

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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Email: fernien@nelsondiocese.org

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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

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Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's Email:

elkvalley.pastor@nelsondioces.org

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

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

Pastor's Message. September 20, 2026

The Mass unfolds in **six integrated parts**, each carrying a distinct theological purpose while forming one seamless act of worship.

1. Introductory Rites

The Mass begins by gathering the community into a worshipping body. Through the entrance chant, greeting, penitential act, Gloria (on appropriate days), and the Collect, the Church is prepared to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist with purified hearts and unified intention.

2. Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to His people through Scripture. The readings, psalm, Gospel proclamation, and homily open the Scriptures so that faith may be nourished. The Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful allow the assembly to respond to God's Word with belief and intercession, expressing the Church's mission in the world.

3. Liturgy of the Eucharist

Bread and wine are prepared and offered, symbolizing the lives of the faithful. In the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass, the priest invokes the Holy Spirit, recounts salvation history, and consecrates the gifts so they become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the Church's supreme act of thanksgiving and sacrifice.

4. Communion Rite

The community prepares to receive Christ by praying the Lord's Prayer, exchanging the sign of peace, and breaking the consecrated bread. Communion unites the faithful with Christ and with one another, strengthening them for Christian living.

5. Concluding Rites

After prayer and blessing, the priest dismisses the assembly. The people are sent forth to live what they have celebrated, carrying Christ's presence into their daily lives.

6. The Mission Beyond the Mass

While not always listed formally, the Church teaches that the Eucharist naturally extends into the believer's life. The Mass commissions the faithful to embody charity, justice, and evangelization in the world.

A Word of Thanks

Dear friends, I am happy that I was able to serve you all as pastor of Elkvalley Parishes for almost four years. I never wanted a change from Elkvalley parishes as I had two more years to work and I liked each of you. But due to the high elevation of the places, I find it hard to breathe especially in winter months. So, I requested Bishop Gregory Bittman to move me to any parish of lower elevation. I come from a place which is more than 100 meters of elevation.

Understanding the seriousness of my health condition, his excellency has moved me to St. Edward Parish in Lake Country. I will leave you on October 8, 2026. Rev. Fr. Aaron de Dios from Castlegar will replace me. May God bless you!

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil.

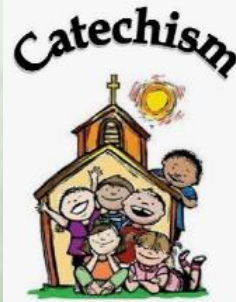
Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sep 19, 2026. @ Holy Family for the repose of Rick Stratton, requested by Louis & Linda DeLuca.

Sunday, Sep 20, 2026. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. S. T.

Wednesday Sep 23 @ Rocky Mountain Village for the special intentions of M. S. T.

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



From the Diocese of Nelson

Click below

[Pastoral Appointments October 2026.pdf](#)

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.



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

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 13, 2026

Actual: \$2,325.42

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (+\$1,175.42)

Total Contributions YTD

\$53,033.15

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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for your donation

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, September 19, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Sharon Hecker

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)



Saturday, September 26, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic & Hamaica Tabamo

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Diane Slywka

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

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