

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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<https://holyfamilyfernie.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. MICHAEL'S PARISH SPARWOOD, BC

129 Centennial Square

Mailing Address:

PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's Email:  
[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.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

February 15, 2026.



## Vulnerability.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28)

This is an invitation to those who are trying to be good, finding their tasks difficult, and are driven to weariness and despair. Jesus invites them to approach Him and find consolation and comfort. We, priests and laity, are at times taxed by duties, chocked by tedium, shadowed by loneliness, unsettled or troubled by our own imperfections, and even misunderstood and persecuted by others; Jesus invites us to find solace and comfort in Him.

Vulnerability is the willingness to be open, honest and susceptible for emotional exposure. It involves embracing uncertainty, imperfections and risks. Vulnerability requires courage, self-acceptance and firm faith in God, who invites us for rest. In priestly ministry, vulnerability fosters humility and authenticity, making space for deep communion with God and compassionate solidarity with others. While faced with difficulties, the divine inspiration encouraged St Paul with the words "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Cor.12:9).

The members of our parishes shall carry out the mandate of service by transforming themselves, imitating the compassionate love of Jesus for the suffering humanity and with a self-sacrificing and selfless dedication and commitment.

## Information:

Ash Wednesday is on February 18. It is mandatory for all the faithfuls to observe lenten fast on Ash Wednesday as well as Good Friday. Either you can have no food for 24 hours, or one food within 24 hours or two or three very small meals in 24 hours. It's your health and commitment to your Faith in the Lord. You can repeat it on all Fridays of Lent, if you like. You can have abstinence of meat or wine or another food for lent.

1. On Ash Wednesday the Holy Mass at Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie at 11 am, will have ashes for the participants. There will be a special Mass at Holy Family Church Fernie at 12 noon with the ashes for the participants.

2. Reconciliation services for Lent: March 4 Wednesday at 12 noon at Holy Family Church, Fernie.

3. There is one Candidate for RCIA, this year. (1) Marilyn Bruschetta, from Holy Family Church, Fernie

4. I was trying to have a proper Parish Council in Fernie having at least 15 members, representing the whole parish of 150 people. So far, I have received just 5 applications. If I am able to have more members, then we will have a formal Parish Council. If we are unable to have more members, then we will have a nominal Parish Council. It's up to you to decide.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 14. @ Holy Family for the repose of Graham Oben requested by Christa Nicholson and Shan Oben.

Sunday, February 15. @ Holy Family for the repose of Abilio & Michael Morgadinho, requested by Celeste Morgadinho.

Wed, February 18. @ Rocky Mountain Village for the repose of Virginia & Edmond Arsenault requested by Anita Gates.

## Welcome all to Coffee and Light Snacks



### Funded by donations

After 11 am, Sunday Mass

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**



## Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal 2026 Target

Holy Family Church, Fernie is \$ 16,500/=

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Parish Council Volunteers/Form

Council Member

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

## Happy Family Day & Valentine's Weekend

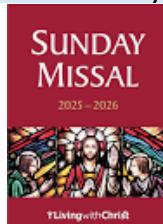


Diocese of Nelson Letter – Tumbler Ridge

[Tumbler Ridge Tragedy Feb 2026.pdf](#)

Catholic Men's Conference  
[2026 Spring Catholic Men's Conference.pdf](#)

## 2026 Sunday Missals Available



Missals for 2026 are available in the church or in the parish office. A donation of \$6.00 is welcome.

## Sacraments

We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email [fernrie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernrie@nelsondiocese.org) and we will reply to your email request accordingly.



## 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



[fernrie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernrie@nelsondiocese.org)

## Fernie Catholic Women League Meeting.



Second Tuesday of each month @ 7 PM  
Chuch's hall  
All women are 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 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 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

February 8, 2026

Actual: \$1,430.27

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+430.27)

Total Contributions YTD

\$8,690.26

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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

Thank you  
for your donation

## Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

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

2026

POF Goal \$16,500.00



## Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, February 14, 2026, 4:00 PM

**Liturgical Reader**

Christa Nicholson

**Sacristan**

Diane Slywka

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 11:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**

Marilyn Bruschetta

**Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, February 21, 2026, 4:00 PM

**Liturgical Reader**

Patrice Oscienny

**Sacristan**

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, February 22, 2026, 11:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**

Marilyn Bruschetta

**Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

## Church Cleaners

February 16, to March 2, 2026

Marilyn Gareau &amp; Maria Scarpelli