

# 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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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: [fernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto: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, April 28

Mass Intention 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

[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

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Pastor's Message

On Weekends and other days of Holy Mass, I like to introduce one thanksgiving prayer "Anima Christi" or "Soul of Christ."

Just after the reception of the Holy Communion, we will recite together.

I thought to share one of the best messages I have read in recent times:

**FATHERS HANDPRINTS\*** Father had grown old and would take support of the wall while walking. As a result, the walls became discolored. His fingerprints got printed on the walls where he touched. My wife would often complain about the dirty walls. One day, he was having headache, so he massaged some oil onto his head. So, while walking oil stains were formed on the walls. My wife screamed at me seeing this. And I in turn shouted at my father and spoke to him rudely, advising him not to touch the walls while walking. He looked hurt. I also felt ashamed of my behavior but did not say anything to him. Father stopped holding the wall while walking. And fell down one day. He became bed-ridden and left us shortly. I felt guilt in my heart and could never forget his expressions or forgive myself. After some time, we wanted to get our house painted. When the painters came, my son, who adored his grandfather, did not allow the painters to clean father's fingerprints, and paint those areas. The painters were very good and innovative. They assured him that they will not remove my father's fingerprints/ handprints, rather would draw a beautiful circle around these marks and create a unique design. This continued thereafter and those prints become part of our house. Every person visiting our home admired our unique design. With time, I also grew old. Now I needed the support of wall to walk. One day while walking, I remembered my words to my father, and tried to walk without support. My son saw this and immediately came to me and asked

me to take support of the walls while walking, expressing concern that I would have fallen without support, I realized that my son was holding me. My granddaughter immediately came forward and affectionately, asked me to put my hand on her shoulder for support. I almost started crying silently. Had I done the same for my father, he would have lived longer. My granddaughter took me along and made me sit on the sofa. Then she took out her drawing book to show me. Her teacher had admired her drawing and given her excellent remarks. The sketch was of my father's handprint on the walls.

Her comment - \*"wish every child loves elders in same way". \* I came back to my room and started crying profusely, asking forgiveness from my father, who was no more. \*We also grow old with time. Let's take care of our elders and teach the same to our children. \*

\*Never shout at elders. \* God's blessings!

### 1. 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

Please Find inside the Church main entrance

The Catholic Answers.com booklets

Please share them, bring them back if you would like.

Free will, offering accepted.

### 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.

## Information

Since last ten months, I was praying, reflecting, and planning to rejuvenate all the three parishes entrusted to me as Elk valley parishes. I am thinking of resuming all the weekend masses of the past with the possibility of potluck snacks, coffee, or meals in all the parishes. I expect an increase of at least 10 new families in all the three parishes. We will all together try to accomplish it from the second weekend of June.

Mass time for Sparwood from June 15  
Saturday at 7 pm

Mass time for Sparwood from June 16,  
Sunday at 9.30 am with coffee and snacks.

Mass time for Fernie from June 15 Saturday  
at 5 pm

Mass time for Fernie from June 16, Sunday  
at 3.30 pm with coffee and snacks

Mass time for Elkford from June 16, Sunday  
at 12.30 pm with lunch.

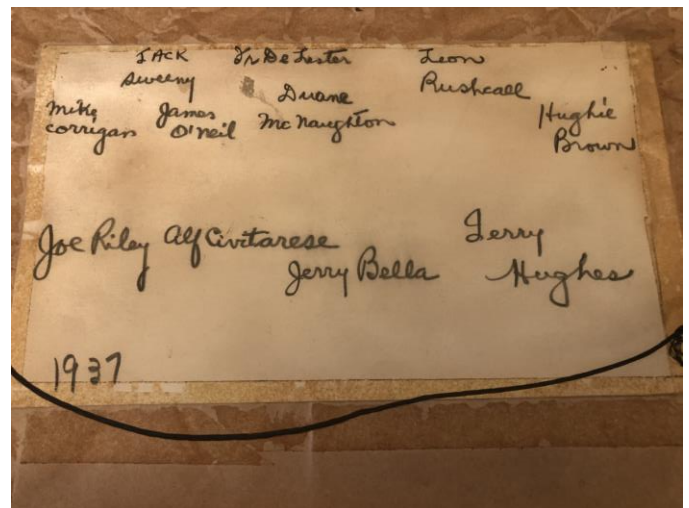
This can help all of you to know each other  
and the pastor.

Let us try to spend some time with everyone  
and try to know each other.

When every parish become the part of your  
family where you know each other and share  
their joys and sorrows, we will be able to  
rejuvenate ourselves and faith. There is  
enough time for the pastor to reach and  
spend time with each parish.

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

Hockey team of Holy Family Church in  
1937 with their pastor.



Please visit our website

[Holyfamilyfernie.ca](http://Holyfamilyfernie.ca)

FINANCE REPORT

Contributions for the week of

April 13, 2024

Actual: \$650.17

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-349.83)

Total Contributions YTD

\$17,596.02

Pilgrimage of Faith

As of December 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received: \$2,195.73

**Variance: \$17,804.27**

e-Transfer for Holy Family

[etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.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](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org)  
Please include your name, address and parish on the message area.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE.

April 27, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Mike Delich

Sacristan

Angelika Pace

May 4, 2024

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Theresa-Cole Smith

Sacristan

Diane Slywka/Lucrecia Lynch

Church Cleaners

April 29 to May 13, 2024

Regina Vinge & Volunteer

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

Thank you in advance for your support.



**\*\*Diocesan Finance Policy Change**

A parish may raise an additional 30% of their annual POF goal, which will not be subject to Cathedralricum. Donations in excess of the additional 30% of the POF goal are kept by the Parish and recorded as taxable income.

Contact the Parish Office at

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

- If you are new to the Parish
- If you would like your email address to be removed from our mailing list.
- Comments are welcome.



## 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.



### “RENEWING GOD’S FIRE WITHIN US”

We invite **ALL** Catholic women to join us for spiritual nourishment and opportunities to be our Lord’s eyes, hands, feet, and voice.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

*Our Role: Preventing Sexual Exploitation & Trafficking Young Persons*  
(Friday afternoon)

*Protecting Each Other from MAiD*  
(Saturday afternoon)

Living in Christ & Living Rosary – (Saturday morning)

Workshop –The Three Core Values (Friday morning)

**WHERE:** Holy Child Parish, 14010 Rosedale Avenue, Summerland, BC

**WHEN:** Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

**COST:**  
1 day - \$15  
2 day - \$25

**CONTACT:** Debbie Cloutier – debcloutier27@gmail.com

#### NELSON CWL 88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION



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FOR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT & OPPORTUNITIES  
TO BE OUR LORD’S EYES, HANDS, FEET & VOICE

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For more information or to preregister: debcloutier27@gmail.com

#### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:

Preventing Sexual Exploitation of Youth - Friday at 12:30

by BRAVE Education Panel Members and Facilitators:

- Alyssa Favro, MA RCC, Counsellor and Educator
- Brenna Wallace, Experiential Spokesperson and Educator
- Bryna Ari, Investigator, RCMP Serious Crimes Unit
- Kelly Schuler-McDonald, Executive Director

...activities include: Presentations, Film, Facilitated Discussion, Detective Game

**WHEN:** 12:30 Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

**WHERE:** 14010 Rosedale Ave, Summerland BC

Donations to NDCWL are appreciated