

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parish of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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ST. MICHAELS'S PARISH SPARWOOD, BC

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C/O St. Michaels Parish

Parish Office: 250-865-2711

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Mass Services

Saturday - 5:00 PM
Wednesday 12:00 Noon
Except Dec 27, 2023

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wednesday 11:00 AM
Until Dec 20, 2023
Resume January 11, 2023

Mass Services

Sunday - 11:00 AM
Monday - 9:30 AM
Tuesday - 7:00 PM
Thursday - 9:30 AM

LILAC TERRACE

11:00 AM
The Holy
Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Mass.
Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

Mass Service

Sunday - 1:00 PM

Pastor: Fr. Thomas
Kakkaniyil

Fernie Office Hours
Wednesdays to Fridays

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bookkeeper

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

2nd Sunday of Advent: Preparation for the Coming of the Lord and Peace

We long for peace, real peace and true peace, just peace. We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all. We light the second candle as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace.

The Advent season is a four-week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. There are beautiful and rich traditions behind the celebration of Advent. Let's take a deeper look at the focus and themes of each week of Advent, and some of the traditions celebrated worldwide during the Advent season. May you find time to slow down this Christmas season, say "no" to the things that distract you from Jesus, and say "yes" to the gift that God wants you to experience.

The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope that we meditated on the first week of advent, preparation for the coming of the Lord with repentance and reparation as well as attaining peace; Joy and Love.

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

The training and installation of Extra Ordinary Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Altar servers, Ushers, and musicians for a period of three years is an essential credential to continue your Voluntary service at least by March 2024.

Anyone interested to render their services in these positions may please attend this training session for an hour in the month of February.

Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession

As advent is an important feast for us Christians, we need to spiritually prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord in our lives. To help you in receiving Jesus with a clean heart, we will have Reconciliation services in all the two parishes of Fernie as well as Sparwood. There will be the service of an extra priest, if you need a change.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 9 - 15

Saturday	December 9	Mass at 5:00 PM	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Filomena Pallone. Requested by: John P.
Sunday	December 10	Mass at 11:00 AM	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Stephen Brooks Requested by: Jeannette & Tony Marasco
Sunday	December 10	Mass at 1:00 PM	Intention for Elk Valley Parishes
Monday	December 11	Mass at 9:30 AM	Intention for Health and Wellness: Elide Zanin Requested by: Manda & John Hill
Tuesday	December 12	Mass at 7:00 PM	Intention for Health and Wellness: Arin Martins Requested by: Paula & Joe Martins
Wednesday	December 13	Mass at 11:00 AM at Rocky Mountain Village	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Helen Bachlet
Wednesday	December 13	Mass at 12:00 PM at Holy Family Parish	Intention for M.S.T
Thursday	December 14	Mass at 7:00 PM	Intention for Health and Wellness: Ed & Rosemary Urcsay Requested by: Manda & John Hill
Friday	December 15	Mass at 11:00 AM at Lilac Terrace	Intention for Repose of the Soul of Ellis Tunjic Requested by: Manda & John Hill

Services in the Elk Valley for Christmas and New year 2023.

FERNIE

Wednesday, December 20 at 12 noon Holy Mass

12: 30 pm Confessions for Holy Family, Fernie church and there after we will have holy Mass.

SPARWOOD

Reconciliation service Wednesday, December 20 at 7 pm. On any other day, you are welcome to have confession just 30 minutes before Holy Mass.



Services in the Elk Valley for Christmas and New Year Sunday services: December 23, Saturday at 5 pm in Fernie.

December 24, Sunday at 9 am in Sparwood.

December 24, Sunday at 11 am in Elkford.

Christmas Eve Celebrations:

December 24, Sunday, Fernie at 5 PM

December 24, Sparwood at 9 pm

Christmas Day Celebrations:

December 25, Monday, Sparwood at 9.30 am.

December 25, Monday, Elkford at 11am

December 25, Monday, Fernie at 5 pm

Sunday Celebrations: Feast of Holy Family

December 30, Saturday Holy Mass in Fernie at 5 pm

December 31, Sunday, Holy Mass in Sparwood at 9am

December 31, Sunday, Holy Mass in Elkford and 11 am

Feast of Holy Mary, Mother of God

December 31, Holy Family, Holy Mass at 5 pm

January 1, Sparwood at 9 am

January 1, Elkford at 11 am

January 1, Fernie at 5 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



All women of the Parish are invited to the CWL Christmas gathering.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

7:00 PM

Bring your carol singing voices and appetizer.

Christmas Children Choir Practice

All the children are invited to join the Christmas choir practices.

Mondays

Time: 3:30 PM



FINANCE REPORT

Contributions for the week of Nov 18, 2023

Actual: \$521.67
 Budget: \$1,000.00
 Variance: (-\$478.33)

Total Contributions YTD
 \$49,711.76

Pilgrimage of Faith
 As of November 30, 2023.

Goal: \$21,650.00
 Received: \$14,286.67

Needed to reach goal: (\$7,363.33)

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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All 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

December 9, 2023

Liturgical Reader
 Adele Minto

Sacristan
 Bob Sumka

Church Cleaners

December 11 – December 25

R. Rino, A. Harrison, and E. Hutchinson