

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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Website:

<https://holyfamlyfernie.ca>

Pastor's Email:

[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:sparwood@nelsondiocese.org)

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's Email:

[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondioces.org](mailto: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

November 30, 2025.

Pastor's Message:



## Confidence

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone" (Col 4:6)

You have to be a man of confidence to communicate effectively and meaningfully. This confidence is engendered in your faith. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, you have been called as a person, as an image of God. Confidence is not egotism, it is the conviction that you are the image of God the perfect communicator.

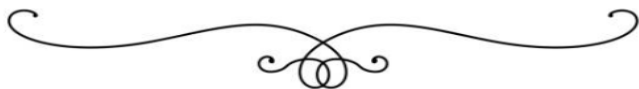
It is true, it's important to distinguish between confidence and arrogance.

Confidence is about self-assurance, while arrogance can be perceived as overbearing or dismissive of others. Confident

communication is about being clear, respectful, and engaging with others, not about dominating the conversation or belittling others. When you communicate with confidence, you are more likely to be heard, understood, and respected.

Confidence in communication allows you to express yourself clearly, assert your needs, and build stronger relationships. But, being confident does not mean that you do not care for other people and other ideas.

Confident individuals can articulate their thoughts and ideas with clarity and conviction, making their message more persuasive. So, gather your confidence and express yourself. People will listen to you and your message. How confident am I, in communicating with others?



## Bishop Message Update

**[Bishop Greg November 2025 message.pdf](#)**

## Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal:



**I am thankful to all the three parishes: St. Michael's Church, Sparwood, Holy Family Church, Fernie, and St. Bernard's Church, Elkford parishioners** for completing the target of POF. Each of you, who have contributed to this appeal, can be proud of our achievements.



If parishes have Capital projects which could be essential for the parish community, which can be completed in one or more years of time, think, propose, and let us work together for the coming years. Whatever we get approved from the diocese, will be the best way to save the diocesan tax money.

**Please give your further contributions, just for the parish needs alone.**

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29. @ Holy Family for the repose of Norma Chudik requested by family.

Sunday, November 30. @ Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, December 3 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

## Coffee and Light Snacks

After Sunday Mass  
**All Welcome**



**D** Some of us always complain that the younger families are not interested to attend the weekend Masses. Why? What would be the reason? Have you ever thought about it? If you have forgotten to think about it, reflect for a while and answer the question. Before answering this question, let me ask you, what are the attracting features of our parishes, for the younger families, in our parishes? If you like your answers to be shared with the community, let me know please.

| Proposed<br>Christmas and New Year Mass<br>Times<br>in the Elk Valley |        |          |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|---------|
|                                                                       | Fernie | Sparwood | Elkford |
| Wed, Dec 24                                                           | 4 pm   | 6 pm     |         |
| Thu, Dec 25                                                           | 11am   | 9 am     | 1.30 pm |
| Wed, Jan 1                                                            | 11am   | 9 am     | 1.30 pm |

## 2026 Sunday Missals Available



Missals for 2026 are available in the church or 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.



Fr Thomas and Holy Family Parish would like to extend heartfelt thanks to

Eldo Thankkachan of your Independent Grocer and Altinay Cancio of Save on Foods for their generosity during 2025. The donations of poinsettias, lilies and chrysanthemums are always much appreciated! 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.

## Sacraments

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



[fernien@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernien@nelsondiocese.org) and we will reply to your email request accordingly.

### Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

November 23, 2025

Actual: \$1,158.12

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+158.12)

Total Contributions YTD

\$52,961.19

e-Transfer for Holy Family

[etransfer.hfpfernle@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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 29, 2025, 4:00 PM

**Liturgical Reader**

Patrice Oscienny

**Sacristan**

Volunteer

Sunday, November 30, 2025, 11:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**

Angelika Pace

**Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, December 6, 2025, 4:00 PM

**Liturgical Reader**

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

**Sacristan**

Diane Slywka

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 11:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**

Marilyn Bruschetta

**Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

### Church Cleaners

November 24 to December 8, 2025

A. Pace, S. Marcellus & S. Perrault