

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

521 4th Avenue

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Parish Office: 250-423-6127

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

Easter Sunday. Resurrection of the Lord

Pastor's Message – April 20, 2025.

I will never forget you, my people. I hold you in the palm of my hand. Isaiah, 49:15.

How can I forget the Holy Land during Holy Week? As an ambassador, I was there in 2022. I hold cherished moments I had with Jesus in the Holy Land—moments I will never forget. I often revisit them when I scroll through the hundreds of photos on my phone.

I don't forget stepping out of my room at Notre Dame and entering the Old City through the New Gate into the Christian Quarter. It's before dawn as I walk to the Holy Sepulchre and up the steps to the Calvary Chapel. Masses begin, one after another, sometimes in English and sometimes in languages I don't know. Mass starts at 5:00 a.m., with religious sisters who arrive even earlier to begin their day with Mass and prayer. Those who walk the Via Dolorosa arrive. Later, the chapel fills with one group after another—standing room only.

And sometimes, on a Friday, I go to the Western Wall in the Jewish Quarter through Jaffa Gate. At the Wall, I see students streaming out of schools and merchants closing up shop to rush home for Shabbat.



As Catholics, **Holy Eucharist** is very important for us. We are human beings. We are frail. Our bodies give out on us. Our minds give out on us. We have our struggles, our passion. When we receive communion, our passion is united to His Passion. Our pains have meaning and purpose and become prayers. If we are going to suffer, and all life encompasses a certain degree of suffering, then through the Eucharist we

suffer with Christ. **In the Eucharist we are united to Jesus at His Resurrection giving eternal life to all who believe,**

and who live a faith filled life. Christ's conquest of death, is the affirmation of the spiritual reality open to us, shared by Christ with us. When we receive communion, we are united to the very Presence of Christ, serving His People. Therefore, to be a Eucharistic people, we need to serve all. The very first action Jesus performed to begin His Paschal Triumph was a symbolic act of service. Before the Last Supper Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then commanded us, mandated, that we wash the feet of others. The meaning of the rite is that we are called to empty ourselves of our pride and arrogance and humble ourselves for the sake of God's people. The Eucharistic union with the Lord that is our Paschal celebration begins with service.

Putting everything together: when we celebrate the Eucharist on our altars and in the reception of communion, we are in the Upper Room, we are beneath the Cross, we are united to the life and death of Jesus who emptied himself in humble service. When we receive communion, we are at the tomb united to the Tremendous Lover who by His Passion and Death has given us His Life. May God bless you! Happy Easter!

**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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 19. @ Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, April 20. @ Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, April 23 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Wednesday, Apr 23 @ 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



CWL meeting every second Tuesday of each month.

Fernie Family Centre (Hall)

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.



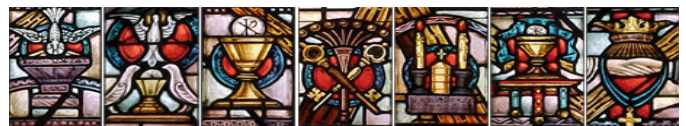
Beer/Pop/Juice/Water

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 29, 2025

Actual: \$832.08

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$167.92)

Total Contributions YTD

\$16,488.18

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

Easter Message from our Diocese

[Easter Message 2025 \(1\).pdf](#)

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, April 19, 2025, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny & Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Diane Slywka & Volunteer

Sunday, April 20, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace & Adele Minto

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Bob Sumka & Volunteer

Sunday, April 27, 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

Exhibition made possible through
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Pilgrims
of Hope
Jubilee 2025

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