

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parish of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

521 4th Avenue

Mailing Address:

PO Box 519, V0B 1M0

Parish Office: 250-423-6127

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: fernie@nelsondiocese.org

Website:
<https://hollyfamilyfernie.ca>

Mass Services

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Wednesday 12:00 Noon

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wednesday 11:00 AM

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

Or by appointment.

Rosary 30 minutes prior to any Holy Mass

ST. MICHAELS'S PARISH SPARWOOD, BC

129 Centennial Square

Mailing Address:

PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

Parish Office: 250-425-2327

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: sparwood@nelsondiocese.org

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

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.

ST. BERNARD'S MISSION ELKFORD, BC

800 Natal Road

Mailing Address:

PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

C/O St. Michaels Parish

Parish Office: 250-865-2711

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Mass Service

Sundav - 1:00 PM

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Fernie Office Hours

Wednesdays to Fridays

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bookkeeper

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Pastor's Message: January 14, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am Missionary priest belonging to the Society of Saint Thomas the Apostle. I was ordained on December 26, 1979. This year I have completed 45 years of service in the Church as a missionary priest. This year considered as my Ruby Jubilee Year which I am happy to celebrate with all of you in whatever way each parish wants of me. It can be done just with a thanksgiving Mass and potluck lunch or supper or just a holy Mass. Everything depends on plans of the members of any parish. That is joining together to thank God for all the graces we have received through Him. I wish that I could celebrate my 50th year of Ordination with you in Elk Valley Parishes. All of us wish many things, and some of our wishes come true.

Let us be optimistic.

I worked as an active missionary for thirty years, in the Diocese of Ujjain, India. I was one of the pioneer missionaries of the Society. I was blessed with establishing five different parishes with its schools, hostels, hospitals, churches, convents, and presbyteries.

Thereafter I wanted to work in Brazil and was waiting for my Visa. During that period, the Diocese of Nelson was urgently in need of a senior priest from M.S.T. My superiors requested me to change the venue of my pastoral work from Brazil to Canada for six years. I accepted the offer and came to the diocese of Nelson on May 30, 2009, for six years. I was appointed as pastor of Sparwood and Elk Ford on July 1, 2009. I have served parishes like Creston, Princeton, and Oliver as pastor. Now I am back with you to complete the remaining term of my priestly life.

There are twenty-four denominations of different liturgical rites in the Catholic Church under Pope Francis. That is the universal Catholic Church. All the churches have a distinct liturgical tradition and saints. That is the beauty of every rite of churches. I belong to the Syro Mala-bar Christians from Kerala, India. We believe that we are the descendants of St. Thomas the apostle, who came to Kerala in A.D. 52. Out of these 24 churches, all the 23 churches are Oriental Churches, and one Church is Latin, Roman Catholic Church.

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14 Mass at 5:00 PM at Holy Family Intention for M.S.T.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINANCE REPORT

Saturday, Dec 30, 2023

\$1,013.60

Sunday Dec 31, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family

\$72.75

Monday, January 1, 2024

Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

\$457.85

Total Contributions YTD

\$524.19

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

etranfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org

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

January 13, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto-Mike Delich

Sacristan

Angelika Pace

Church Cleaners

January 8 – January 22

Gary Smith & Kathy Smith

With the intention to achieve our donation goals

Holy Family Church is happy to share the QR know as Quick Respond Code

This allows us to collect donations paperless and contactless.

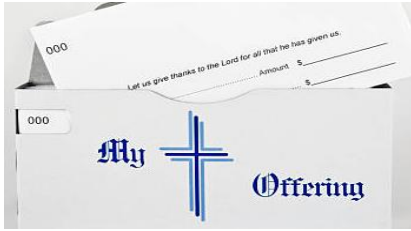
Instructions:

- Please find the displayed QR around
- Use the camera in your electronic device.
- It would read the code and prompt you to follow instructions to complete the donation.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Family Church



The Church offering envelopes are available for pick up inside the church on top of the side table. Please contact the parish office if you need further assistance.

Happy Birthday to Fr. Thomas who celebrates his birthday today Thursday, January 12, 2024



From the Diocese of Nelson:

The Catholic Foundation is accepting applications for the Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary.

Please submit applications to CatholicFoundation@nelsondiocese.org

Or mail to: Catholic Foundation, 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 4M7

Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2024.

The application is also posted on the Nelson Diocese website

https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1069767&type=d&pREC_ID=1358622



Discerning a Vocation to Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Nelson is hosting an online information session, for Catholic men aged 35 to 60 who are interested in learning more about being a deacon. If you feel God is calling you to become a permanent deacon, consider attending an **Online Information Session:**

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Monday, February 12th, 2024

You are encouraged to attend with your spouse (if applicable).

Register no later than Monday, February 5th, 2024

by emailing rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org

A link to join the online session will be sent once you are registered.