

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: fernien@nelsondiocese.org

Website:

<https://hollyfamilyfernien.ca>

Pastor's Email:

elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil

Mass Times

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Wed - Noon

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wed -11 am

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment.

Rosary 30 minutes prior to any Holy
Mass

Finance Council: Colin Lynch,
Angelika Pace, and Wayne Warner.

Property Manager: John Pallone.

ST. MICHAELS'S PARISH SPARWOOD, BC

129 Centennial Square

Mailing Address:

PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

Parish Office: 250-425-2327

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Email: sparwood@nelsondiocese.org

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's Email:

elkvalley.pastor@nelsondioces.org

Mass Times

Saturday - 6:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Monday - 6:00 PM

Tuesday 6:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Fist Fridays only 9:00 AM

Adoration & Benediction.

Friday - 11:00 AM

Mass at Lilac Terrace

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 -425-2327

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's email:

elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Mass Service

Sunday - 1:30 PM

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before
Mass.

Confessions after Mass or by
appointment.

Fernie Office Hours

Wednesdays to Fridays

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bookkeeper

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Pastor's Message – April 13, 2025.

On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate the memories of the past glorious entry of Jesus on Mount Olives and Jerusalem. The Apostles and the disciples of Jesus with a the crowd had a triumphal entrance into the city of Jerusalem. He was welcomed like a king, the messiah of their expectation. As we proceed further with the holy week celebrations, we see gloom and sorrow on every face that followed Jesus.

The people who were there, were the people who loved Jesus, more than their own lives. The people who were there were people of faith, faith that God the Father would prevail even as His Goodness or the Son Jesus Christ was crucified. There were only a handful of people at the foot of the cross. How horrible the other disciples of the Lord must have felt when they realized that they did not have enough faith to stand beneath the cross with Mary, John and those few others. Where had they gone now, that He has left the city in a completely different type of triumph, the Triumph of the Cross?

But life also has challenges and crises.

Life often calls us to good Friday sufferings and Calvary experience. That will call us to have faith in the Triumph of the Cross and sufferings. We may have sick people in our parish as our youngsters or elders. Family and friends pray for their loved ones uniting their pain to the pain of Jesus upon the cross. They are called to have faith in the Father, who is able to transform their grief into joy and death into life. If we have faith and trust in God, He will bring joy despite the present suffering.

The cross of the Lord, is a call to our faith in times of crises. Every crisis is a challenge to our lives and our faith. It takes tremendous courage and faith to hold on to Jesus when we are called to stand with Him on calvary,

when we are called to unite our pain and suffering to His sufferings.

When we consider the challenges that life throws at us, we realize that it is more important for us to be with the Lord on Calvary than with the crowd at their entry into Jerusalem. During this Holy Week, we ask God for faith, faith to hold on to Him when we would rather be inclined to run and hide, faith to hold on to Him, when faith itself becomes difficult and demanding. We enter Holy Week now not just reflecting on events that happened just 2000 years ago, but still happening today all over the world, uniting our present to the past as well as His eternal presence in the future. May God bless you! +++ Amen. Fr. Thomas

Pilgrimage to Radium went well.

Almost all priests from the east Kootenay attended the Pilgrimage with the members of their parishes. More people showed up this compared to last year. **13 parishioners from St. Michael's Church, Sparwood attended the event. Even though I had planned to attend the event, I had to cancel it, due to my ill health.** I was sad to hear that none of the members from Holy Family Parish, Fernie or St. Bernard's Parish, Elkford have attended the event. The Doctor warned me that I should be slow in everything for few weeks as I get tired soon. The only medicine for recuperation is rest and good food. I am trying to have them as much as possible. Hope that I will be able to have the Easter week celebrations, without much difficulty.

Notes:

- (1) Holy Week Celebrations.
- (2) Liturgical Cycle Year "C".
- (3) **This year**, we will not have washing of the feet on Holy Thursday.
- (4) Readings for Easter Vigil: No. 3, No. 5, No. 7, Epistle and Gospel.
- (5) On Good Friday, Fasting is Mandatory

Fernie Holy Week Mass Schedule



HOLY THURSDAY, Apr 17 – 4 PM

And Adoration will continue till 10 night, if there are parishioners for adoration.

GOOD FRIDAY, Apr 18 – 4:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY, Apr 18 – 5 PM

EASTER VIGIL Holy Sat, April 19 – 5 PM

Since we have RCIA members, we will have baptism and confirmation together with the services.

Blessings of New light from Easter Candle and Holy water, Renewal of baptismal promises

EASTER SUNDAY, Apr 20 – 11 AM

Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

No Mass Services
on **Wednesday,**
April 16, 2025



Holy Family and Rocky Mountain Village.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 12. @ Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, April 13. @ Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, April 16 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Wednesday, Apr 16 @ Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

Dears Friend of Holy Family

DATE _____	
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____	\$ _____
DOLLARS _____	
MEMO _____	

If you wish to donate by cheque, please ensure it is payable to **Holy Family Parish** and in the memo line, specify if it is to POF, Development and Peace, Funeral Service etc.

Fernie Catholic Women League

Stations of the Cross.



@ Holy Family

April 17 @ 4:30 pm

The Fernie Family Garden Recycling Program



Holy Family Parish would like to inform you about the outgoing fundraising recycling program. Place items by the

shed.

Everyone is welcome to participate and support the Fernie Family Garden.



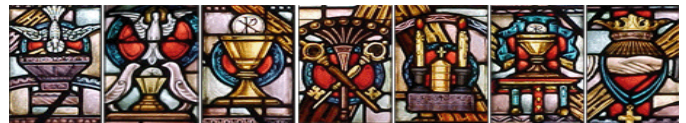
Beer/Pop/Juice/Water

Bottles and Cans

Where: Shed beside the church.

Sacraments

We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email



fernien@nelsondiocese.org and we will reply to your email request accordingly

Gathering after Mass on Sundays



No Coffee and Light Snacks until beginning of May 2025

Donate to Holy Family

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

March 22, 2025

Actual: \$1,353.53

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+\$353.53)

Total Contributions YTD

\$14,496.61

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernle@nelsondiocese.org



Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

Total Contributions YTD \$4,032.00

Under: -\$13,018.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, April 12, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Theresa Cole-Smith

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, April 13, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, April 19, 2025, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Diane Slywka & Volunteer (s)

Sunday, April 20, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

April 14 to April 28, 2025

Anne Majic, Nermina De Guzman, and
Veronica Eustace.

From Nelson Diocese

Shroud of Jesus:
HOPE of the Resurrection

MAN OF THE SHROUD
EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
1414 Shawnessy Blvd. SW Calgary, Alberta
www.stpatrickcalgary.com

APRIL 3 - 27, 2025

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Featuring

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Calgary