

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. October 22, 2023

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Mass Services for the Elk Valley

Holy Family Parish
Saturdays - 5:00 PM

Rocky Mountain Village

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 - 1:00 PM

Lilac Terrace
Sparwood

Fridays – 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

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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Announcements

Holy Family Parish

 POTLUCK

for Fr. Thomas

Hosted by CWL
Saturday, November 4
After Mass in the hall
bring a dish.
Contact: Celia Roccamatisi
(250) 430-7533

Vigil Prayers for

Stephen Domin (88 years old)

Prayers: Oct 29th at 5:30 PM

At Holy Family Church

Funeral Mass: Oct 30th at 10:30 AM

Pastor's Message. October 22, 2023

Dear Friends,

Importance of Holy Mass and reception of Holy Communion in our lives.

I, Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil, am a missionary priest of the Society of St. Thomas the Apostle, who worked in the mission diocese of Ujjain, M.P., India for the last 30 years. I had been in the Diocese of Columbus, at Seato Parish, Pickerington for one year in the year 1994-95. Since 2009, I am serving different parishes of the diocese of Nelson.

As a missionary priest, I reach any place without any prejudices and begin to love the people as they are. The people with whom we serve are my family and friends. So, it is easy to work in any place, but very hard to leave the same place.

I try to have Holy Mass intentions for the members of the parishes for the important days of the members as: marriage anniversaries, birthdays either of the dead or of the alive which is the biggest gift we can offer to them. It is valuable than thousands of dollars in our bank accounts for our lives, for our security and services.

God's blessings

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1. On October 8, Sunday on my way to Kelowna, a deer hit the car and damaged the front part. It will be repaired in a month or two. Meanwhile, I am in need of a vehicle, preferably an SUV. If anyone is able to give me one for a temporary use or for rent, I will be glad to have it for the interim period.
2. There are some members of the parish who are allergic to any scents and colognes. Please be generous to help others to have a free scent air as we share inside the Church.
3. November 1, Wednesday is all saint's day. There will be Mass in Fernie church at 12. 30 pm and if needed, visit to the cemetery.
4. November 2, Thursday all Souls Day Mass at Sparwood at 9.30 am and if needed, visit to the cemetery.
5. **I am thankful to all of you who are responding positively to my request of special donation towards the Pilgrimage Faith Appel.** The Parish of Fernie has to go a long way to reach their goal and save tax free money. Congratulations to members of Sparwood and Elkford parishes who are receiving back money from the pilgrimage of Faith. Remember, every dollar we collect above the diocesan goal is returned to the parish tax free.
6. Today, World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movement, coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Societies, who are also known as Mission. It is celebrated on the second last Sunday of October of every year. The Church is a missionary, and we need to pray and contribute what we can do for the missions all over the world.

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October 21 – 28, 2023			
Saturday	October 21	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for Elk Valley Parishes
Sunday	October 22	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Ilda Morandini Requested by: Rosa & Santo Rocca
Sunday	October 22	Mass at 1:00 PM	Intention for Ephraim May
Monday	October 23	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for Marina Zielinski
Tuesday	October 24	Mass at 7:00 PM	Intention for Health and Wellness: Arin Martins Requested By: Paula & Joe Martins
Wednesday	October 25	Mass at 11:00 AM at Rocky Mountain Village	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Helen Bachlet
Thursday	October 26	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for Health and Wellness: David Small Requested by: Zielinski Family
Friday	October 27	Mass at 11:00 AM at Lilac Terrace	Intention for Father Thomas Requested by: St. Michael's Prayer Warriors

Finance Report

Volunteer Schedule

Contributions for the week of October 7, 2023

Actual: \$220.00
Budget: \$1,000.00
Variance: (-\$780.00)

Total Contributions YTD
\$45,173.99

Pilgrimage of Faith

Goal: \$21,650.00

Received: \$9,265.00

Needed to reach goal: (\$12,384.31)

All of your donations are greatly appreciated. There are other methods to use for donation including e-Transfer and SAG (Stewardship (Pre) Authorized Giving.

October 21, 2023

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

October 28, 2023

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Bob Sumka

Church Cleaners

October 16 – October 30

Angelika Pace, Sue Marcellus



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CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

**Statement by the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan,
Bishop of Calgary and CCCB President,
to the Catholic Faithful in Canada**

on the Recent Escalation of Conflict in the Holy Land

Over these last few days, the world has witnessed a rapid escalation of armed conflict in the Holy Land, with reports of a growing number of wounded or dead, including innocent civilians.

As the Holy Land is immersed in this violence and bloodshed, we remember that Jesus, the Son of God, who lived and walked there as Love Incarnate, through His teaching by word and deed, calls us as brothers and sisters to be always united by the bond of charity.

I invite the Catholic faithful in Canada to join other people of good will, here and around the world, in imploring God to move the hearts of those leaders engaged in the present conflict in order to deescalate the acts of terrorism, cease violence and war, and resume constructive efforts that are aimed at establishing lasting peace and concord. As we pray for peace, let us remember all the families and individuals suffering because of this most recent outbreak of violence.

As Christians we are compelled by the teachings and example of Jesus to pray for peace throughout the world. In a fraternal spirit of solidarity with Christian, Jewish, and Muslim brothers and sisters, let us join together in recalling God's desire for peace in the land that Jesus Christ called home.

12 October 2023