

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FERNIE, BC

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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.

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ST. MICHAELS'S PARISH
SPARWOOD, BC

129 Centennial Square

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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:

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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

June 7, 2026.

The Biblical Foundations of the Mass:

The **Liturgy of the Word** is the first of the two great pillars of the Catholic Mass, and it is designed as a sacred dialogue: **God speaks to His people through Scripture, and the people respond in faith, prayer, and profession.** What follows is a **detailed, structured, and richly contextual description** of every element, including its purpose, history, and theological meaning.

✦ What the Liturgy of the Word Is

The Liturgy of the Word is the portion of the Mass in which:

- **Scripture is proclaimed aloud**
- **Christ is made present in His Word**
- **The community listens, reflects, and responds**

Catholics believe that when Scripture is proclaimed in the liturgy, **God Himself is speaking to the assembly.** This is why the structure is formal, ritualized, and deeply rooted in ancient Jewish synagogue worship.

📖 The Full Structure of the Liturgy of the Word

1. First Reading

- Drawn primarily from the **Old Testament**.
- During the **Easter Season**, it comes from the *Acts of the Apostles* to highlight the birth of the Church.
- Its purpose is to reveal God's saving work in history and to set a thematic foundation for the Gospel.

Why it matters:

The Old Testament is not background material; it is the story of God preparing His people for Christ. The first reading often foreshadows or parallels the Gospel.

2. Responsorial Psalm

- A psalm is sung or recited between the readings.
- The psalmist or cantor sings the verses; the assembly responds with a repeated refrain.
- It is considered part of Scripture, not "music between readings."

Purpose: To meditate on the first reading and to let the Word of God become prayer.

3. Second Reading

- Taken from the **New Testament letters** (Epistles).
- Unlike the first reading and Gospel, it usually follows a **semi-continuous** pattern week to week.
- It teaches the life of the early Church and the practical implications of following Christ.

Purpose:

To show how the first Christians lived out the Gospel and how believers today are called to do the same.

4. Gospel Acclamation

- Usually the **Alleluia** (except during Lent).
- Sung to prepare the assembly to hear the Gospel.
- The Alleluia expresses joy because Christ is about to speak.

During Lent:

A different acclamation is used, since Alleluia is omitted as a sign of penitence.

5. Gospel Reading

This is the **high point** of the Liturgy of the Word.

- Proclaimed by a **deacon** or, if none is present, a **priest**.
- The assembly **stands** out of reverence.
- The minister greets the people, announces the Gospel, and signs the book and forehead/lips/heart.
- The Gospel is always from **Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John**.

Why is it central:

Catholics believe Christ is uniquely present when the Gospel is proclaimed. It is not just a reading about Jesus; it is Jesus speaking to His Church.

6. Homily: Given by a priest or deacon.

- Its purpose is to break open the Word, connecting Scripture to: the liturgical season; the mysteries of faith; the lived experience of the community; A good homily makes the Word of God **living, relevant, and transformative**. (will be continued...)

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. [Click here](#)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 6, 2026. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. S. T.

Sunday, June 7, 2026. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. S. T.

Wed, June 10, 2026. @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Welcome all to Coffee and Light Snacks

Funded by donations
 After 11 am, Sunday Mass
 June 7th, 14th.



CWL Fernie Year end Gathering

Ladies mark the Calendar
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
7:00 PM

We would like to welcome
 all ladies to our CWL
 year-end gathering!

Bring your favorite appetizer to share
 – our table is always richer
 when everyone adds
 a little something of their own.

Enjoy the company and get ready for a
 wonderful evening filled with live
 entertainment, laughter, and celebration as
 we close out another meaningful year
 together. See you then.



Special Celebration
 after 11 am,
 Sunday Mass, June 14, 2026
All Parishioners Invited.
Complimentary

Mr. and Mrs. Filippo Roccamatysi 75th
 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 8th, 2026

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

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](#)

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

May 31, 2026

Actual: \$1,066.56

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (-\$83.44)

Total Contributions YTD

\$32,606.70

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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Thank you
for your donation

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, June 6, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrices Oscienny

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Diane Slywka

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, June 13, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

June 8, 2026, to June 22, 2026

Marilyn Gareau and Maria Scarpelli



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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