

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

501 4th Avenue

Mailing Address:

PO Box 519, V0B 1M0

Parish Office: 250-423-6127

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: fernien@nelsondiocese.org

Website:

<https://hollyfamilyfernien.ca>

Pastor's Email:

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:

PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

Parish Office: 250-425-2327

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: sparwood@nelsondiocese.org

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's Email:

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:

elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

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

September 6, 2026.

Pastor's Message: September 6, 2026**For Your information:**

Parish councils and finance councils serve as essential **advisory bodies** in every parish of the diocese. Their purpose is to assist the pastor in providing the fullest possible pastoral care to the community. Through thoughtful suggestions, informed discussion, and responsible voting, these councils help the pastor to gain a clearer vision of the parish's needs, challenges, and opportunities.

While councils offer valuable insight and collaborative discernment, the pastor — entrusted with leadership for the good of the Church — must ultimately make the final decisions. This



responsibility is exercised with respect for the councils' contributions and with a commitment to the spiritual and practical

well-being of the parish and its members.

Why this matters.

- It affirms **collaboration** without undermining pastoral authority.
- It highlights the **value of lay participation** in parish life.
- It clarifies that councils **inform** decisions, but do not **govern**.
- It frames the pastor's final decision as a service not power move.

Dear Parishioners,

During the Covid years and in the period that followed, our weekend Mass schedule underwent several adjustments. Though each change was made with sincere pastoral intention, the cumulative effect has caused confusion and, sadly, the loss of several honourable and long-standing members across our three parish communities. After prayerful reflection and consultation, we were preparing to return to our pre-Covid weekend Mass times in the hope of restoring clarity, unity, and a familiar rhythm of worship.

However, following the recent announcements in both churches, it has become clear that we must need more time before we need to fix this. The proposed Sunday times would require the priest to travel significantly earlier, often in unpredictable winter conditions. **Heavy snowfall and unsafe roads could lead to delays, accidents or even cancellations of Mass—an outcome none of us desire.**

Your patience, understanding, and prayers are sincerely appreciated as we continue discerning the most faithful and practical path for all three communities.

So, the weekend Mass schedule will remain as follows:**•Holy Family Church, Fernie:**

Saturday – 4:00 PM

Sunday – 11:00 AM (9.30 am Proposed)

•St. Michael's Church, Sparwood:

Saturday – 6:00 PM

Sunday – 9:00 AM (11.30 am Proposed)

•St. Bernard's Church, Elkford:

Sunday – 1:30 PM

God's blessings, Fr. Thomas

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sep 5, 2026. @ Holy Family for the repose of Rino and Catroppa Family, requested by family.

Sunday, Sep 6, 2026. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. S. T.

Wednesday Sep 9 @ Rocky Mountain Village for the special intentions of M. S. T.

Welcome all to Coffee and Light Snacks

Funded by donations



After 11 am, Sunday

Mass

Sunday, Sept 6th, 13th, 20th.

Oct 4th, 11th, 18th.

CWL Monthly Meeting



All the ladies of the parish are invited to this meeting and the Parish Council.

Tuesday, September 8

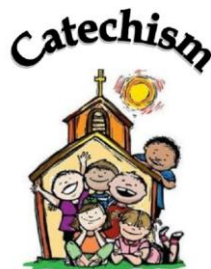
Time: 7:00 PM

Catechism Meeting for Children and Parents

Thursday, Sept 24.
@ 4:00 PM
Church Hall Second Floor.

If anyone in the parish is willing to assist with children's catechism, it would be much appreciated.

Main Contact: Regina Vinge (250) 423 9154



IN LOVING MEMORY



Obituary of

Bettina "Betty" Schianni

May 15, 1931 – July 21, 2026

Funeral Mass

Holy Family

501 – 4th Ave Fernie, BC

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

11:00 AM

Burial to follow at St. Margaret's Cemetery.

Luncheon at Fernie Family Centre.

Rosary Rally



Will be held across Canada on **Oct 10, at noon.**

Regina Vinge and CWL members will be hosting, in the library garden at noon

Everyone is welcome.

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

August 23, 2026

Actual: \$1,300.77

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (+\$150.77)

Total Contributions YTD

\$50,364.79

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org



Thank you
for your donation



etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

Pre-Authorized Giving Form

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



Total Contributions YTD 2026

As per August 31, 2026

\$9,447.72

POF Goal \$16, 500.00

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, September 5, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, September 6, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)



Saturday, September 12, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Diane Slywka

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

August 31, 2026, to Sept 14, 2026

Anne M, Nermina D, and Veronica E.