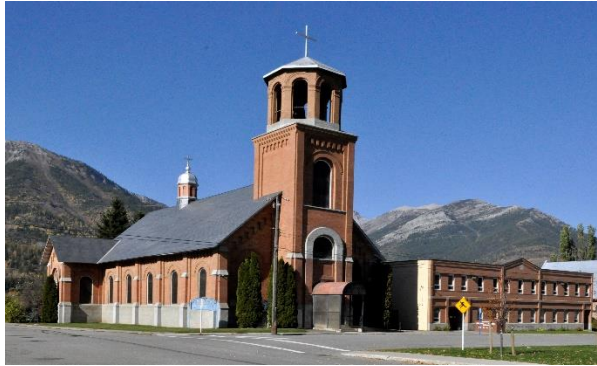


25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. September 24, 2023

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



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Mass Services for the Elk Valley

Holy Family Parish
Saturdays - 5:00 PM

St. Michael's Parish Sparwood

Sundays - 11:00 AM
Sept 25 Mass at 8:30 AM

St. Bernard's Mission Elkford

Sundays - 4:00 PM
1:00 PM starting Oct 8

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

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 thankful to Jim Britoya for his offer of a room heater for use in the Rectory.
2. We have started Catechism classes at Sparwood on Monday at 3.15 pm under the leadership of Linda Deluca, Trudy Colonello and Lillian to care for the future members of the Church.
3. **Mass time for St. Bernard's Church Elkford on Sundays from October 8 will be at 1 pm instead of 4 pm.** Let me thank each member of the parish for their unanimous opinion to have their Mass at an early time.
4. **I am thankful to all of you who are responding positively to my request of special donation towards the Pilgrimage Faith Appeal.** Remember, every dollar we collect above the diocesan goal is returned to the parish. We can use them for any urgent need of the parish. Every other normal income we have in the parish is taxed 17.5% Cathedraticum.
5. **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.
6. **The diocese has already reimbursed the parish, the Cathedraticum they have wrongly taken from the Grant money of the Holy Family Parish, on March 23, 2023.** Secondly, **the Diocese will reimburse the parish,** taxes paid on the three plots of land behind the church as they belong to the diocese.
7. **Parish Pastoral Council** is established to foster pastoral activity in the parish. The minimum number should be at least 3 to any odd number.
8. Monday September 25 Holy Mass at 8.30 am. No Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Friday at 11 am Mass at Lilac Terrace.

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 blessings

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil, Pastor of Elk-valley parishes

Weekly Mass Intentions

September 23 – September 30, 2023

Saturday	September 23	Mass at 5:00 PM	Rest of the soul of Helen Bachlet
Sunday	September 24	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for M.S.T.
Monday	September 25	Mass at 8:30 AM	Intention for repose of the soul of Paul Goulet
Tuesday	September 26	Mass at 7:00 PM Private	Intention for M.S.T.
Wednesday	September 27	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for repose of the the soul of Helen Bachlet
Thursday	September 28	Mass at 9:30 AM Private	Intention for M.S.T.
Friday	September 29	Mass at Lilac Terrace at 11:00 AM	Intention repose of the sould of Alice Murphy
Saturday	September 30	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention M.S.T.

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of September 9, 2023

Actual: \$315.00
Budget: \$1,000.00
Variance: (-\$685.00)

Total Contributions YTD
\$42,402.32

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 23, 2023

Liturgical Reader
Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan
Diane Slywka

September 30, 2023

Liturgical Reader
Anne Majic

Sacristan
Lucrecia Lynch

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.