

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: fernie@nelsondiocese.org

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 28, 2025.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Dear Friends,
Cleanliness

“Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes” (Isaiah 1: 16).

The virtue of cleanliness is about purity, respect, discipline, and dignity - physically and spiritually. It honours God, ourselves, and others. It reflects our inner and outer disposition towards sacred order. According to the Bible, cleanliness mirrors the order of God's creation. God is not a God of chaos or filth (1Corinthians 14: 33). Remaining clean honours, the dignity of the body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?” (1Corinthians 6: 19-20).

Cleanliness touches both the physical and spiritual dimensions of your life. At its core, it means purity - of body, mind, and soul. People are naturally drawn to those who are clean, not only in appearance, but also in their behaviour, words, and intentions. Likewise, a clean and orderly environment brings peace and comfort, making our houses more welcoming and life-giving.

As members of Catholic Church, we are not to chase worldly success alone, but to seek inner transformation. Even amidst a busy schedule, everyone is called to spend time in the presence of the Lord - examining, cleansing, and renewing the heart. At the same time physical cleanliness is not to be neglected. Keeping your house and surroundings clean reflects your discipline and care for others, and it also protects you from illness and disorder. Cleanliness is an expression of respect - for yourself, for others and for God who dwells in our midst. (Quote: “Cleanliness is next to godliness,” Mahatma Gandhi). Fr. Thomas

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.

From the Diocese

Pursuant to Fr. Thomas' request in the following email, the buyer has agreed to begin the work in early October which will allow the garden group time to remove any of their structures before excavation. **Please notify the garden group that they have until October 3 to remove their garden beds and shed from the property that is being sold.** Should they choose not to do this buyer will dispose of the structures that are destroyed in the excavation process.

Kindly confirm by email that you have transmitted this information to the garden groups.

Kind Regards,
Cece

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

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

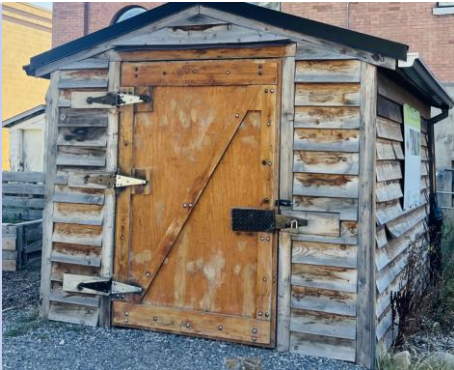
Saturday, September 27. @Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, September 28. @Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, October 1 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Information from Holy Family

Complimentary
Shed must found a new home prior to Oct 3



Shed



Old Pump Organ

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



The Fernie Family Garden 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 Holy Family.

Beer/Pop/Juice/Water

Bottles and Cans

Where: Shed beside the church

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 21, 2025

Actual: \$1,642.17

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+642.17)

Total Contributions YTD

\$41,805.03

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 August)

\$8,415.00

Under: \$8,635.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, October 4, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

September 29 to October 13, 2025

Gary Smith & Kathy Smith