

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

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Email: fernien@nelsondiocese.org

Website:

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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 -Sep 30 No Mass

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

Mailing Address:

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Parish Office: 250-425-2327

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Email: sparwood@nelsondiocese.org

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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 27, 2026

Holy Mass: (1) Introductory Rites

The Introductory Rites form the threshold through which the People of God enter the mystery of the Eucharist. Their purpose is not merely functional or ceremonial; they shape a dispersed group of individuals into a single, prayerful assembly prepared to encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament. In these opening moments, the Church moves from the ordinary rhythms of life into the sacred rhythm of divine worship.

The Mass begins with the entrance chant or hymn, which accompanies the procession of the priest and ministers. This movement is deeply symbolic: the cross leads the way, reminding the assembly that all Christian worship is a journey toward the Paschal Mystery. The singing of the community expresses unity of voice and heart, and it signals that the liturgy is an action of the whole Church, not of the priest alone. As the celebrant reaches the altar, he reverences it, acknowledging it as the place where Christ's sacrifice will be made present.

The greeting that follows is a proclamation of Christ's presence. When the priest says, "The Lord be with you," he is not offering a polite welcome but announcing that the risen Christ stands among His people. This greeting establishes the spiritual tone of the celebration: we gather not simply as a community, but as the Body of Christ assembled by grace.

The Penitential Act then invites the faithful to acknowledge their sins and their need for God's mercy. This moment of humility clears the heart, allowing the assembly to listen more deeply to the Word of God and to approach the Eucharist with sincerity. On Sundays outside Advent and Lent, the Gloria follows—a hymn of praise echoing the song of the angels and the worship of the Church through the centuries. It lifts the assembly into joyful thanksgiving for God's saving work.

Finally, the Collect gathers the prayers of the entire community. Spoken by the priest on behalf of all, it expresses the Church's petition for the grace needed on that particular day. With this prayer, the assembly is spiritually focused, unified, and ready to enter the Liturgy of the Word.

Fr. Thomas

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 thought and prepared myself as the final place of my active ministry in the Church. I have already served the Lord and His people for the last 47 years. I have just two more years to serve.

But due to the high elevation of the places: Sparwood 1140 meters, Fernie 1010 meters and Elkford 1300 meters and the coal dust in the air of Sparwood and Elkford, 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. When I went for holidays, I never had a breathing problem as I come from a place which is just 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 9, 2026. Rev. Fr. Aaron de Dios from Castlegar will replace me. May God bless you!

Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil.

Who is Saint Edward?

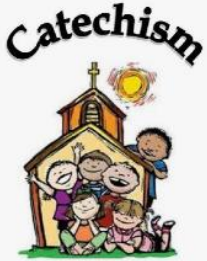
St. Edward the Confessor (c.1003–1066) was the last Anglo-Saxon king of England and is remembered for his holiness, gentleness, and deep devotion to God. Born in Islip, Oxfordshire, he spent many years in exile in Normandy during the Danish occupation of England, a period that shaped his prayerful and monastic character. He became king in 1042 and ruled with a reputation for justice, mercy, and personal piety, though his reign was marked by political tensions with powerful nobles such as the Godwin family. Edward rebuilt Westminster Abbey, fulfilling a vow to honour St. Peter; the church was consecrated shortly before his death and became the coronation site of English monarchs. He died on January 5, 1066, and was canonized in 1161. His feast day is celebrated on October 13.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sep 26, 2026. @ Holy Family for the repose of Glen Uphill, requested by Fatima & Dennis Felgham.

Sunday, Sep 27, 2026. @ Holy Family for the special intentions of M. S. T.

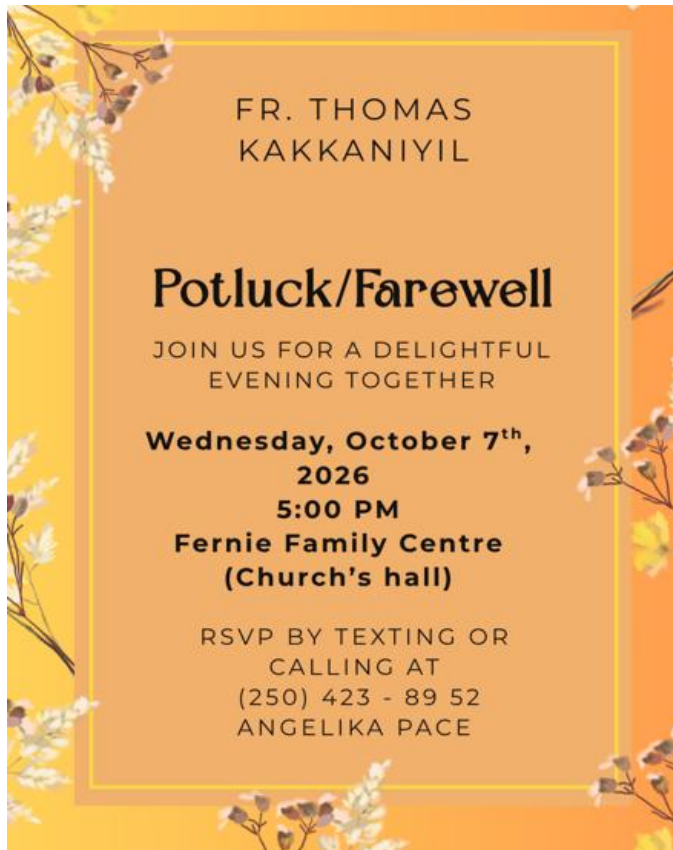
Catechism Meeting for Children and Parents



Thursday, October 1.
@ 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



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.



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 20, 2026

Actual: \$813.56

Budget: \$1,150.00

Variance: (-\$336.44)

Total Contributions YTD

\$53,464.65

e-Transfer for Holy Family
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Thank you
 for your donation

Volunteer Schedule

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)



Saturday, October 3, 2026, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister

Volunteer (s)

Church Cleaners

September 28, 2026, to October 12, 2026

Marilyn Gareau & Maria Scarpelli



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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