

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

501 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: [fernien@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernien@nelsondiocese.org)

Website:

<https://holyfamiyfernien.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:

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

December 7, 2025.

Pastor's Message:



## Lack of ego as pillar of open communication

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

Big "egos" get in the way of open communication. They can lead people to dominate conversations and to hear only the information that supports their existing views. It can create a defensive dynamic where people are afraid of being wrong and have difficulty admitting mistakes. With egos in play, open communication can feel threatening.

So, you as a leader, to get members of your community to embrace it, you have to lead by example. You need to admit mistakes and welcome constructive feedback. You should listen actively and with empathy, respecting differences and including every member in the company of conversation.

A lack of ego is crucial for open communication because it allows for genuine listening, honest feedback, and a willingness to collaborate. When individuals prioritize their ego, they may be more likely to dominate conversations, resist feedback, and struggle to see perspectives beyond their own, hindering open and effective communication. By minimizing the influence of ego, you will be able to create a more open, honest, and collaborative communication environment, leading to greater understanding, innovation, and success. Am I willing to let go of my ego to establish genuine and healthy relationships in my community?

## Bishop Message Update

[Bishop Bittman update Dec 2 2025 \(1\).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.

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

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 only way to save the diocesan tax money.

There will be a funeral service for Genowefa Markowski, 87 years old, in Holy Family Church on December 8 Monday at 11 am following luncheon in the hall.



Holy Family Church is blessed to have baptism of Brooke Voysey daughter of Ben Voysey and Brady Voysey on December 6 at 4 pm, within Mass.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6. @ Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, December 8. @ Holy Family for M. S. T.

Next Holy Mass in Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie, is on December 17, 2025

## Advent Reconciliation Services



**Holy Family Church, Fernie, on  
December 17, at 12 noon  
St. Michael's Church, Sparwood on  
December 17, at 6.30 pm**

## Christmas and New Year Mass Times in the Elk Valley

	Fernie	Sparwood	Elkford
Wed, Dec 24	4 pm	6 pm	
Thu, Dec 25	11am	9 am	1.30 pm
Thu, Jan 1	11am	9 am	1.30 pm

### Coffee and Light Snacks

After Sunday Mass

**Will resume on January 18<sup>th</sup>**

All Welcome



### 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.

### 2026 Sunday Missals Available



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

### Fernie Community Choir Christmas Concert

#### At Holy Family



Friday Dec 19 at 7pm

Tickets can be purchased at the Scotiabank or at the door.

General public \$15

Children under 12 free.

### 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.



### 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.

### Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

December 30, 2025

Actual: \$983.07

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-16.93)

Total Contributions YTD

\$53,572.19

e-Transfer for Holy Family

[etransfer.hfpfernle@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.hfpfernle@nelsondiocese.org)



Thank you  
for your donation

### Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



[etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org)

Total Contributions YTD 2025)

\$17,050.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



### Volunteer Schedule

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)

Saturday, December 13, 2025, 4:00 PM

#### **Liturgical Reader**

Colin Lynch

#### **Sacristan**

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 11:00 AM

#### **Liturgical Reader**

Angelika Pace

#### **Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

### Church Cleaners

December 8 December 22, 2025

Marilyn Gareau & Volunteer