

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:

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

July 26, 2026.

Pastor's Message: August 23, 2026**A Pastor's Message**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I had promised, I journeyed to Lourdes and spent three days and two nights in that holy place with my family, carrying each one of you in my heart. Lourdes is always a place of grace, but this visit was especially renewing for me. In the quiet moments of prayer, in the sacred silence of the grotto, and in the gentle presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I felt a deep spiritual refreshment—one that I long to share with you.

During my time there, I offered one public Mass and two private Masses specifically for our parish family. At each altar, I placed your intentions before the Lord. I prayed for your healing, your families, your struggles, your hopes, and your deepest desires. I prayed for those who are suffering silently, for those who feel far from God, and for those who are seeking direction. I prayed for our children, our elders, our ministries, and our future. Every prayer was entrusted to the maternal care of Our Lady of Lourdes, who always leads us gently to her Son.

Beyond the Masses, I spent hours in personal prayer—walking the Stations of the Cross, sitting before the Blessed Sacrament, and kneeling at the grotto where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. Lourdes has a way of stripping away noise and restoring clarity. It reminds us that God still works miracles, still heals hearts, and still pours out grace in abundance. And I truly believe that the graces of Lourdes are not confined to those who travel there. They flow outward, touching all who are prayed for with faith.

You will receive special graces through the Blessed Virgin Mary. I say this not as a poetic sentiment, but as a conviction born from prayer. Mary intercedes for her children. She sees your needs. She carries your petitions to Jesus. And in Lourdes, where countless miracles have taken place, I felt strongly that she desires to bless our parish in a particular way—renewing our unity, strengthening our faith, and healing the wounds that burden us.

My time in Lourdes reminded me that we are a family, bound not only by parish life but by the love

of God. We walk together, we carry one another, and we grow together in holiness. I returned home with a renewed sense of mission and a deeper love for each of you. May the peace I experienced there become your peace. May the hope I felt become your hope. And may the gentle presence of Our Lady accompany you in the days ahead.

Let us continue to pray for one another, support one another, and strive to be a community rooted in faith, charity, and trust in God's providence.

With love in Christ, Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Aug 22, 2026. @ Holy Family for the intentions of Celia and Phil Roccamatysi on their wedding anniversary. Requested by Celia & Phil Roccamatysi.

Sunday, Aug 23, 2026. @ Holy Family for the intentions of Michael and Marilyn Bruschetta on their wedding anniversary, requested by Celia & Phil Roccamatysi.

Wednesday Aug 26 @ Rocky Mountain Village for M. S. T.

Obituary

Salvatore Caravetta "Sam"

March 6, 1932 – August 14, 2026

Funeral Mass

Holy Family Catholic Church
Friday, August 28, 2026
11:00 AM

Luncheon to follow

Fernie Family Centre besides the Catholic Church
12:00 PM

Holy Family extends sincere condolences to his family, friends and all who knew dearly Sam.

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

August 16, 2026

Actual: \$1,356.06

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (+\$206.06)

Total Contributions YTD

\$45,755.71

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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Total Contributions YTD 2026

As per July 31, 2026

\$8,807.72

POF Goal \$16, 500.00

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, August 22, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Sharon Hecker

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, August 23, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Diane Slywka

Sunday, August 30, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Volunteer

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

August 17, 2026, to August 31, 2026

Regina Vinge and Volunteer.