

# 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

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<https://holyfamilyfernie.ca>

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[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

March 15, 2026.

## “The Lord is my Shepherd”

centers on the deep assurance that God’s love is not distant or abstract but personal, attentive, and constant. In calling the Lord our shepherd, we proclaim that Christ Himself walks with us, guiding our steps and guarding our hearts. He knows each of us by name, understands our struggles, and leads us toward what brings true life. Even when we wander or face darkness, His mercy seeks us out and His grace restores us. This verse reminds us that God provides not only material needs but also spiritual nourishment—peace for anxious hearts, strength for weary souls, and direction when life feels confusing. The Good Shepherd does not promise a life without challenges, but He promises His presence within them. His rod and staff symbolize both protection and correction, helping us grow in holiness and trust.

For Catholics, this psalm becomes a prayer of surrender: allowing Christ to lead, to heal, and to shape our lives according to His will. It invites us to rest in the certainty that we are never alone and that God’s goodness will pursue us all our days.

### Information:

1. Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal  
Holy Family Church, Fernie is \$ 16,500.00

2. **Parish Council meeting for Holy Family Church** took place today on March 11 from 12.15 pm to 1 pm. Out of six members, just one showed up with the CWL and Catechism ex-officio members. We could not elect a Parish Council Chairperson. Next meeting is scheduled to be on April 15, 2026, at 12 noon, in the parish office.

**Readings Sat, April 4. St. Michael’s:** All shorter readings of Numbers: 3, 5, 7, Epistle and Gospel

There will be four readings: Number 3 will be read by Sparwood members.

Number 5 will be read by Fernie members.

Number 7 will be read by Elkford members.

Epistle will be read by Catechism students.

## Easter Week Schedule:

### Holy Family Fernie

**Holy Thursday.** April 2 at 7.30 pm.

This Service in Fernie is for all the three Parishes.

Washing of the feet of 12 persons - 5 from Fernie, 5 from Sparwood and 2 from Elkford. Enrich yourself with prayer, fasting and abstinence. Keep your right leg ready for wash.

**Good Friday.** April 3 at 4 pm

Stations of the Cross 3 pm

**Easter Sunday** April 5, at 10 am

### St. Michael’s Sparwood

**Good Friday.** April 3 at 2 pm

Stations of the Cross at 3 pm

**Easter Vigil.** Sat, April 4, Sparwood at 7.30 pm

Just one service for all the three parishes: Fernie and Elkford need to bring their Easter Candles, and all the three candles will be lit at the Easter Vigil Service at Sparwood.

*There will be baptism and confirmation of two RCIA members.*

### St. Bernard’s Elkford

**Easter Sunday.** April 5, at 12.30 pm

Note: Holy Thursday Service and Easter Vigil services are conducted after sunset. All the cluster parishes have just one service, due to late service.

**It is mandatory to attend the Easter Week services. Try your best to be present.**

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 14. @ Holy Family 55<sup>th</sup> birthday of Genevieve Yongco-Balintucas.

Sunday, March 15. @ Holy Family for the 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding Anniversary of Genevieve Yongco-Balintucas and Michael Balintucas & for the soul of Salud Yongo.

Wed, March 18. @ Rocky Mountain Village for the special intentions of M. G.

# Catholic Women's League Presents Lenten Soup and Bun



**Wednesdays February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25**  
**From 11:30 until 1:30**  
**Fernie Family Centre 521-4th Ave.**  
**Dine in or Take out**  
**Minimum donation \$10 all proceeds to**  
**Development and Peace**

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Parish Council Volunteers/Form

Council Member

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

Catechism Lessons Available  
Contact Regina Vinge  
[rmvinge@gmail.com](mailto:rmvinge@gmail.com)  
(250) 423- 9154

## CWL Fernie Meeting

Every second Tuesday of each month.



7:00 PM in the hall.  
All women are welcome to join.

## 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.



2025 tax receipts have been mailed out on

February 25, 2026

Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions or concerns.

## Sparwood

Reconciliation services for Children in on March 9, at 3.30 pm

# Thank You

A sincere THANK YOU is extended to the ladies of the Catholic Women's League for their past and ongoing generosity and support of Holy Family Parish. Your hard work and self sacrifice are truly recognized and appreciated.

Fr Thomas and Parish Councils

## 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

March 8, 2026

Actual: \$1,071.27

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (-78.73)

Total Contributions YTD

\$15,066.49

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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



Thank you  
for your donation

Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



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2026

POF Goal \$16, 500.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, March 14, 2026, 4:00 PM

**Liturgical Reader**  
Marilyn B & Angelika P.

**Sacristan**  
Diane Slywka

Sunday, March 15, 2026, 11:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**  
Anne Majic  
**Sacristan**  
Altinay Cansio

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 4:00 PM

**Liturgical Reader**  
Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

**Sacristan**  
Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 11:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**  
Angelika Pace

**Sacristan**  
Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

March 16, to March 30, 2026  
A. Majic, N. DeGuzman & V. Eustace.