

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

501 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

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

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

October 5, 2025.

Dear Friends,

Fidelity

"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown."
(Revelation 2:10)

Fidelity is a virtue that refers to faithfulness, loyalty, and steadfastness to a person, cause, duty, or belief. It is foundational in personal relationships, moral integrity, and societal trust. In religious contexts, it refers to remaining faithful to God or spiritual teachings. It often involves obedience, devotion, and sustained belief despite trials or doubts. Throughout Scripture, God is portrayed as perfectly faithful. "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God" (Deuteronomy 7:9). Fidelity is a divine virtue, rooted in the unchanging nature of God, who never breaks His promises to humanity. Those who remain faithful to God's Commandments are abundantly blessed. True fidelity arises from a deep and sustained belief that goodness can be found in all things. For members of the Catholic Church, your fidelity extends beyond your personal promises. You are also called to be faithful to the teachings and sacred heritage of the Mother Church. Your fidelity to the teachings of the church, reflects not only obedience to God's will but also serves as a path to personal sanctification.

Quote: "Fidelity is the virtue which disposes us to keep faith with those to whom we have pledged it." Lord, teach me to keep my word, to honour my commitments, and to love with perseverance and integrity. May God bless you! Fr. Thomas.

Request

It is time for us to address donations for "Seaton House of Prayer" on the coming week. Write your intention on your envelope, please.

Information:

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

No Mass from Monday to Friday.

Information:

No Mass on October 8, at rocky Mountain village.

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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, October 4. @Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, October 5. @Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, October 8 @ Rocky Mountain Village

No Mass.

Fernie Catholic Women League. Next Meeting.



Second Tuesday of each month
7:00 PM. Church's Hall

Tax receipts

Please ensure that your contact information is up to date for tax receipt purposes. Thank you for your continued support. Please email us at



fernienelsondiocese.org

Sacraments

We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email fernienelsondiocese.org and we will reply to your email request accordingly.



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.



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 28, 2025

Actual: \$755.23

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-244.77)

Total Contributions YTD

\$42,228.23

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org



Thank you
for your donation

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

Total Contributions YTD August)

\$8,415.00

Under: \$8,635.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, October 4, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, October 11, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

September 29 to October 13, 2025

Gary Smith & Kathy Smith