

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Mass Services for the Elk Valley

Holy Family Parish
Saturdays - 5:00 PM

Rocky Mountain Village
Ferne
Wednesdays – 11:00 AM

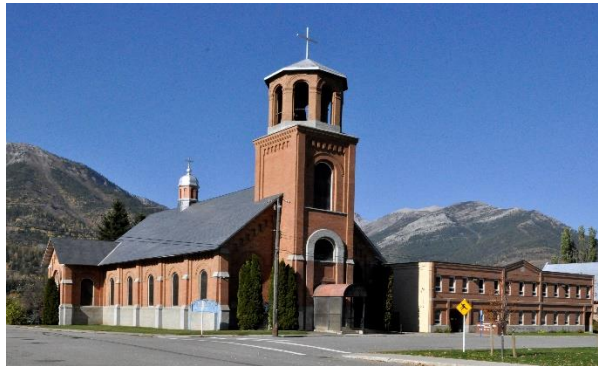
St. Michael's Parish
Sparwood
Sundays - 11:00 AM
Mondays – 9:30 AM
Tuesdays – 7:00 PM
Thursdays – 9:30 AM

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

Upcoming Events

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.



Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

As I had gone through your present financial situation, I was surprised to see that two parishes and one mission parish are not doing good to maintain themselves in recent years. Since we need to handle these, I thought to inform and **guide you all during Holy Mass last weekend**. I know that we cannot do any miracle all on a sudden. But we can work together hard enough **to get out of these sad situations**.

First of all, let us concentrate our attention on the **Pilgrimage of Faith appeal** goal. Many of the bigger and some of the smaller parishes fulfil their target of Diocesan goal and have another parish goal above the diocesan goal to achieve some of their urgent needs. Hence they achieve both these goals and get back a big sum, saving diocesan tax (Cathedraticum). That is a double benefit for all those parishes.

Remember, every dollar we collect above the diocesan target is returned to the parish tax-free. Every normal income we have in the parish needs to pay 17.5% Cathedraticum.

My request at this juncture for you: try your best to contribute to the pilgrimage of Faith goal in the present month September 2023. If you do not have additional money, specify your Sunday donation as Pilgrimage of Faith and we will be able to save some of our parish income.

Once we have completed one task, we will think of ways and means to keep our parishes in green for us as well as for our children and grandchildren. God will help us if we ask, pray and work together to achieve any goal.

A special note for the Holy Family Parish members of Fernie:

The day you stop week day mass in any parish is the first death bell for that parish. If you realize that try to have **at least two holy Masses on Weekdays**. To begin with the week day Mass, please come and **attend regular weekday Mass at "Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie at 11 am on all Wednesdays**, please. Whenever the number increases the number five, **we will have another weekday Mass on Thursdays too**. Thus you will be blessed with two week day Masses and Weekend Mass.

Let me thank all who attended the **first parish council Meeting** on September 6, 2023. Many things were discussed about bringing up the parish to the past glorious days. Let us all cooperate with each other and **work hard to bring back our parish to the past glorious days for our children and grandchildren**.

God's blessings

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil, Pastor of the Elk Valley parishes

Weekly Mass Intentions

September 9 – September 16, 2023

Saturday	September 9	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for M.S.T
Sunday	September 10	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for M.S.T
Monday	September 11	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for M.S.T
Tuesday	September 12	Mass at 7:00 PM	Intention for Health and Wellness: Arin Martins Requested by: Paula & Joe Martins
Wednesday	September 13	Mass at 11:00 AM at Rocky Mountain Village	Intention for M.S.T
Thursday	September 14	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for M.S.T
Friday	September 15	Mass at 11:00 AM at Lilac Terrace	Intention for M.S.T
Saturday	September 16	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for M.S.T

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of August 26, 2023

Actual: \$879.26
Budget: \$1,000.00
Variance: (-\$120.74)

Total Contributions YTD
\$40,155.65

Pilgrimage of Faith
As of August 31, 2023

Goal: \$21,650.00

Received: \$7,375.00

Needed to reach goal: (\$14,275.00)

All of your donations are greatly appreciated. There are other methods to use for donation including e-Transfer and SAG (Stewardship (Pre) Authorized Giving. Enquire at the office for more information. Thank you for your kindness.

Volunteer Schedule

September 9, 2023

Liturgical Reader
Angelika Pace

Sacristan
Bob Sumka

September 16, 2023

Liturgical Reader
Theresa Cole-Smith

Sacristan
Lucrecia Lynch

Church Cleaners

September 4 – 17

Grace Hughes and Regina Vinge

Our Pilgrimage of Faith

This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish.

We do not have much time before the end of the year to make our goal. Fr. Thomas is asking if everyone would put their donations towards the Pilgrimage of Faith for the month of September. Instead of donating to the Sunday Collection put it towards the Pilgrimage of Faith for this month. In this way we can make our goal! If we do meet our goal the Diocese will withdraw the amount we are short from our bank account and that will put us in arrears. It is crucial that we meet and exceed our goal every year. As Fr. Thomas was saying at Mass last weekend, it is better for us to make our Pilgrimage of Faith goal and exceed it as much as we can. Anything we go over our goal by is tax-free and the Diocese will deposit these funds into our parish bank account. It is a big win for our parish to meet the Pilgrimage of Faith goal and exceed it as much as we can!

We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal. Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection.

Or donate via e-Transfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

or online via Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>

For more information on how to give contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at: 250-448-2725 ext. 240 or email appeals@nelsondiocese.org

Or logon to the Nelson Diocese website at <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.