

# 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.

**Farish Council Chair:** Sharon Hecker

**Parish Council Vice Chair:** Frank  
Galway

## ST. MICHAELS'S PARISH SPARWOOD, BC

129 Centennial Square

Mailing Address:

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Pastor's Email:

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### 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>

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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

Tuesdays to Fridays

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Bookkeeper**

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

May 31, 2026.

## The Biblical Foundations of the Mass:

### **The Mass is built directly on Scripture.**

Its structure, prayers, and theology come from both the Old and New Testaments, especially the Passover, the sacrificial system, the Last Supper, and the early Church's "breaking of the bread." The Mass is not an invention of later centuries—it is the biblical pattern of worship fulfilled in Christ and continued by the apostles.

### **Core Biblical Foundations of the Mass**

#### **1. The Mass as Sacrifice — Fulfillment of the Old Testament**

The Mass is the sacramental re-presentation of Christ's one sacrifice on Calvary. This idea is rooted in the Old Testament sacrificial system, especially the Passover and the Day of Atonement, which prefigure Christ's offering.

Key Old Testament prefigurations:

- **Melchizedek offering bread and wine** (Genesis 14:18–20) — an early priestly type of Christ.
- **The Passover meal** (Exodus 12) — the lamb's blood saves Israel; Jesus becomes the true Paschal Lamb.
- **The manna in the desert** (Exodus 16) — foreshadows the true Bread from Heaven.

These themes converge in Christ's sacrifice, which the Mass makes present sacramentally.

#### **2. The Last Supper — Institution of the Eucharist**

The clearest biblical foundation is the Last Supper, where Jesus takes bread and wine and declares them His Body and Blood, commanding: **"Do this in memory of me."**

This establishes both the sacrificial and communal dimensions of the Mass.

#### **3. The Early Church's Eucharistic Worship**

The New Testament shows Christians celebrating the Eucharist immediately after the Resurrection:

- **Acts 2:42, 46** — "They devoted themselves... to the breaking of the bread."
- **Acts 20:7** — Christians gather on the first day of the week to break bread.
- **1 Corinthians 10:16–17** — Paul teaches that the Eucharistic bread and cup are participation in Christ's Body and Blood.
- **1 Corinthians 11:23–34** — Paul recounts the institution narrative and warns against receiving unworthily, showing the Eucharist was already sacred liturgy.

These passages show a structured, communal Eucharistic celebration—an early form of the Mass.

#### 4. The Liturgy of the Word — Scriptural Roots

The Mass's first major section, the **Liturgy of the Word**, is entirely biblical in origin:

- Readings from the Old Testament, New Testament letters, and the Gospels.
- The Responsorial Psalm, drawn from Israel's prayer book.
- The homily, modelled on Jesus explaining Scripture (e.g., Luke 24:27).
- The Creed and prayers echo biblical language.

The Church intentionally proclaims Scripture as part of worship, following the pattern of synagogue liturgy and apostolic practice.

#### 5. The Liturgy of the Eucharist — Biblical Meal and Sacrifice

The second major section of the Mass mirrors the structure of biblical sacrificial meals:

- **Offering of bread and wine** — echoing Melchizedek and the Passover meal.
- **Eucharistic Prayer** — recounts salvation history, like Jewish berakah prayers.
- **Consecration** — Christ's words from the Last Supper.
- **Communion** — participation in Christ's Body and Blood, as Paul teaches.

The Mass is both meal and sacrifice, a "both/and" reality rooted in Scripture.

#### 6. Heavenly Worship in Revelation

The Book of Revelation describes heavenly liturgy—altar, incense, hymns, the "Lamb standing as though slain"—which the Mass participates in sacramentally. The early Church understood the Eucharist as joining the worship of heaven.

## Information Holy Family Fernie

#### 1. Pope Leo XIV shared his first Papal



encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity") with the world.

In it, he addresses one of the defining questions of our age: how to safeguard human dignity in the era of artificial intelligence.

Learn more about this pivotal moral teaching on technology and human dignity by tapping below:

[Click here](#)

**What is the encyclical's most important message about AI?**

2. Installation of Parish Council in Holy Family church through prayer will be done on **May 30, Saturday and May 31, Sunday, 2026**. The parish council members may show up in the sacristy at least 10 minutes before Holy Mass.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 30, 2026. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. S. T.

Sunday, May 31, 2026. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. S. T.

Wed, May 27, 2026. @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

### Welcome all to Coffee and Light Snacks

Funded by donations

After 11 am, Sunday Mass

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup>.

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>.





Special Celebration after 11:00 am  
Sunday Mass, *June 14, 2026*

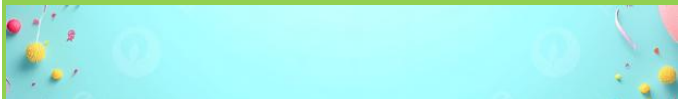
**All Parishioners Invited.  
Complimentary**

Mr. and Mrs. Filippo Roccamatysi  
75<sup>th</sup> Birthdays.

Delicious luncheon  
Pleasing background music  
(DJ Daniel McCrae)  
followed by a more vibrant beat for  
dancing.  
A great and warm toast to the  
celebrants.  
Dessert table

Please text and reserve by **June 8<sup>th</sup>,  
2026**

Sue Marcellus (250) 423 - 8721  
Rosalinda Pukalla (250) 423 -0739



### 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.



### CWL Fernie Meeting

Every second Tuesday of each month.



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

### 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.

### Parish Council Volunteers/Form

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

### Dear Parishioners

Please ensure to update your contact  
information. Thank You.



### Finance Report

Contributions for the week of  
May 24, 2026

Actual: \$1,762.07

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (+\$612.07)

Total Contributions YTD

\$31,912.20

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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



Thank you  
for your donation



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

Pre-Authorized Giving Form

[POF 2026 Appeal Brochure Fillable.pdf](#)



Total Contributions YTD 2026

As per April 30, 2026

\$4,367.12

POF Goal \$16, 500.00

### Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 4:00 PM

**Liturgical Reader**

Colin Lynch

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister**

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 11:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**

Angelika Pace

**Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, June 6, 2026, 4:00 PM

**Liturgical Reader**

Patrice Oscienny

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister**

Diane Slywka

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 11:00 AM

**Liturgical Reader**

Angelika Pace

**Sacristan**

Volunteer (s)

**Church Cleaners**

May 25, 2026, to June 8, 2026

Angelika Pace, Sue Marcellus, Sophie Perrault.