

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH FERNIE, BC

521 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Mailing Address:

PO Box 519, V0B 1M0

Parish Office: 250-423-6127

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: [fernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernie@nelsondiocese.org)

Website:  
<https://hollyfamilyfernie.ca>

## Weekend Mass

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday 3:30 PM

## Weekday Mass

Wednesday - **Noon**

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

**Wednesday - 11:00 AM**

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

Or by appointment.

Rosary 30 minutes prior to any Holy Mass

## 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](mailto:sparwood@nelsondiocese.org)

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

## Weekend Masses

Saturday - 7:00 PM

Sunday - 9:30 AM

## Weekday Masses

Monday & Tuesday 7:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Friday 9:00 AM Adoration & Benediction

### Mass at Lilac Terrace

Friday - 11:00 AM

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: 250-865-2711

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

## Mass Service

Sunday - 12:30 PM

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before Mass.

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil

[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org)

### Fernie Office Hours

Wednesdays to Fridays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Bookkeeper

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message – July 7, 2024.

Dear Friends,

We had a very beautiful and fruitful retreat at Revelstoke for five days from June 17 to 21. Almost all the priests and deacons spent time together with Bishop Gregory Bittman.

After the retreat almost half of the priests got sick of fever and cold. I too had a difficult time for a week. I hear that many people in all the three parishes are getting sick of the same viral fever and cold. God does not offer these sicknesses to us, but as humans, we propagate these sicknesses. Human avarice, pride and greed are the causes of all these sicknesses.

July 3rd is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. The Apostle is said to be the one who had the longest journey to India and China to preach the Gospel of Jesus as these countries had Jewish settlements before the birth of Christ. After his death, he is the one whose remains journeyed the longest route. Both in life and after death he travelled the most distances.

According our belief, St. Thomas the Apostle reached Kodungalloor sea port in Kerala in 52 AD and preached among the Jews settled in Cochin as well as others in the area. He was able to convert a handful of believers in seven different parts of Kerala and established seven and a half communities in different parts of Kerala. They are called the Syro Malabar Christians. In the year 72 AD he was martyred at Mylapore in Thamilnadu.

I belong to the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle (MST), a missionary congregation of the diocesan priests of Syro Malabar Christians. We are working as missionaries in 16 different countries of the world. There are 8 priests working in Canada in four different dioceses of Canada.

*Holy Family Parish extends a heartfelt thanks for your continued support to our faith community and to the Diocese.*

### Mass time in Sparwood

Saturday @ 7 pm.

Sunday @ 9.30 am

#### Mass Intention

Mass intention for Elk Valley Parishes

Monday and Tuesday @ 7 Pm

#### Mass Intention

RIP Don & Theresa McDonald

Requested by John McDonald

Thursday @ 9 am

Friday @ 9 am Adoration and Benediction

Friday @ 11 am Mass at Lilac Terrace

### Mass Time in Elkford

Mass @ 12.30 am

#### Mass Intention

RIP Don & Theresa McDonald Requested by John McDonald

### Mass Intentions in Fernie

#### Saturday, July 7, 2024

Requested by Celia Roccamatisi

For the intentions of Rolly & Molly Waechter

#### Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Requested by Angelika Pace

For healing, health and wellness of Mary Giuliano.

## Sacraments

We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email [fernien@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernien@nelsondiocese.org) and we will reply to your email request accordingly



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## WEBSITES TO KEEP YOU CONNECTED

- [Diocese of Nelson](#) [Click Here.](#)
- Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops [Click Here](#)
- [Daily Mass readings](#) and the Breviary prayers for the hours throughout the day. [Click here](#)

## The Fernie Family Garden Recycling Program



Holy Family Parish would like to inform you about the outgoing fundraising recycling program.

Everyone is welcome to participate and support the Fernie Family Garden.



Beer/Pop/Juice/Water  
Bottles and Cans  
Drop off any time

Where: Shed besides the church. Place the

recycling by the shed.

- CWL Will be returning to normal gatherings on September 2024



SYMPOSIUM ON  
**PALLIATIVE CARE**  
*Towards a Narrative of Hope* 21-23 May 2024

## Volunteer Opportunity

(Church Perennial Garden)

Connect to our community and make it a better place. Please join the Parish Garden volunteer group



Support natural beauty:

- Cutting down overgrown plants
- Weeding
- and disposing waste, when required.

- Press Release
- International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care [Click here](#)

### Catechism

Holy Family Parish continues to offer catechism program for children in home program with an online component. Please inquire at the parish office for information and books.

This program is looking for a volunteer to provide 2 to 3 hours of support per month. If you would like to offer your services to the parish in this way, please contact the parish office.

FINANCE REPORT

**Donate to Holy Family Church**



Contributions for the week of  
June 22, 2024

Actual: \$ 631.12

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (- 368.88)

Total Contributions YTD  
\$25, 656.61

Pilgrimage of Faith

As of December 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received May 2024: \$3,505.73

**Variance: \$16,494.27**

e-Transfer for Holy Family

[etransfer.hfpfernle@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.hfpfernle@nelsondiocese.org)

All your donations are greatly appreciated. There are other methods to use for donation including e-Transfer and SAG (Stewardship (Pre) Authorized Giving. Enquire at the office for more information. Thank you for your kindness.

**Donate to Pilgrimage of Faith**



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE.

Saturday, July 6, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader  
Eunice Peterson  
Sacristan  
Bob Sumka

Sunday, July 7, 2024, 3:30 PM

Liturgical Reader  
Angelika Pace  
Sacristan  
Volunteer

Saturday, July 13, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader  
Adele Minto/Patrice Oscienny  
Sacristan  
Diane Slywka

Sunday, July 14, 2024, 3:30 PM

Liturgical Reader  
Marilyn Bruschetta  
Sacristan  
Volunteer

Church Cleaners

July 8 to July 22, 2024  
Lina Campisi & Maria Scarpelli

