

## WELCOME TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE ELK VALLEY

Holy Family Parish

St. Michaels's Parish

St. Bernard's Mission



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Fernie, BC

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Elkford, BC

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C/O St. Michaels Parish

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Website:

<https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

## Mass Services for the Elk Valley

Pastor: Father Thomas Kakkaniyil

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Saturday - 5:00 PM

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

VILLAGE - FERNIE

Wednesday - 11:00 AM

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Mass for all souls  
in purgatory at 12:30  
PM Holy Family.

ST. BERNARD'S MISSION

Sunday - 1:00 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

Sunday - 11:00 AM

Thursday - 7:00 PM

LILAC TERRACE - SPARWOOD

Friday - 11:00 AM

The Holy

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes  
before Mass.

Confessions 30 minutes before  
Mass or by appointment

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

October 29, 2023

Dear Friends,

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

I 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 have been 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 more valuable than thousands of dollars in our bank accounts for our lives, for our security and services.

1. On October 8, Sunday on my way to Kelowna, a deer hit the car and damaged the front part. It is written off and I have to buy another SUV for my use. Meanwhile, I am in need of a vehicle, preferably an SUV. Let me thank Janie Sanderson, a Fernie Parishioner for offering her vehicle with studded tires. I hope that I will be able to purchase one soon enough.
2. **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.

God's blessings

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil, Pastor of Elk-valley parishes

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### October 28 – November 3

Saturday	October 28	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Helen Bachlet
Sunday	October 29	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Caterina & Luigi Pizzino Requested by: Rosa & Santo Rocca
Sunday	October 29	Mass at 1:00 PM	Intention for the Elk Valley Parishes
Monday	October 30	Mass (Private)	
Tuesday	October 31	Mass (Private)	Intention for Health and Wellness: Arin Martins Requested by: Paula & Joe Martins
Wednesday	November 1	Mass at 11:00 AM at Rocky Mountain Village	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Helen Bachlet
Thursday	November 2	Mass at 7:00 PM	Intention for Repose of the Soul: Roy Small Requested by: Zielinski Family
Friday	November 3	Mass at 11:00 AM at Lilac Terrace	Intention for Health and Wellness: David Small Requested by: Zielinski Family

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

(Extracts from Internet and google search) Religion Media Centre

<https://religionmediacentre.org.uk> › news › timeline-t...The synod Process in the Catholic Church under Pope Francis from October 2 to 28

**By Christopher Lamb**

**4-29 October 2023** Catholic bishops, priests, and lay women and men from all over the world gather in Rome for the Synod of Bishops to discuss “synodality” — the way in which all members of the church participate in the church and its mission. It is part of an extraordinary three-year renewal process initiated by Pope Francis, with all 1.3 billion Catholics invited to contribute, culminating in two synod meetings of bishops in Rome in October 2023 and a year later in 2024. This timeline shows key moments in that process.

“Synod” is derived from two Greek words *syn*, meaning together, and *hodos*, meaning road or way. It is used for a religious meeting or assembly coming together. The first formal recorded meetings of church leaders can be traced back to the [mid-second century](#). In modern history, synod assemblies have been held once every three or four years and last for one month.

In the past only bishops (and some clergy or religious brothers) have had the power to vote. At the synod in Rome, 54 out of the 365 voting delegates will, for the first time, be women.

During the pontificates of John Paul II and Benedict XVI, a number of those attending or witnessing synod gatherings criticised them for being overly controlled by Rome. When Pope Francis was Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires, he took a leading role in the 2001 synod, but the experience convinced him that the synod structure needed to be overhauled. “There was, in short, a pre-selection of materials,” [Francis said](#). “Clearly there was a failure to understand what a synod is.”

Over the past 10 years, Francis has overhauled and bolstered the Synod of Bishops structure, seeking to make them a place of open debate and conducting an honest discernment about the church’s mission. He has also sought to create a synodal culture at every level of the church and encourage parishes and dioceses to establish forums of listening and participation, which include all Catholics.

### Background

**1965, 15 September Pope Paul VI established the Synod of Bishops as a permanent institution to keep alive the consultative and collegial spirit experienced at the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).**

### Timeline under Pope Francis from 2013

**2015** 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Synod of Bishops by St Paul VI. Pope Francis said: “From the beginning of my ministry as Bishop of Rome, I sought to enhance the Synod, which is one of the most precious legacies of the Second Vatican Council ... it is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the church in the third millennium.” [Link >>](#)

**2016, 19 March (released 8 April)** Pope Francis releases *Amoris Laetitia*, his document following the two synods on the family.

The text resets the church’s pastoral mission to families moving away from rigid norms but seeks to reclaim a deeper moral theology through an emphasis on accompaniment and discernment. It includes an opening to allow for divorced and remarried Catholics to return to communion. He insists that the church is called “to form consciences, not to replace them”. [Link >>](#)

**2018, 2 March** Vatican’s theological advisory commission publishes *Synodality in Life and Mission of the Church*, explaining the theological roots of synodality and pushing for a reform that “shapes the church in view of synodality”. It insists that the Synod of Bishops “is a privileged structure for implementing and promoting synodality at every level of the church”. [Link >>](#)

**2019, 26 October** Special assembly on the Pan-Amazonian Region, which lasts three weeks, discussed environmental destruction in the Amazon, indigenous communities and shortage of priests. Final document calls for the ordination of married men as priests and consideration of women deacons. A new commission for the study of female deacons is announced by the Pope. [Link >>](#)

**2020, 2 February** Pope publishes his response to the Amazon synod with the document *Querida Amazonia*. He does not take forward proposals for the ordination of married men but neither does he turn down the request, leaving the final document of the Amazon synod to stand in its own right.

**2021, February** Sister Nathalie Becquart appointed to be one of two undersecretaries of the Synod of Bishops, the first woman to hold this position. [Religion Media Centre link >>](#)

**2021, 10 October** Pope Francis officially opens the synodal process *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission* during a Mass in St Peter’s Square with local dioceses following. [Link >>](#) View the RMC briefing on this [here >>](#) Read our RMC report [here >>](#)

### Gatherings of Catholics in each province start

**2022, June** Irish Catholics publish their findings from the synodal consultation. The majority favour the ordination of women, marriage for priests who want it, greater roles for divorced and remarried people or couples and single parents, and more respect for LGBTQI+ people. They also want better-prepared, shorter sermons and the removal of bloodthirsty Old Testament readings from masses and other liturgies. *Irish Times* article [here >>](#)

**2022, July** *The National Synthesis Document*, published by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, summarises results of synodical consultation. Catholics express concern at clerical sexual abuse, call for wider participation especially from women and ethnic minorities, and emphasise need for mission and outreach. [Link >>](#)

**2023, March** Pope marks 10 years in office with his moves towards synodality said to be his key achievement. RMC briefing [here >>](#)

**2023, April** Francis announces that 70 non-bishop members of the synod will have a vote; half of them will be women; and some will be young people. They will be proposed to the Pope by regional blocs, with Francis making a final decision. In addition, five religious sisters will join five priests as voting representatives for religious orders. These people will make up one-fifth of the total number of votes cast [Link >>](#)

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Family Parish

 POTLUCK

for Fr. Thomas

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

*Vigil Prayers for*

Stephen Domin (88 years old)

Prayers: Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM  
At Holy Family Church  
Funeral Mass: Oct 30<sup>th</sup> at  
10:30 AM

## FINANCE REPORT

Contributions for the week of  
October 14, 2023

Actual: \$260.00  
Budget: \$1,000.00  
Variance: (-\$740.00)

Total Contributions YTD  
\$45,593.99

Pilgrimage of Faith  
Goal: \$21,650.00

Received: \$9,265.00  
Needed to reach goal: (\$12,384.31)

e-Transfer for Holy Family

[etranfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etranfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org)

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

October 28, 2023

Liturgical Reader  
Colin Lynch

Sacristan  
Bob Sumka

November 4, 2023

Liturgical Reader  
Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan  
Diane Slywka

## Church Cleaners

October 30 – November 13

Gary Smith and Kathy Smith