

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

Mailing Address:

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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 26, 2025.

Pastor's Message:



Fidelity

"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown."

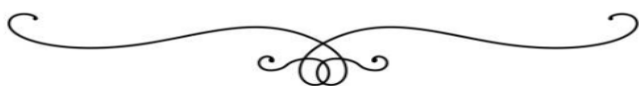
(Revelation 2:10)

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. It is very important for the success of any married life between the couples. It is necessary for children to have a happy family life with their parents. 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."

Prayer: Lord, teach me to keep my word, to honour my commitments, and to love with perseverance and integrity.



What is MAID?

I hope that all parishioners have knowledge of what MAID is! If you need more information, search for it in the google.

- According to Catholic teaching, every life is sacred from conception to natural death.
- There will be no funeral service for anyone who consciously chose MAID, but a graveside celebration.
- There will not be any reception in the church hall for anyone who chose MAID.
- There is a trend to use all the church facilities without having any sacramental services, which is not a right attitude from the part of the faithful.
- Remember there are set rules concerning the use of the parish halls for Catholic Funerals and Receptions, Catholic weddings and Receptions. All these will be done according to the written rules and guidelines 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 to grant any exception to the diocesan guideline and rules on any further cases. Do not pressurize me for any exception, in the future, please.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 25. @Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, October 26. @Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, October 29 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

All Soul's Day



Comes on November 2, Sunday. As I have three masses in three churches. We will visit Cemetery in Fernie on November 1 Saturday at 3 pm and we will visit the Sparwood Cemetery on November 3, after 9 am Mass and have blessings of the graves in both cemeteries, if there are interested people in the parish. Let me know of your needs, at least by October 30.

Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal:

**to all the
parishioners of St
Bernard's Church,
Elkford and St.**

Michael's Church, Sparwood for completing the target of POF. Please give your further contributions for the parish needs alone.

Holy Family Parish, Fernie is short of just \$ 4110/= 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

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.

Day Care Centers: I am thinking of having a Day care Centre for all the three Churches of Sparwood, Elkford and Fernie, for the active Catholic families of the parishes, in a year or two. I wish to have the services of some of the interested volunteers to do the groundwork as licensing, do the paperwork and the like



Coffee and Light
Snacks

After Sunday Mass
All Welcome

**Starting
Sunday, Nov 2**

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 19, 2025

Actual: \$1,865.25

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+865.25)

Total Contributions YTD

\$47,157.14

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)

\$1,2940.00

Under: -4,110.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Hamaica Tabamo

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta & Amal

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, November 1, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

October 27 to November 10, 2025

Regina Vinge & Volunteer