## 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://holyfamilyfernie.ca

## **Mass Services**

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Wednesday -12 Noon

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wednesdays - 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

The Holy

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Mass.

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

### Mass Intentions in Fernie

Saturday, March 9

Intention for M.S.T.

# 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

elkvallev.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: March 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

### **Information**

Dear Friends,

The need of Reconciliation OR Confession

Every third week of the Lenten season liturgically emphasize to the need of cleansing the temple of the Holy Spirit, that is ourselves. Through the gift of Baptism, we have already become the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Scriptural readings about the cleansing of the Jerusalem temple by Jesus as well as the cleansing of the leprosy of Naaman through the power of the prophet Elisha are the scriptural reflections that we have in these days. The powerful and victorious leader Naaman, the Leaper was ready to humble himself and dip himself. seven times, in the river of Jordan, his flesh was re-stored back as beautiful as of his childhood days. He was reborn-through the waters.

Catholic Church has the duty to teach and remind her children, the need of purification through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Every reconciliation brings us closer to God and to our brothers and sisters around us and about us. Forget not to make use of our reconciliation day, March 13, @ 12 pm at Fernie church and @7 pm at Sparwood Church. There will be service of one extra priest, Fr. Lawrence from Creston Parish.

## 2. Lenten Reconciliation Services in East Kootenay parishes:

- Creston Tuesday, March 12 @ 7.00pm
- Fernie Wednesday, March 13 @ 12. 30 pm
- Sparwood Wednesday, March 13 @ 7 pm
- Kimberly Thursday, March 14 @ 7.00pm
- Golden Tuesday, March 19 @ 7.00pm
- Invermere Thursday, March 21 @ 7.00pm

Fr. Lawrence, the Dean of East Kootenay will be there to help us in Reconciliation.

2. There is a Lenten pilgrimage to Radium on Thursday, March 21 at the deanery level. It would be nice if you are able to participate in it either in per-son or in small groups. Please give your names in the parish office at least March 6, Wednesday before 1 pm for Stations of the Cross. Holy Mass will follow.

## East Kootenay is blessed with the service of Jubilarian priests:

- Fr Thomas Kakkaniyil @ 45 years of priesthood
- Fr. Francis D. C. @ 35 years of priesthood
- Fr. Rex V. @ 25 years of priesthood
- Fr. Lawrence K. @ 10 years of priesthood

### 4. 2024 Pilgrimage of Faith Goals

- St. Bernard's Mission \$1,650.00
- ❖ St. Michael's Parish \$5,950.00
- Holy Family Parish \$20,000.00

## 5. Proposed Easter week Schedule for 2024: Any Suggestions?

March 25, Monday, Chrism Mass, Nelson @ 7:00 pm

March 26, Tuesday, Holy Mass, Sparwood @7:00 pm

March 27, Wednesday, Holy Mass, Sparwood @ 7:00 pm

March 28, Thursday, Holy Mass, and Adoration, **Fernie** @ 5:30 pm

March 28, Thursday, Adoration & Holy Communion, Sparwood @ 8:00 pm

March 29, Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, **Fernie** @ 4:00 pm

March 29, Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, Sparwood @ 2:30 pm

March 30, Easter Mass, Fernie @ 5.30 pm,

March 30. Easter Vigil Mass. Fernie @ 7:00 pm

March 30, Easter Vigil Mass, Sparwood @ 9 pm

March 31, Easter Sunday Mass, Fernie 9:30 am

March 31, Easter Sunday Mass, Elkford @ 12:30 pm

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FINANCE REPORT

Contributions for the week of February 24, 2024

Actual: \$968.87

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+31.13)

**Total Contributions YTD** 

\$9,683.47

Pilgrimage of Faith

As of December 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received: \$385.00

Variance: \$19,615.00

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.

### Pilgrimage of Faith



Or **e-transfer**:

etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

Please include your name, address and parish on the message area.

### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE.

Liturgical Reader

Sacristan

Adele Minto & Theresa Cole-Smith

Diane Slywka

March 16, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Sacristan

Angelika Pace & Marilyn Bruschetta

Lucrecia Lynch

**Church Cleaners** 

March 4 to March 18 of 2024

Rosetta Rino & Annette Harrison

**Donations to Holy Family.** Find the displayed QR around inside the Church.

Thank you in advance for your support.



### \*\*Diocesan Finance Policy Change

Annually each parish is assessed an amount based on the approved formula. A parish may raise an additional 30% of their annual POF goal, which will not be subject to Cathedraticum. Donations in excess of the additional 30% of the POF goal are kept by the Parish and recorded as taxable income.

Please continue to remind parishioners of your Pilgrimage Of Faith parish goal and the many ways the Parish can benefit from the Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. For instance, you may apply for a rebate to help with catechism education, a Youth Group activity or program, or a repair or renovation to your church or rectory.

### 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.

### **Announcements**

### **CWL** Meeting

All the ladies of the parish are invited to the march meeting for CWL.

Tuesday, March 12

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Fernie Family Centre

#### Stations of the Cross

During Lent, please join in for the Stations of the Cross.

Thursdays at 4:00 PM

Location: Holy Family

## Catechism

Holy Family Parish continues to offer catechism program for children in home program with an online component. Please inquire at the parish office for information and books.

This program is looking for a volunteer to provide 2 to 3 hours of support per month. If you would like to offer your services to the parish in this way, please contact the parish office.



