

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parish of the Elk Valley



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

521 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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PO Box 519, V0B 1M0

Parish Office: 250-423-6127

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: [fernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

Sunday - 1:00 PM

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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 28, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

The word of God comes after the introductory rites of Holy Mass. Normally we have three readings on solemn occasions with an additional psalm. Every lector needs to prepare and make sure of the readings. They need to read with sufficient pause and intonations. Since your voice reaches to ears of many, you need to pause at every clause and sentence.

Every reader needs to bow in front of the altar which is the sepulcher of the Lord. While going to read the word of God and coming back to the pew, they need to bow both times. As soon as the lector stands at the lectern, take few moments to settle down. After every reading, pause for three seconds and say, "The Word of the Lord". All will respond: Thanks be to God.

- Then the cantor sings the psalm, or the first lector recites the psalm.
- There after the second Lector come to the lectern and reads the second reading.
- When the priest stands up, the choir sings Gospel acclamation, Alleluia...

After the Gospel Acclamation, the celebrant will read the third reading, "The Gospel" and gives the Homily or breaks down the word of God. In normal cases, homily will cover just one or two points of importance from the scripture readings useful today in our lives. Every word

of God has multiple meaning and importance in our lives. In a ten minutes homily one may be able to get an essential point of one's life.

After the homily, Priest will lead the community to recite the Creed. There are two creeds, the Nicene Creed as well as the apostles Creed. As soon as we recite "who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary" all together bow our heads and make the sign of the cross.

As soon as we finish the Creed, the second lector comes to the lectern. Then the priest begins the prayers of the faithful and the lector will respond: "we pray to the Lord". After the prescribed petitions, the leader will say, let us pray for our own intentions. Here all of you can either offer their personal intentions, in silence or in audible words. If it is in audible words, the congregation will respond, we pray to the lord. After this the priest concludes the prayers of the Faithful. Then all sit for the offertory prayers. (Offertory will continue next week) For few weeks, I will try to explain them as I can.

1. 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. 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. That will help you to discard any distraction during Mass.

*Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil.*

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 28      Mass at 5:00 PM at Holy Family      Intention for M.S.T.



Fernie 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 13, 2024

Actual: \$686.47

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$313.53)

Total Contributions YTD

\$3,080.02

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](mailto: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 27, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Sacristan

Colin Lynch & Anne Majic

Diane Slywka

Feb 3, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Sacristan

Angelika Pace & Marily Bruschetta

Lucrecia Lynch

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.**

**NEW BEGININGS**

A whimsical play brought to you by  
Fernie Arts Theatre Ensemble Society

Free Dinner Theatre  
Only 100 Tickets Available  
Menu is: Lasagna, Salad, dessert and beverages

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**  
DINNER SERVED: 6:00/PLAY STARTS: 7:15

FERNIE FAMILY CENTRE 521-4TH AVENUE  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT FERNIE FAMILY CENTRE  
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 10:00 TO 1:00 OR CALL 250-423-6127

Funded by grant monies from the New Horizon for Seniors Projects (Canada)

## CWL Monthly Meeting

Feb 13, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

All women are invited to join our meeting.

Contact Regina Vinge at (423) 91-54

## Pope Francis

Pope Francis announced the start of a Year of Prayer on Sunday in preparation for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year.

In his Angelus address, the pope said that a Year of Prayer starting on Jan. 21 will be "a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world."

"Dear brothers and sisters, the coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the jubilee," Pope Francis said from the window of the Apostolic Palace.

"I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of Prayer."

## Pastoral letter on the use of social media

The CCCB Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace has today released its Pastoral Letter on the use of social media titled: *"Let Your Speech Always Be Gracious."* The release is timed with the liturgical memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, who was known for his graciousness in speech and who is invoked as a patron saint of writers and publishers.

It is available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the CCCB website:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/bishops-release-a-pastoral-letter-on-the-use-of-social-media>

In French: <https://www.cecc.ca/annonce/les-eveques-publient-une-lettre-pastorale-sur-lutilisation-des-medias-sociaux>

It is also attached to this email in PDF format for your information and possible distribution to your parish.

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

Please submit applications to [CatholicFoundation@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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](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 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Register no later than Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

by emailing [rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org)

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



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in Canada is May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna. For more information, please email [griefftogracekelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griefftogracekelowna@gmail.com) or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

#### **Try Claritas**

The Catholic Pray Group, by Autistic People for Autistic People.

<https://www.claritasprayergroup.com/>

And if you are not Autistic but want to help,

Try the Argent League!