

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parish of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

521 4th Avenue

Mailing Address:

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: fernie@nelsondiocese.org

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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 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

For a fruitful participation of the Holy Mass, we need to understand the meaning of signs and symbols used in Mass. Holy Mass is one liturgy composed of two main components: the Liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist. This can be subdivided into four parts: Introduction, Liturgy of the word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the concluding rites. Above all, there are several pieces and parts, as well as particular movements and moments, within the Holy Mass. The better you begin to understand the "order" of the Mass and its "flow", every mass will be able to nourish us with better Spiritual strength. For few weeks, I will try to explain them as I can.

In addition to the liturgy of the word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Mass also has Introductory Rites at the beginning, which help us to enter into the solemn mysteries we are about to celebrate, and concluding Rites after Holy Communion, which send us out with the blessing of the Church to go out and serve the Lord and others by our lives (Extracts from "Alteration" page 79).

Introductory Rites: I had explained some of it before Advent. Now I am refreshing you all what we have learned.

1. **Entrance Song and Procession:** In every solemnity of Mass especially on Sundays, we make a solemn procession from the Entrance of the Church to the altar. Every procession is led by the Crucifix, Holy Bible

(adorned by two lighted candles carried by altar servers) carried by Lectors, Extraordinary Eucharistic ministers, and the Celebrant priest either from the entrance or from behind community. Just after two verses of the music, all of us move in a slow motion and stand in line in front of the Altar leaving the center place for the priest. Altar represents the sepulcher of the Lord. All together make a bow and disperse to different places. (When we do not process with the Bible, the candle bearers will be both sides of the crucifix).

2. **Participation** (by responding to the prayers of the priest and singing the music is very important) If God gave you a beautiful voice, sing with it. If God gave you a horrible voice, sing any way. Remember that singing at Mass lifts your voice, mind, and heart to your heavenly Father. St. Augustine said that when we sing, we pray twice. If you sing well or play an instrument, consider joining the choir or music ministry. Whether you sing or not, please respond to every prayer recited during the Mass.

3. **Sign of the Cross:** The celebrant makes the sign of the cross and greets everyone for the liturgical service with a small introduction inviting all to repent over the sins, with words; I confess or Lord, have mercy.

4. **Gloria:** It is the sum total of peaceful greetings of angels proclaimed to the shepherds at the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem (Lk 2:14).

5. **The opening prayer** or Collect is the first prayer which is an invitation and conclusion of the introductory part of the Holy Mass. *Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20 Mass at 5:00 PM at Holy Family Intention for M.S.T.



Ferne on Feb 12 at 12 noon

Sparwood February 14 at 7:00 PM. Elkford, February 18 at 1 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINANCE REPORT

Contributions for the week of January 6, 2024

Actual: \$800.17

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$199.83)

Total Contributions YTD

\$2,403.09

\$457.85

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 20, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny & Adele Minto

Sacristan

Bob Sumka

January 27, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace and Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

D. Slywka

Church Cleaners

January 22 – February 5

Lina Campisi & Maria Scarpelli

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.



Offering Envelopes Available



Donation envelopes are available inside the church on top of the side table. Please contact the parish office if you need further assistance.

Please bring palm leaves

A basket is available inside the Church on the table.



CWL Announcements

Development and Peace Lenten Soup and Bun

Dates

Feb 21, Feb 28

Mar 06, Mar 13 and Mar 20

Served from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Suggested donation \$10.00.

All profits go to Development and Peace

For more information contact Theresa Cole-Smith at (250) 430 7559



Free Tickets for Dinner Theatre

Available at the Fernie Family Centre-Parish Office.

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.