

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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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:

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Parish Office: 250-425-2327

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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 - 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:

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

Pentecost Sunday

Pastor Message – June 8, 2025.

Conviction and Commitments of our vocation

Vocation is a word we hear many a time in our lives. We are praying every day for vocations of priesthood and religious life for the diocese of Nelson. **Vocation means a strong feeling of suitability for a particular career or occupation.** "Not all of us have vocation for nurses or doctors, or priests or religious sisters, or to be married or to be single. Each one has a definite vocation. Once we choose a certain vocation, we need to continue to pray and strive to endure for it. There will be many more sacrifices involved to live through any of the vocations.

Whenever we loose our vocation, we will be a problem for ourselves as well as for others. Whenever we loose our commitments to the vocations, then we have different views and failures. That is when we see derivations, quarrels, or breakdown or divorces, or separations, or leaving the priesthood. Sacrifices will have no space in any person who has lost his/her commitment to their chosen vocations. Let us pray to God that we may sustain our chosen vocation and remain faithful to them till the end of our lives.

Information

Last Friday, May 30, 2025, I talked with the "Canada Life Insurance" about the possibility of my present medical disability. **They will give me 60% of my wages** as disability payment from May 7, 2025, to August 15, 2025, at a later time. So, from this day onwards, the diocese of Nelson will not pay me anything, but will pay the replacing priest. So, the parish is not paying double for its service or losing any money because of my disability medical leave and the replacing priest.

"Canada Life Insurance" will partially cover the "treatment expenses of

Naturopathy". **It is almost 20% of my treatment expenses,** while I am in India. Other than "Naturopathy" I will have the treatments of "Ayurveda, Mud Therapy, and Yoga".

Since the terrorists killed 27 tourists in Kashmir, who belonged religions other than Muslims. There after India has declared a war against Pakistan who supported the terrorists, named "**Sindoor**". Thereafter, there are restrictions on flights and air routes. My flight time has been changed four times in ten days. At present it would reach the destination in three days instead of one and half days of journey. So, I had to cancel my bookings to India and had to book another ticket. Now I will leave Calgary on June 9 at 1.30 pm and will be back in Calgary on August 13, Wednesday, at 3.45 pm by a different air route and different flight.

I have **never been short of money** in my life as I spend only what I have. I have learned to shower, dress myself and cook food with one hand as I was unable to use the other hand, because of the broken ribs. I do not expect anyone to be worried or over concerned about me, over my accident. I thought that I was having a heart attack, and it was the last day of my life. Accidents can happen to anyone at any moment. That is part of our lives. We all need time to recover from its trauma, pain and expenses. I have enough and more than enough money for my treatment, flight expenses and other expenses from my previously saved money, CPP, and Old Age Pension together with the 60% coverage, from the "Canada Life insurance".

I met my **family Physician** last Thursday who is very happy about the improvement of my health. All the ribs are aligned to be joined back to the original state. It will take three months. I am walking more than 12 kilometers per day on average. Doctor has given me permission to travel to India on June 9, 2025. I will be back on August 13, after regaining my health, to continue my ministry in Elk Valley

Parishes. I will try to save my yearly holidays for the next year or use part of my holidays, for the remaining "body massage therapy" treatment.

No bulletin for three months:

1. Since it is summertime and we are not having any extraordinary activities or programs, it will be better for us to have **no bulletin** for three months. If it is hard, have it monthly, please.

2. We are **happy to acknowledge** the diocesan CWL President, Mrs. Rosa Rocca. Sparwood parish is proud of your new position as the diocesan CWL President and the Cathey Nilson, the diocesan CWL Secretary. Congratulations and best wishes.

3. Always remember that we need to complete the given target given to us for the **Pilgrimage of Faith appeal** on every third week of the month. I see that many are generously contributing to the same. But there are many more who need to think positively about them, please.

3. **Let me thank** Father Joseph Kizhakkethottam for his service to the parishes of Elk valley, in my absence, until I come back. May God bless him!

4. **Property for Sale:** 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/=

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 7. @ Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, June 8. @ Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, June 11 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

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Fernie Catholic Women League



CWL meeting every second Tuesday of each month.

Fernie Family Centre (Hall)

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

May 24, 2025

Actual: \$724.97

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$275.03)

Total Contributions YTD

\$23,031.44

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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for your donation

Volunteer Schedule

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

Volunteers

Saturday, June 14, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, June 15, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



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Total Contributions YTD \$5,512.00

Under: \$11,538.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Church Cleaners

June 9 to June 23, 2025

Regina Vinge and Volunteer