

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
**FERNIE, BC**

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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

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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

## April 5, 2026. Dear Beloved Parishioners

**A**s we enter this holy Easter season, my heart is filled with gratitude for each of you and for the quiet, faithful ways you allow Christ to work in your lives. The empty tomb is not only a sign of God’s triumph—it is a tender reminder that the Lord meets us in our fears, our uncertainties, and our longing for renewal. He steps into our lives just as He stepped into the garden that first Easter morning, calling each of us by name.

In these days, may you feel the gentle nearness of the Risen Christ. Let His peace settle into the places where you carry worry. Let His light reach the corners of your life that feel dim or forgotten. And let His hope strengthen you to love more deeply, forgive more freely, and walk with renewed trust in God’s faithful presence.

As a parish family, may we continue to lift one another in prayer, to care for those who struggle, and to be signs of Christ’s compassion in our community. May the joy of the resurrection fill your homes and your hearts with lasting peace.

With Easter blessings and pastoral affection,  
Fr. Thomas.

### Information:

1. April 12 Sunday is the Divine Mercy Sunday. If you are able to do the prayers and novenas, please do them. I will try to participate lead you, **in St. Michael’s Church, Sparwood at 3 pm**. Either you can come and join me, or you can do it in your church, or home.
2. *From April 20 to 24, I will be away from the parishes, just to relax. When we work without any day off, for weeks, we all get stressed up, and naturally, we need some*

*days off, from the schedule. Thanks for your understanding & cooperation. Fr. Thomas.*

### 3. Let me thank each of you.

who give up your precious time, in serving the parish community as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, ushers, money counters, church cleaners, catechism teachers, coffee servers and musicians. It is true that I do not thank each of you now and then, but I try to thank you all, a couple of times. But I do keep you in my prayers.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE APRIL 2 – APRIL 5, 2026

### Holy Family Fernie

#### HOLY THURSDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7:30 PM

Service for all Elk Valley Parishes/Washing of feet.

#### GOOD FRIDAY

3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL @ 3:30

Stations of the Cross

3<sup>rd</sup> April at 4:00 PM

#### EASTER SUNDAY

5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL at 10:00 AM

### St. Michael’s Sparwood

#### GOOD FRIDAY

3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL At 2:00 PM

3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL AT 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

#### EASTER VIGIL

4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL at 7:30 PM

Service for all Elk Valley Parishes/Candles available.

### St. Bernard’s Elkford

#### EASTER SUNDAY

5<sup>th</sup> APRIL @ 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, April 5. @ Holy Family for the special intention of M. G.

Sunday, April 8. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. G. at Rocky Mountain Village.

*Congratulations on your confirmation*

**Marilyn Jean Bruschetta**

**April 4, 2026, in Sparwood**



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.



Thank you to the many hard working, generous members of the CWL, Holy Family Parish and the Fernie community at large.

Your overwhelming participation and support of the CWL Lenten Soup and Bun effort is appreciated. All profits in the total amount of **\$4753.35** will be paid to Development and Peace.

Watch for the event during Lent next year - 2027!

**From the Diocese in Nelson**

The Fifth Sunday of Lent video of the series titled "Journey through Lent" is now available on the CCCB website:

**in English:** <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>



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**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 29, 2026

Actual: \$1,487.42

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (+337.42)

Total Contributions YTD

\$20,099.45

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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for your donation

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, April 4, 2026, 4:00 PM

Service in Sparwood for all Elk Valley Parishes.

Sunday, April 5, 2026, 10:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**

Marilyn Bruschetta

**Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, April 11, 2026

**Liturgical Reader**

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

**Sacristan**

Diane Slywka

Sunday, April 12, 2026, 10:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**

Angelika Pace

**Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

March 30 to April 13, 2026

Angelika Pace, Sue Marcellus & Sophie Perrault



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Total Contributions YTD 2026

As per Feb 28, 2026

\$1,537.00

POF Goal \$16, 500.00

