It was on Mt. Sinai, Mt. Horeb that Moses received the Ten Commandments, written, with the finger of God. Elijah had been told by a voice to go "and present yourself on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord will be passing by." He waiting on the Mount Horeb to experience and see God. At every extra ordinary event, he eagerly looked for the presence of God, but could not find Him. There was a huge torrential wind, but God was not there; Nor could he Find God in an earth quake; nor could he find God in wild fire that followed the earthquake. Then there was a tiny whispering sound. He was able to experience God and His presence in that tiny whispering voice! That tiny whispering was more powerful than wind, earthquake or fire. That voice was the voice of faith.

Sometimes we look for the Lord with preconceived notions of how He should appear. We expect to find God in a powerful manifestation or in a mighty display of natural events. But we miss His presence in the tiny whispering voice of faith. We seek the Lord in powerful miracles, and we miss hearing His voice in our children, our family or our church community. We have to be simply open to His presence wherever He is, in others and even in ourselves. We have to let God be God: mysterious, loving, present in more ways than we could ever understand.

Information: Unless there is a medical reason, I will work all the days of the week and will keep the last week of every month as my free days. In any emergency, you can expect a change. I will be offering Holy Mass daily. Every Mass is offered for any one's mass intentions. I prefer to have mass intentions of the members of the parishes, for their birthdays, or their marriage or death anniversaries, or for good health or important events of your life. If I do not have any request from any parishioner, I will offer Holy Mass for the "Missionary Society of the Apostle" of which I am a member. If you have a specific place or day to offer them, please pay the cash or cheque to the secretary of your parish office. As they schedule them, I will be offering them.

Anyone is welcome to recite "Rosary" 30 minutes before Mass. I invite anyone in need of confession 30 minutes to 15 minutes before Holy Mass or by appointments.

Weekday Mass time:

Monday Mass is in Fernie this week at 11:00 AM funeral Mass for Margaret Salus

Tuesday Mass at Sparwood at 7 pm (for working members)

Wednesday Mass at Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie at 11 am

Thursday Mass at Sparwood at 9.30 am

Friday Mass at Lilac Terrace at 11 am

Weekend Mass time:

Saturday at Holy Family Church, Fernie at 5 pm

Sunday at St. Michael's Church, Sparwood at 11 am

Sunday at St. Bernard's Church, Elkford at 4 pm

For super emergencies call me by my cell phone: 250 498 7843.

For any other information, call me by the office phone: Sparwood: 250 425 6444

Fernie, Holy Family Parish Phone: 250 423 6127

Fr. Thomas

Weekly Mass Intentions

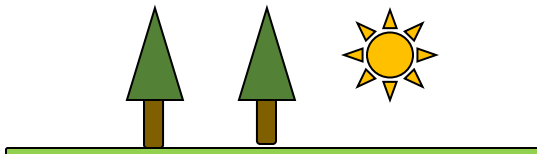
August 12 – 19, 2023

Saturday	August 12	Mass at 5:00 PM in Fernie	Intention for M.S.T
Sunday	August 13	Mass at 11:00 AM in Sparwood	Intention for M.S.T
Monday	August 14	Mass at Fernie 11:00 AM in Fernie	Celebration of Life Mass for: Margaret Salus
Tuesday	August 15	Mass at 7:00 PM in Sparwood	Intention for Health and Wellness: Arin Martins (Paula & Joe Martins)
Wednesday	August 16	Mass at 11:00 AM in Fernie, at Rocky Mountain Village	Intention for M.S.T
Thursday	August 17	Mass at 9:30 AM in Sparwood	Intention for M.S.T
Friday	August 18	Mass at 11:00 AM in Sparwood, at Lilac Terrace	Intention for M.S.T
Saturday	August 19	Mass at 5:00 PM in Fernie	Intention for M.S.T

News and Announcements



Holy Family Parish would like to inform you of the ongoing fundraising recycling program. Everyone is welcome to participate and support the Fernie Family Garden. You can drop off pop/juice/beer and water bottles and cans anytime. Where: by the shed between the Church and the Family Centre. Thank you kindly for your donations.



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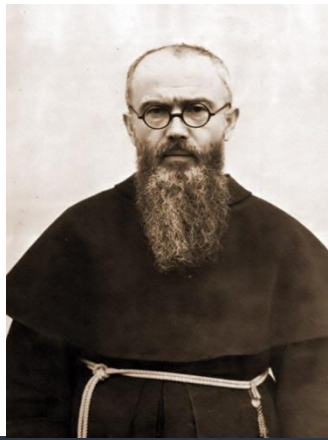


After joining online, please check your inbox for confirmation.

Saint of the Week

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Feast Day: August 14



St Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish Franciscan friar, martyr, and saint who gave his life for a fellow prisoner in Auschwitz during World War II.

At age 12, Kolbe was given a vision of Our Lady. He wrote this: That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I was to persevere in purity and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both. Shortly thereafter in 1907, Kolbe entered the minor seminary with the Conventual Franciscans. While studying, Kolbe and several friends formed the Militia Immaculata, encouraging people to consecrate themselves totally to Mary. When the Pope was being attacked by the Freemasons through statues and pamphlets Kolbe responded and directed the Militia Immaculata to ask Our Lady especially for the conversion of enemies of the Catholic Church specifically Freemasons. Kolbe even amended the Miraculous Prayer to include this intention: O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. He returned to Poland and on May 28, 1941, was sent to Auschwitz. Through beatings and persecution, Kolbe persisted in acting as a priest. In July a prisoner escaped from Auschwitz, and the Nazis responded by choosing 10 men to starve to death in a bunker as punishment. Franciszek Gajowniczek was one of the men chosen. He begged to be spared for the sake of his wife and children. Maximilian heroically volunteered to take his place. The Nazis starved them, gave them no food and water for weeks and all had perished but Kolbe. Frustrated they injected Kolbe with carbolic acid. He died on August 14, 1941.

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of July 29, 2023

God loves a cheerful giver and a generous heart...thank you.

Actual: \$768.69
Budget: \$1,000.00
Variance: (-\$231.31)

Total Contributions YTD
\$35,685.79

Pilgrimage of Faith

As of July 31, 2023

Goal: \$21,650.00

Received: \$5,670.00

Needed to reach goal: (\$15,980.00)

Volunteer Schedule

August 12, 2023

Liturgical Reader
Anne Magic

Sacristan
Bob Sumka

August 19, 2023

Liturgical Reader
Angelika Pace

Sacristan
Volunteer

Church Cleaners

August 7 – 20

Gary and Kathy Smith