

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 31, 2025.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

**Pastor's
message**

It is summer season. It is quite natural for us to be dressed for summer. We should be dressed according to the seasons. Everything is well and

good. Since the ministry of **Eucharistic Ministers and lectors** are important liturgical services, where the volunteers are sharing the responsibility of the priests, who are well dressed for the occasions, volunteers who render their services to any liturgical services may also be dressed well for their services. We expect services of anyone who are **dressed in a proper way for the liturgical services**, but certainly, not in a casual way. Since these are very important liturgical services, let us approach them **with sufficient respect and devotion**, please.

It is time for us to address donations for the **Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal**. Targets for the year 2025 is given below:

Holy Family Church, Fernie
\$17,050/= Received \$ 7,743.00.
Needs \$ 9,307.00

St. Michael's Church, Sparwood
\$6,150/= Received \$ 4,085.17.
Needs \$ 2,064.83

St. Bernard's Church, Elkford \$ 1,700/=
Received \$ 170.00. Needs \$ 1530.00

Each parish is expected to complete the given target. **Let me request all of you to be kind enough to complete the expected targets, with in a month**, and thereby we can concentrate our attention on other important matters. If you find it hard to give extra money towards the Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal together with the weekly donations, **discard weekly donations for one month and contribute your donations to the Pilgrimage of Faith for one month, please.**

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. They are a great help for the active participation, in the centre. In the same way, if members of Holy Family Church are ready to help our residents at **Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie**, on every Wednesday at 11 am, it will be far better **for them and the residents will feel at home. I would appreciate and request all the people who attend 12 noon mass in the church, to attend the mass at Rocky Mountain village from September 17, onwards, please.**

For the last two years, I was offering weekday Mass on **Wednesdays at 12 noon at Holy Family Church, Fernie**. So far, I have seen maximum number of people as five and lowest number of people as one. It is discouraging for any priests. **So, I will not be doing this weekday Mass for Holy Family Church, Fernie, from September 10, onwards.**

Information:

No Mass on September 10 & October 8,
at rocky Mountain village.

No Mass on September 12 & October 10
at Lilac Terrace.

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.
God's blessings, Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 30. @Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, August 31. @Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, September 3 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Wednesday, September 3 @ 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 7 & under are free.

Items are donated for this Fundraiser with proceeds going to the Parish. There will be a Bake Table and donations accepted for Salvation Army 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.hfpfernief@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.

Bishop Gregory will be having surgery on September 2nd, 2025. For the same condition that was treated before
Thank you for keeping him and his surgeons in your prayers.



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

August 24, 2025

Actual: \$1,007.80

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+2.85)

Total Contributions YTD

\$36,205.89

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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Thank you
for your donation

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



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Total Contributions YTD July)

\$7, 743.00

Under: \$9,307.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

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)

Saturday, September 6, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Mike Delich & Anne Majic

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, September 7, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

September 1 to September 15, 2025

Anne Majic, Nermina DeGuzman and
Veronica Eustace