

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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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,
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Mass Times

Saturday - 6:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 AM

Monday - 9:30 AM

Tuesday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:30 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

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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

Pastor's Message. September 13, 2026.

The Emmaus Event and the Heart of the Holy Mass (Luke 24:13–35)

The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is far more than a resurrection appearance. It is, in many ways, the first Christian Mass, celebrated by Jesus Himself on the evening of Easter Sunday. In this single passage, we see—the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist—unfold before our eyes.

1. The Journey

The two disciples begin their walk in confusion, disappointment, and grief. They had hoped Jesus would redeem Israel, but His death shattered their expectations. This is where the Mass begins for us as well: we come with our own burdens, questions, and wounds. And just as Jesus “drew near and walked with them,” Christ meets us in our present reality every time we gather for worship.

2. “He explained to them the Scriptures”

Jesus listens first—He hears their pain and their misunderstanding. Then He opens the Scriptures to them, showing how Moses and the prophets pointed to His suffering and glory. This mirrors the first part of the Mass:

- We hear the Word of God.
- Christ Himself speaks through the Scriptures.
- Our hearts begin to burn as truth is revealed.

The disciples later say, *Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the road?* This is the effect of the Liturgy of the Word: hearts set aflame by divine revelation.

3. Liturgy of the Eucharist:

When they reach Emmaus, Jesus does something profoundly familiar. He uses the same four actions He used at the Last Supper:

- He took the bread, He blessed it, He broke it, He gave it

These are the fundamental Eucharistic actions. In this moment, the disciples' eyes are opened—not by intellectual explanation, but by sacramental encounter. They recognize Jesus in the breaking of

the bread, the very phrase the early Church used to describe the Eucharist.

This teaches us that Christ is most fully revealed not only in Scripture but in the sacrament of His Body and Blood.

4. Mission: “They set out at once”

The moment they recognize Him, Jesus vanishes—not because He leaves them, but because He remains with them in a new way: in the Eucharist. Filled with joy, they immediately return to Jerusalem to proclaim the resurrection. The Mass always ends with mission. We are sent forth to announce what we have seen and received.

5. The Emmaus Pattern as the Structure of Every Mass

The Emmaus event gives us a complete pattern:

1. Gathering with our human struggles
2. Christ walks with us
3. Scriptures opened Liturgy of the Word
4. Bread blessed and broken Liturgy of the Eucharist
5. Eyes opened—real presence recognized
6. Sent forth to proclaim the Gospel

This is not accidental. Luke is showing us that the risen Christ continues to be present to His Church in the Eucharistic celebration. The Mass is not a human invention—it is the continuation of the Emmaus encounter.

Conclusion

The Emmaus story is a living reminder that the Holy Mass is where Christ meets us, teaches us, feeds us, and sends us. Every time we participate in the Eucharist, we walk the Emmaus Road again. Our hearts burn as the Scriptures are opened, our eyes are opened in the breaking of the bread, and we are sent forth as witnesses of the risen Lord.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sep 12, 2026. @ Holy Family for the repose of Rick Stratton, requested by Lois & Linda DeLuca.

Sunday, Sep 13, 2026. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. S. T.

Wednesday Sep 16 @ 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 13th, 20th.

Oct 4th, 11th, 18th.

CWL Monthly Meeting

All the ladies of the parish are invited to the monthly meetings.



Second Tuesday of each month.

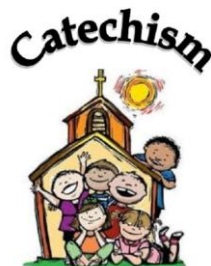
Fernie Family Centre

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) 423 915



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

September 6, 2026

Actual: \$1,107.06

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (-\$42.94)

Total Contributions YTD

\$51,089.79

e-Transfer for Holy Family
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Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, September 12, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

*Patrice Oscienny or and Volunteer (s)

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Diane Slywka



Saturday, September 19, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Sharon Hecker

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

September 14, 2026, to Sept 28,
 2026

Angelika Pace, Sue Marcellus and Sophie
 Perrault.



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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