

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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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.

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ST. MICHAELS'S PARISH SPARWOOD, BC

129 Centennial Square

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Mass Times

Saturday - 6:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Monday - No Mass

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:

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C/O St. Michaels Parish

Parish Office: 250 -425-2327

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Pastor's email:

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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

4th Sunday of Easter

Ascension of the Lord-World Communications Day

Pastor Message – June 1, 2025.

Dear Friends,

This is about the selection of Pope Leo XIV, from a Judge in Kenya who is not a Catholic.

Continuation from last week...

What happened in the election of Pope Leo the Fourteenth is not just a political or ecclesiastical event. It is a mirror to the rest of the Christian world. It exposes by comparison the chaos that reigns in many modern church settings, particularly in the Pentecostal space. In some of these assemblies, power struggles have replaced prayer, and ambition has drowned anointing. Leadership is inherited like property. Elections are manipulated like business deals. The pulpit has become a platform for performance, not a place of transformation. The altar has become a show ground, not a sanctuary.

Even among so-called brethren, love has grown cold. Loyalty is transactional. Brotherhood is hollow. It is a tragedy that many Pentecostal churches cannot even imagine holding such a transparent, spiritual and selfless process of succession. Helping one's fellow minister is seen as a threat. The idea of unity in leadership has been replaced with competition and suspicion. The sacred is being sacrificed on the altar of success.

But today, the Catholic Church has reminded us of something we have forgotten. That the kingdom of God is not noise but order. Not display but discipline. Not popularity but purity. It has reminded us that when God is allowed to speak, He will often choose the one no one expected. He will raise the man who is hidden. He will lift the one who has been in the secret place.

The election of Pope Leo the Fourteenth is a lesson to the Church and to the world. It is a call to return to structure, to sacredness, to spirit-led decision-making.

It is proof that an institution can be old, yet not obsolete. Ancient, yet not irrelevant. Traditional, yet not stagnant. It is wisdom in action.

This is the wisdom of the eternal Church. This is the mystery of divine order. This is the power of the sacred. And in a world drowning in confusion, it shines like a light that cannot be hidden. Let every ear that hears it listen. Let every eye that sees it learn. Let every heart that understands it return to the ancient path that leads to life.

Truly, God cannot be manipulated like the Nigerian elections!! God's God forever!

**by: Hon. Justice Aggrey
Informations**

Fr. Joseph Kizhakkethottam will replace me to cater the spiritual needs of the parishioners of the Elk Valley parishes, until I come back after my treatment.

He can be reached on his **cell phone number: 250 444 9875**

Medical Leave or disability leave

After my fall on the black ice on March 23, at 8.30 am before the Sunday Mass and after the surgery on April 1, I was urgently in need of some rest for my recuperation. If I had taken it at that time, there was no priest to replace me with a short notice.

But, God works in mysterious ways. Due to the broken ribs, I had Lung infection and got admitted in the Emergency department of the Elk valley Hospital. From there I got antibiotics and treatment. At present, there is no infection, but the broken ribs need rest for three months. I need five weeks before I can get in the airplane for a long flight, to India.

I will go to India on June 9, Monday.

Officially, I am on medical leave without any pay. Since three months of leave is very essential for me, I accepted everything. While in India, I will have medical treatments as: Ayurvedic, Naturopathic, Mud therapy, and yoga. When I am done with these treatments, I will be all the more healthy and will be back in Sparwood to continue the pastoral work. I will not be able to have "body

massage therapy” six months due to the broken ribs. So, I will have that treatment in the 2026.

After three months of rest and medical treatment, **I will be back on August 15, 2025.** By then, I hope and pray that, I will be in good health to serve you better.

The Diocese of Nelson has decided **to sell off three plots of the property behind the Holy Family Church.** These plots are the property of the Diocese. The Parish was the caretaker of this property from the beginning, till today. Let me thank you, the parishioners and volunteers who took good care of this property. Once the “Property for Sale” appears, none of us are expected to use them for any purpose, please

God's blessings, Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal for 2025



As a part of the diocesan Charitable fund raising, Elk Valley parishes have prescribed

target. If we plan to collect more than the prescribed target, we should submit a project for the parish stating all the details and get prior permission from the diocesan office. Then, the surplus amount will be tax free from the diocese. Targets for:

Holy Family Church, Fernie is \$17,050/=

St. Michael's Church, Sparwood is \$ 6,150/=

St. Bernard's Church, Elkford is \$ 1,700/=

Dear parishioners of Holy Family Church, Fernie,

For the year 2025, our pilgrimage goal is \$17,050/=.

If we want to keep the Family Centre hall for our use, we have two projects to complete.

- (1) Purchase of Hot water tank for Holy Family Centre \$ 3,000/= and Hot water tank for the church \$ 1,300/= Total expenses for the hot water tanks \$ 4,300/=
- (2) Repair of the entrance floor of the hall for \$ 23,000/=

- (3) The Portico of the Holy Family Church, repair \$ 110,000/=

All these are the future projects we should think of completing within two years, if possible. If all of us think that we should keep the hall, we need to collect \$ 4,300/= in addition to the Pilgrimage of Faith. Then this will be free from Cathedraticum.

This year, let us have the peripheral repair of the church portico which may cost us \$ 2,000/=. Once we complete these projects, we can try to collect funds for the repair of the Church Portico.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 31. @ Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, June 1. @ Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, June 4 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Wednesday, June 4 @ Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

Volunteers to clean the Church

Please email us at fernien@nelsondiocese.org



Fernie Catholic Women League



CWL meeting every second Tuesday of each month.

Fernie Family Centre (Hall)

Holy Family 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 our Catholic Church.

Beer/Pop/Juice/Water

Bottles and Cans

Where: Shed beside the church.



Websites to be Connected

Diocese of Nelson: [Click Here.](#)



Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
[Click Here](#)

Daily Mass readings and the Breviary prayers for the hours throughout the day

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Diane Slywka/Bob Sumka (Sacristan)

Sunday, June 1, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Saturday, June 7, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

May 26 to June 9, 2025

Lina Campisi & Maria Scarpelli

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



Coffee and Light Snacks May 26 until June 29.

All are welcome