

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 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

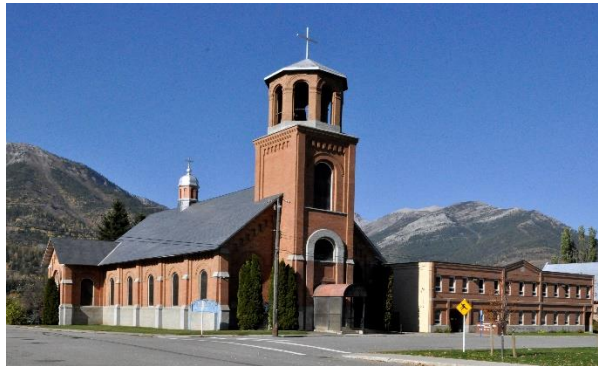
St. Michael's Parish
Sparwood
Sundays - 11:00 AM
Mondays – 9:30 AM
Tuesdays – 7:00 PM
Thursdays – 9:30 AM

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

Lilac Terrace
Sparwood
Friday – 11:00 AM

The Holy Rosary is
prayed 30 minutes before
Holy Mass

Confessions:
30 minutes before
Mass or by
appointment



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Welcome

Pastor: Father Thomas Kakkaniyil

Secretary: Lucrecia Lynch

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Contributions for the week of August 19, 2023

Actual: \$998.00

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$2.00)

Total Contributions YTD

\$39,358.47

Pilgrimage of Faith

As of July 31, 2023

Goal: \$21,650.00

Received: \$5,670.00

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

Pastor's Message

The discipleship is costly. To follow Jesus means to imitate His example in living and, if need be, suffering and dying because of faith in Jesus. Jesus, however, is not asking us to lead a miserable life of sacrifice and suffering to be good Christians but rather inviting us to a life of total love and freedom, to the extent of even forfeiting our precious life for the sake of love. It simply means to maintain a higher vision of life beyond meagre existence stirred by the law of pleasure and pain. Only unconditional faith in Christ can motivate one to live like Jesus 'setting his mind on things of God and not on things of man'(v.23).

What we consider as gain or loss affects the decisions and actions we make. And how we understand our life and seek to give it value influences what we consider as "saving" or "losing" our life. To follow Jesus faithfully, we must have the "mind of Christ" or be able to see life as he sees it. When we have the mind of Christ, the whole direction of our life changes; our whole concept of happiness changes. Then we can only see our lives in terms of loving and serving others and not in the pursuit of purely self-centred ambition.

The disciples are not just witnesses of Jesus' suffering but participants in it. They not only ought to tell about it, but 'bear the marks of the Lord Jesus' in their bodies (Gal. 6:17), which means to live through Jesus' suffering in their own daily life and work. In his book, *Cruciform: Living the Cross-shaped Life*, Jimmy Davis argues that 'the disciples of Jesus are called to embrace a cruciform life, in which the cross doesn't simply tell us that Christ has died, but teaches us how to live a cross-shaped life.

"To deny self and take up my cross daily" (Mt 16:24) means to walk the same 'way of the cross' that Jesus walked, namely, to lead a life shaped by the cross - living a vertical life of loving God and the horizontal life of loving people with one's whole self (head, heart, and hands). It is a call to see life from a 'longer' and 'larger' perspective. What will we profit, if we give our soul for the whole world? Not much. What will we profit, if we lose this our world for what is yet to come? Fr. Thomas

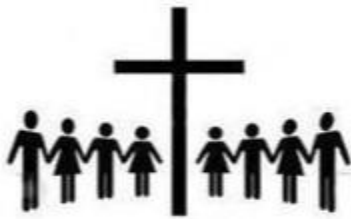
Weekly Mass Intentions

September 3 – September 9, 2023

Saturday	September 3	Mass at 5:00 PM at Holy Family	Mass intention: Repose of the Soul of Joseph Piere Dargis Requested by: Celia Roccamatisi
Sunday	September 4	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for M.S.T
Monday	September 5	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for M.S.T
Tuesday	September 6	Mass at 7:00 PM	Intention for Health and Wellness: Arin Martins Requested by: Paula & Joe Martins
Wednesday	September 7	Mass at 11:00 AM at Rocky Mountain Village	Intention for M.S. T
Thursday	September 8	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for M.S.T
Friday	September 9	Mass at 11:00 AM at Lilac Terrace	Intention for M.S. T
Saturday	September 10	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for M.S. T

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting

An important Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **September 6, 2023, at 4:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. This is to discuss parish finances. We ask all parishioners that are interested to come. This is an open meeting all parishioners are welcome to join.



Parish Fall Tea

When: Saturday, Sept 9th, 2023

Time: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Tickets: \$10.00

Children 10 and under are free.

Please bring your donations between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Friday night. Baked items to the bake sale are appreciated.

Chatauqua, the fall fair sponsored by the Museum, will also be this weekend.

It has been suggested to use or make a hat to wear when participating in the events.



Volunteer Schedule

September 2, 2023

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

September 9, 2023

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Church Cleaners

September 4 – 17

Grace Hughes and Regina Vinge



Holy Family Parish welcomes back the children's programs in the Fernie Family Centre.

✚ Kindergym

✚ Parent-Tot Fun times

✚ Little Me