

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

521 4th Avenue

Mailing Address:

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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

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

August 24, 2025.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Thanks for your **great support** during my days of disability, due to the broken ribs from the fall on the back ice, in the church compound. I believe that even a fall is also a blessing of our Lord, if we can use the time fruitfully. Just after the fall, I had full support from most of you for a month while I was in Sparwood.

After a month of the fall, I went to India for two months. I had Naturopathic treatment for my **high blood sugar and Blood pressure** through massage therapy, mud therapy, water therapy, and yoga for a full month. Thereafter I had to take complete rest for two weeks. I could spend the rest of the days with my siblings and co-missionary priests, in the mission field. Finally, **I am refreshed bodily and spiritually**, and I am back, ready for any service in the parish.

With regard to the care home Masses, I have a suggestion for your consideration. On Friday's, I have holy Mass at **Lilac Terrace Care home at Sparwood**. More than ten parishioners from Sparwood parish are there to attend the Mass with the care home residents who are a great help for their active participation, in Holy Mass. In the same way, if members of Holy Family Church are ready to help our brothers and sisters at **Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie**, every Wednesday at 11 am, it will be far better for the residents of the care home community. At present just two people are helping me there at the Centre. If there are **more than 10 persons to attend the weekday Mass** at Holy Family Church, we can have weekday Mass on Thursdays at 9 am or 9.30 am, for the future.

Information:

I will be taking my week off from:
September 8 to 12.

Priests' Study days, mandatory from:
October 6 to 10.

I will be away from the parish for two weeks on these days.

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/=.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23. @Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, August 24. @Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, August 27 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Wednesday, August 27 @ Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

Information from Holy Family



Fall Tea in the Fernie Family Center,
September 13th

from 11:30 am to 2:00pm.

\$10.00 per person and children five and under
are free.

Items are donated for this Fundraiser with
proceeds going to the Parish. There will be a
Bake Table and donations are
appreciated. Items are to be brought in Friday,
September 12th to the Center between

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. For further info please
contact Celia at 250-430-7533.



1. Please consider this donation method
e-Transfer for Holy Family.

(information on the back of church pews)
etransfer.hfpfernien@nelsondiocese.org



2. Volunteering

Volunteer Form

Please find volunteer forms available
between the main entrance doors and nave
(worship space). Feel free to fill in the form,
envelopes available.

Dear Visitors and New Parishioners

Please ensure to add your contact information
with your donations for tax receipts purposes
and in order to keep our parish list updated.
Thank You.



Information from Diocese

1. Canadian Government Trying to
Remove Charitable Tax Status for
Religious Organizations. Please read
more below.

Petition e-6586 - Petitions

2. Update of Bishop Gregory Health.

Just a quick update regarding Bishop
Gregory. The planned surgery has been
delayed. Bishop Gregory will be undergoing
surgery within the next two to four weeks.
Thank you for keeping him and his surgeons
in your prayers.



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

August 17, 2025

Actual: \$1,007.80

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+7.80)

Total Contributions YTD

\$35,575.11

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for your donation

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



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Total Contributions YTD June)

\$7,173.00

Under: \$9,877.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, August 23, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto & Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, August 24, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, August 30, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny & Theresa Cole-Smith

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, August 31, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

August 18 to September 1, 2025

Regina Vinge & Volunteer