

# 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

January 4, 2026.

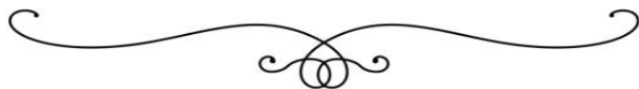


## Pastor's Message Dying Daily to Self

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)

This verse reminds us that true fruitfulness comes only through letting go and surrendering ourselves to God's will. A grain of wheat seems insignificant until it is buried in the earth—only then does it break open and bring forth new life. In the same way, our lives attain meaning when we are willing to die to selfishness, pride, and comfort, and allow God to transform us. Family life is a life of contentment and happiness as we share ourselves with our dear and near ones, sharing our joys and sorrows together. It is a kind of service, but at its heart it is dying to self in a hidden love.

Each day brings chances to surrender: giving up rest for the sick of a family member, remaining patient under criticism, or keeping silence when wrongly accused. These quiet deaths are precious in God's eyes. Jesus Himself emptied His glory, taking the form of a servant for our sake. Our sacrifices, though small, are seeds planted in God's soil, destined to bear fruit in ways unseen. In heaven we will see how nothing was wasted. "Conquer yourself each day from the very first moment, getting up, without yielding to laziness." (St Josemaría Escrivá)  
The seed that falls into the ground in love will one day blossom in eternal harvest.



## Holy Baptism



Holy Family is happy to Baptize  
**Patricio Avila Godoy**

Son of  
Alejandro Avila Barba and Daniela Godoy  
Navarrete  
Saturday, January 3  
@ 3: PM

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3. @ Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory

Sunday, January 4. @ Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, January 7. @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

## 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 \$6.00 is welcome.

### 2026 Offering Envelopes

Please find donation envelopes inside the church. Please inform the parish office if you would like to have a donation envelope box number.



### 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.

Happy New  
Year

### Tax receipts

Please ensure that your contact information is up to date for tax receipt purposes. Thank you for your continued support. Please email us at



[fernien@nelsondioces.org](mailto:fernien@nelsondioces.org)

### Fernie Catholic Women League. Next Meeting.



Second Tuesday of each month  
7:00 PM. Church's Hall

### Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

December 14, 2025

Actual: \$5,100.22

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+4,100.22)

Total Contributions YTD

\$59,804.54

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 2026)

2026 POF Goal TBD



### Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, January 3, 2026, 4:00 PM

#### Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

#### Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 11:00 AM

#### Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

#### Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, January 10, 2026, 4:00 PM

#### Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

#### Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, January 11, 2026, 11:00 AM

#### Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

#### Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

### Church Cleaners

January 5, 26 to Jan 19, 26

Regina Vinge & Volunteer