

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 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

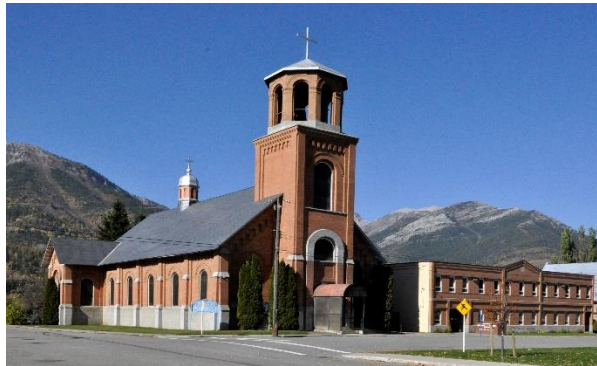
St. Michael's Parish
Sparwood
Sundays - 11:00 AM
Mondays – 9:30 AM
Tuesdays – 7:00 PM
Thursdays – 9:30 AM

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

Announcements



Holy Family Parish Fall Tea 2023

Thank you to all who made the Fall Tea a success! The people who made donations of supplies, money, excellent baking, and participated by attending were critical for this achievement. Socializing is the most important aspect of a Tea! The efficiency of the Kitchen and Serving Staff was First Class! In particular, "Thank you", to the families that had three generations integrated with the other participants making Holy Family Parish Tea a multi-generational event. CWL has added \$1,500.00 to our coffers!

Celia Roccamatysi (Tea Convenor)

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

1. I am in need of a room heater as well as one pressure cooker. If anyone has any of these to give up to me, I would appreciate your generosity. It is too cold in the office room.
2. **I am thankful to all of you** who were who responded positively to my request of special donation towards the **Pilgrimage Faith Appel**. Remember, every dollar we collect above the diocesan target is returned to the parish. Every normal income we have in the parish needs to pay 17.5% Cathedralism. We can use them for any urgent needs of the parish.
3. **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.
4. **Parish Finance Committee:** is an advisory body whose membership includes individuals of solid reputation and good character who are skilled in finance, civil law, construction/engineering or business and human resources. The pastor must ensure that each member of the committee signs the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson Confidentiality Agreement prior to joining the committee. **The maximum number is three.**
5. **Parish Pastoral Council** is established to foster pastoral activity in the parish. The minimum number should be at least 3 or 5 or 7 or any odd number.
6. Let me thank all the participants of the Parish Council for their fruitful contributions for the good of the parish community.
7. There will not be weekday Mass from September 25 Monday to 28 Thursday as I will be having my week off. There will be a Holy Mass at Lilac Terrace on Friday at 11.

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

The day you stop weekday 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 weekday Mass, please come and **attend regular weekday Mass at "Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie at 11 am on all Wednesdays.** Whenever the number of attendees increases more than five, we will have another weekday Mass on Thursdays. Thus, you will be blessed with two weekday Masses and one Weekend Mass. 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 blessing

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil , Pastor of Elk-valley parishes

Weekly Mass Intentions

September 16 – September 23, 2023

Saturday	September 16	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for M.S.T
Sunday	September 17	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for Repose of the Soul of John C and Cathy Broten Requested by: Diane Seize
Monday	September 18	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Lena and Joe Tracey Requested by: Diane Seize
Tuesday	September 19	Mass at 7:00 PM	Intention for Health and Wellness: Arin Martins Requested by: Paula & Joe Martins
Wednesday	September 20	Mass at 11:00 AM at Rocky Mountain Village	Intention for M.S.T
Thursday	September 21	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for M.S.T
Friday	September 22	Mass at 11:00 AM at Lilac Terrace	Intention for M.S.T
Saturday	September 23	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for M.S.T

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of September 2, 2023

Actual: \$797.18
Budget: \$1,000.00
Variance: (-\$202.82)

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 16, 2023

Liturgical Reader
Theresa Cole-Smith

Sacristan
Volunteer

September 23, 2023

Liturgical Reader
Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan
Dianne Slywka

Church Cleaners

September 18 – October 2

Anne Majic. Nermina DeGuzman and
Vernonica Eustace

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.