

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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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.

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ST. MICHAELS'S PARISH SPARWOOD, BC

129 Centennial Square

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Parish Office: 250-425-2327

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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:

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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 19, 2025.

Pastor's Message: October 19, 2025. Faith and sacramental life:



"The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life"

(CCC 1210). You were born into faith by the sacrament of baptism. The person in you was reborn in baptism. Faith grows with the constant reception of the sacraments, provided they are received with proper preparation and disposition.

The Sacrament of Marriage that you have received gives you immense grace to have a happy and joyful family through your fidelity to the promises you have made before the Church and Christ. The holy Order that a person has received and becomes an Ordained Priest, gives immense grace, to a priest. Never allow these thoughts disappear from your mind that you are a person of value before the Lord and others around us.

Your thoughts, words and deeds should radiate the divine nature in you.

The Holy eucharist, that we celebrate or participate, every day should bring heaven on earth. Celebrate it and participate in it, with devotion, fear and sanctity. Make regular confessions to atone for the sins. When you are in the confessional, be sincere and open before the priest, who dispenses God's mercy and grace. You are an instrument of divine grace in the hands of God. Neglecting the sacrament of confession and failing to make examination of conscience can endanger your vocation to be a priest or a married person.

"A good priest is always a miracle of grace" – Hans Urs Von Balthasar
Prayer: Lord, make me a worthy instrument of your divine grace that I may produce fruits of faith. Lord, make me an instrument of divine grace to live my faith and be an example for our children in our families.

INFORMATION

What is MAID?

MAID in Canada stands for Medical Assistance in Dying, which is the legal process where a doctor or nurse practitioner helps a patient end their life at their request. It became legal in June 2016 and is only available to eligible individuals who meet specific criteria, such as being at least 18 years old, having a previous and irremediable medical condition, and experiencing intolerable suffering. The process involves a formal request and assessment by medical practitioners. According to Catholic teaching, every life is sacred from conception to natural death. Anyone who discards or goes against this belief and goes for contrary action will not be given the proper funeral services in the diocese of Nelson.

- How do we avoid scandal considering the fact that if we do the funeral of someone who has accepted MAID, it may look like we have endorsed it?
- There will be no funeral service for anyone who consciously chose MAID, but a graveside celebration is allowed.
- There will not be any reception in the hall afterwards.
- Remember there are set rules concerning the use of the parish halls for Catholic Funerals, or receptions, Catholic weddings and Receptions. All these will be done according to the written rules and guidance of the diocesan rules.
- As pastor of Elk Valley Parishes: St. Michael's Church, Sparwood; Holy Family Church, Fernie; and St. Bernard's Church, Elkford, I do not want any exception for the diocesan guideline and rules on any further cases. Many of these rules were promulgated while I was having my medical leave. **So, I was not updated with these rules.** I do not want to go against any of the diocesan rules and hence do not pressurize me for any exception, in the future.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 18. @Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, October 19. @Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, October 22 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S.

All Soul's Day

Comes on November 2, Sunday. As I have three masses in three churches, I will be available to visit the cemetery on November 1st Saturday before Noon, if there are interested parishioners. Let me know, please.

Adoration Reposition

I would like to introduce "Adoration Reposition" song to be sung after at the reception of the Eucharist or after, please.
"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving, Be every moment thine." (Repeat it as many as possible)

Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal:

I am thankful to the parishioners of St. Michael's Church, Sparwood for completing the target of POF in the month of September 2025.

Please give your contributions for the parish needs alone.

St. Bernard's Church, Elkford is short of Just \$ 370/= to complete the pilgrimage of Faith goal. Please be generous to contribute to this effect, as early as possible, please.

Holy Family Parish, Fernie is short of just \$ 6110/= to complete the pilgrimage of Faith goal. Please be generous to contribute to this effect, as early as possible, please.

I will be away for a weekend vacation

AWAY

from **November 4, Tuesday to November 14, Friday.** Father

Julian Studden will replace me for the weekend Masses, of November 8 and 9. There will be no weekday masses for two weeks.

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.



Holy Family 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 the Diocese

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

[Petition e-6586 - Petitions](#)

Update of Bishops Gregory Health

Just a quick update, Bishop Gregory's second procedure has been delayed once again. He is now on schedule for this coming Friday, October 17. Please keep up all of the much-appreciated prayers, rosaries, masses etc. He sends his thanks to everyone for their continued prayers and supplications to God on his behalf.

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

October 12, 2025

Actual: \$1,439.07

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+439.07)

Total Contributions YTD

\$45,658.96

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 September 2025)

\$10,940.00

Under: -6,110.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

October 13 to October 27, 2025

M. Gareau & M. Scarpelli