

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parish of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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Mass Services

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Wed Feb 21 no Mass

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wed Feb 21 no Mass

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:

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Parish Office: 250-425-2327

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: sparwood@nelsondiocese.org

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Mass Services

Sunday - 11:00 AM

The Holy

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Mass.

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

Mass Intentions in Fernie

Saturday, February 17

Mass Intention for Repose of Graham Oven

From: Christa Nicholson

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

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: February 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends,

The First Eucharistic Prayer is the first and most important Roman Canon of the Holy Mass. This is found on Page 41 in the Sunday Missal.....

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The second purpose is to bring us to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, allowing him to rule our lives. Both these aims demand purification of minds and hearts. In the Gospel, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter at the end of his forty days of prayer, penance, and communion with the Father in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: *"The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel."*

Life messages:

1) Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed: prayer, self-denial, and timely use of the word of God. During this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to sub-due our evil tendencies.

2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or better still, with others. d) setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; e)

abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions; f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays; g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and h) doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent.

3) Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and the daily anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and abstinence from meat. There are several ways to do the fasting depending of your age and health. (a) You can fast for 24 hours drinking water. (b) You can have one meal within 24 hours. (c) You can abstain from one meal in 24 hours. (d) You can have food as many times as you need, but just half or one fourth of the portion of food. Fasting is always good for you both in spiritual and physical realms. No one has ever lost life due to fasting for forty days. It was the tradition of the Church.

Some of the parishioners from Holy Family Parish, Fernie, has expressed their need of a Sunday Mass at 9 am on Sundays. I think, if many people want to attend the Sunday Mass, I am ready to offer my services for Saturday 5 pm Mass and Sunday 9 am Mass, provided I get a room to sleep and spend every Saturday Night. The day I get confirmation of the availability of a Room, I will certainly fulfil your demands.

Father Thomas Week Off (no Mass) from Monday, February 19th to Thursday, February 22nd

Reconciliation Service

Fernie

March 13

Holy Family at 12:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINANCE REPORT

Contributions for the week of
February 3, 2024

Actual: \$809.52

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$190.48)

Total Contributions YTD

\$7,551.98

Pilgrimage of Faith

As of December 2023.

Goal: \$21,650.00

Received: \$16,376.67

Variance: \$5,273.33

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.

February 17, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Mike Delich & Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Feb 24, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Church Cleaners

February 19 to March 4

Anne Majic M. DeGuzman & Veronica Eustace

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.

CWL Announcements

Tax Receipts

Dear Friends of Holy Family, please notice that the tax receipts have been mailed out this week.

Friendly Reminder that the Dinner Theater is tomorrow Saturday, Feb 17 at 6:00 PM

Catholic Women's League Presents Lenten Soup and Bun



Wednesdays February 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20

From 12:30 until 2:00

Fernie Family Centre 521-4th Ave.

Dine in or Take out

Suggested donation \$10 all proceeds to Development and Peace

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