

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

501 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Mailing Address:

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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Website:

<https://hol yfamilyfern timer.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

January 18, 2026.

## Little bit about me as an MST Priest:

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise in the resurrection on the last day. "Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11 24-26).

Priest as a leader uses the language of **possibility**. A priest /missionary does not get discouraged with the happenings around. He can find inside every problem a precious opportunity to improve things. His words create space for growth, healing, and new beginnings; he does not dwell on obstacles but guides others to see opportunities, to trust in divine providence, and to believe that greater things are possible in Christ.

Using the language of possibility is a way of leadership that lifts burdens, reforms expectations, and expresses the conviction that with God "all things are possible." Such priestly speech calls forth courage, cooperation, and faith, making the parish a place where everyone is encouraged to dream, contribute, and hope. After the model of Jesus, who came to establish God's Kingdom, the MST priests like me take up programmes for empowering the weaker and marginalized sections of society to help them lead a harmonious and dignified life. These include empowerment programmes for women, children, farmers, and the subaltern groups.

## Information:

Soon we will be entering the new liturgical season of Lent.

**Ash Wednesday is on 18th February 2026.**

Lent reminds us to change or purification in our lives through fasting, abstinence, prayer and devotions like Stations of the Cross, either with soup and bun or with some kind of snacks, whatever we can do. The Stations of the Cross is a powerful prayer experience that invites our young and old to walk with Jesus on His journey to Calvary, to reflect on His great love, and to grow in faith as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. Through prayer, reflection, and fellowship, we hope to offer our young people a truly meditative and grace-filled experience. This will help us to gather together on weekdays and as a community of people who can spend our precious time in prayer and mortifications.

### Proposed Holy Week Services for the year 2026:

Holy Thursday Mass at Sparwood in the Evening

Good Friday Prayers and Stations of the Cross at 2 pm at Sparwood

Good Friday Prayers and Stations of the Cross at 4 pm in Fernie  
Easter Vigil Mass at Fernie at sunset



Easter Mass at Sparwood at 10 am  
Easter Mass at Elkford at 12 noon.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 24. @ Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory

Sunday, January 25. @ Holy Family for M. S. T.

Wed, January 28. @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

### Coffee and Light Snacks

After 11 am, Sunday Mass

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

All Welcome



### Parish Council Volunteers/Form

Council Member

[Request for Parish Council Volunteers  
January 2026.docx](#)

City of Fernie Condominium

[City of Fernie condominium development  
proposal January 2026.pdf](#)

### 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.

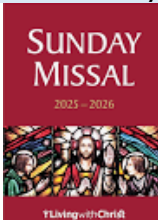


### Fernie Catholic Women League. Next Meeting.



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

### 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 ongoing 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

January 18, 2026

Actual: \$1,482.37

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-146.88)

Total Contributions YTD

\$5,501.65

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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



Thank you  
for your donation

### Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



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

2026

POF Goal TBD

Available after, Feb 15, 2026



### Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, January 24, 2026, 4:00 PM

#### Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

#### Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, January 25, 2026, 11:00 AM

#### Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

#### Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 4:00 PM

#### Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

#### Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 11:00 AM

#### Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

#### Sacristan

Volunteer (s)

### Church Cleaners

January 19, 26 to Feb 2, 26

Anne Majic, Nermina DeGuzman & Veronica Eustace.

### 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



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