

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

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Website:

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Pastor's Email:

elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil

Mass Times

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

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

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PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

Parish Office: 250-425-2327

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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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

Lilac Terrace

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

September 21, 2025.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

"I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left.

To those who are fed up with scandals. with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a place than a home.

I too was angry with God. I too see good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes...there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.

But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes He whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything.

I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs. I am not asking you to believe in everything. I am asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgement.

I am just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son... and yet she cooked for others. That changed me.

So if you are broken, if you don't believe, if you are tired the lies...come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask you for a VIP card. Because this church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary.

God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers and sisters.

And you, you, you...are one of them"

Pope Leo X1V

Information:

No Mass on October 8, at rocky Mountain village.

Priests' Study days are mandatory for every Priest in the diocese of Nelson which will begin from October 6 Monday to 10 Friday.

The **dress code** is for all the volunteers of three parishes, who step into the **sanctuary**. Sanctuary is believed to be "**the Holy of Holies**". I try to do what I teach you, as we are all participating in the **Lord's Supper**. Volunteers who are sharing the office of the priest in reading the word of God and distributing the Holy Eucharist need to respect the sacredness of both these ministries. I thought to remind this once more... Do not take it, too personal, 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 \$ 8,415.00.

Needs \$ 8,635.00

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.**

God's blessings, *Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20. @Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, September 21. @Holy Family for the wedding anniversary and special blessing of

Nathan & Cassandra Luznar

Michael & Elizabeth Rybinski

Wed, September 24 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Information from Holy Family



The 2025 Fall Tea was a success. Those who attended had a pleasant time socializing and enjoying the refreshments. Fil Roccamatissi complimented the event with playing contemporary tunes on his saxophone.

Francesca, Danica, Kiyra, Maria and Francie are a group of youngsters who graced the Tea with their presence and helped with serving. Their smiles and energy were appreciated. Thank you to all who helped with the preparation and donated.

Approximately, \$1,200 was raised for parish needs. The entrance of the church is needing repairs, and the money could be used for this.

It was a privilege convening the 2025 Fall Tea.



1. 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.



As you know Bishop Gregory underwent surgery on September 2. His surgeons had planned for a second treatment shortly after the first. Due to complications after the first surgery, he has not yet been able to have the second treatment. Bishop Gregory is still recovering in Vancouver. He thanks you for all of your prayers and requests your continued prayers for a full recovery.



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

September 14, 2025

Actual: \$1,228.68

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+228.68)

Total Contributions YTD

\$40,534.93

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernle@nelsondiocese.org



Thank you
for your donation

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



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Total Contributions YTD July)

\$8,415.00

Under: \$8,635.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Lucrecia & Volunteer (s)

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Mike Delich & Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

September 15 to September 29, 2025

S. Pace, S. Marcellus & Sophie Perrault