

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: fernie@nelsondiocese.org

Website:
<https://holyfamlyfernie.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

November 16, 2025.

Pastor's Message:

Is Suffering, A Blessing or A Curse?

"For He has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but also suffering for him as well" (Ph.1:29).

Suffering, according to St Paul, is a privilege when it is accepted with hope in the promises of God. Never consider it as a curse. Suffering has a great role in the life of a Christian. Jesus brought salvation to the world through the paschal mysteries of his passion, death and resurrection. He asked the disciples to take up the cross and follow him. Whoever was called by God, whether in Old Testament or in the New Testament, had to undergo suffering. Saints and martyrs considered suffering and dying for the sake of Gospel, as a blessing.

The suffering can come from both inside and outside. Jesus had warned us, that we will be persecuted for His sake. As a strong Catholic member of the parish family, you may have to face so many different unpleasant situations. Non-cooperation, non-receptiveness, lack of proper fund, tensions with regard to your family, lack of support and encouragement, family problems, marital problems, religious fanaticism- all these could be of great concern for you. Always believe that there is no crown without thorns. Narrow path always leads to life.

'I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love"- St Teresa of Calcutta.

Prayer: Give me more suffering O Lord that I may learn to love them.

Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal:



I am thankful 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, POF Goal of \$17.050.00 Completed

Let me thank Reverend Father Julian Studden for his generous services for the Elk Valley parishes, on the last weekend.

THANK YOU!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 15. @ Holy Family for the repose of Maria Volk requested by Katherine Rushka Family.

Sunday, November 16. @Holy Family for M. S. T.

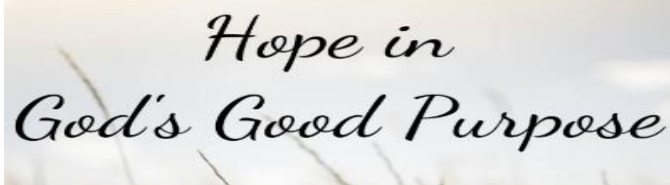
Wed, November 19 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Coffee and Light Snacks

After Sunday Mass
All Welcome

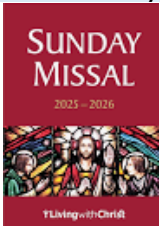


Day Care Centres or pre-school, or both: I am thinking of having Day care Centres or Pre-School for all the three Churches of Sparwood, Elkford and Fernie, mostly for the active Catholic families of the parishes, in an year or two. I wish to have the services of some of the interested volunteers to do the groundwork as licensing, do the paperwork and the like. I wish to hear from the interested families who could work with me for our parishes. 50% of the admissions will be reserved for the active parishioners and 25 % for the first nation students and 25 % for anyone who is interested to have their children in our facility.



I have a general idea for Sparwood and Elkford to use their rooms close to the hall for this purpose. Both parishes can have facilities approximately for 12 children each, if we go ahead with the idea. Holy Family Parish will have more facilities available and will be able to accommodate more children, in two years. If sixty percent of the parishioners wish to have them, we will think of proceeding with the idea

2026 Sunday Missals Available



Missals for 2026 are available in the parish office. A donation of \$5.00 is welcome.

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.

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.

Dears Friend of Holy Family

DATE _____	
PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____	\$ _____
DOLLARS _____	
MEMO _____	

If you wish to donate by cheque, please ensure it is payable to **Holy Family Parish** and in the memo line, specify if it is to POF, Development and Peace, Funeral Service etc.

Sacraments

We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email



fernien@nelsondiocese.org and we will reply to your email request accordingly.

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

November 9, 2025

Actual: \$1,195.07

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+195.07)

Total Contributions YTD

\$49,195.04

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernle@nelsondiocese.org



Thank you
for your donation

Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



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Total Contributions YTD 2025)

\$17,050.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, November 22, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

November 10 to November 24, 2025

N. DeGuzman, V. Eustace & A. Majic