

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FERNIE, BC

521 4th Avenue

Mailing Address:

PO Box 519, V0B 1M0

Parish Office: 250-423-6127

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: fernief@nelsondiocese.org

Website:
<https://hollyfamilyfernief.ca>

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday 3:30 PM

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

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Mass Times

Saturday - 7:00 PM

Sunday - 9:30 AM

Monday - 7:00 PM

Tuesday 7:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Friday 9:00 AM

Adoration & Benediction

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: 250-865-2711

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

Fernie Office Hours

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

Bookkeeper

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2024.

Dear Friends,

XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS FOR THE SECOND SESSION (OCTOBER 2024) How to be a missionary Synodal Church?

ABBREVIATIONS AG VATICAN COUNCIL II, Decr. Ad gentes (7 December 1965) CD VATICAN COUNCIL II, Decree.

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At the heart of the synodal journey lies the desire, ancient and ever new, to communicate to all the promise and the invitation of the Lord kept in the living tradition of the Church, to recognise the Risen Lord's presence in our midst and to welcome the many fruits of the Spirit's action. This vision of the Church - a pilgrim people in every part of the world seeking synodal conversion for the sake of mission - guides us as we move forward on this path with joy and hope. It is a vision that contrasts starkly with the reality of a world in crisis, whose wounds and scandalous inequalities resonate deeply in the hearts of all Christ's disciples. It prompts us to pray for all victims of violence and injustice and to renew our commitment to work alongside the women and men who are artisans of justice and peace in every part of the world. 2 Here, as below, the quotations from the Episcopal Conferences and their continental groupings come from the summaries sent to the General Secretariat of the Synod after the consultation of the local Churches that took place between the end of 2023 and mid-2024. Three years on the road After the opening of the synodal process on 9-10 October 2021, the local Churches worldwide, at different paces and in diverse ways, embarked on an initial listening phase. Belonging to the Church means being part of the one People of God, composed of people and communities living in concrete times and places.

Synodal listening started from these communities, moving through diocesan, national and continental stages as part of a continuous dialogue the General Secretariat of the Synod helped foster by publishing synthesis and working documents. The circularity of the synodal process recognises and enhances the Church's rootedness in various contexts, serving the bonds that unite them. An innovation of the first stage was the convening of Continental Assemblies. These brought together the local Churches of the same region, inviting them to learn to listen to each other, to accompany each other on the journey, and to discern together the main challenges to fulfilling the mission present in their contexts. The First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (October 2023) opened the second phase, which welcomes the fruits of this listening in order to discern in prayer and dialogue the steps that the Spirit is asking us to take. This phase will continue until the end of the Second Session (October 2024), when the Holy Father will be offered these fruits in preparation for further implementation by the local Churches.

The preparation of the Second Session is necessarily based on the results of the First Session presented in the Synthesis Report (SR). Consistent with the circularity characterising the whole synodal process and in order to provide a clear focus for the work of the Second Session, a further consultation of the local Churches was launched, guided by the question: "How to be a synodal Church in mission?" As the document Towards October 2024³ explains, the objective of the consultation was "to identify the paths we can follow and the tools we might adopt in our different contexts and circumstances in order to enhance the unique contribution of each baptised person and of each Church in the one mission of proclaiming the Risen Lord and his Gospel to the world today. *Continue reading next page.*

This is not, therefore, a request that limits you to a plan of technical or procedural improvements to make the Church's structures more efficient, but rather an invitation for reflection on the concrete forms of the missionary commitment to which we are called, that ex-press the dynamism III 3 Circulated by the General Secretariat of the Synod on 11 December 2023 and available at www.synod.va. between unity and diversity proper to a synodal Church."

The drafting of this Instrumentum laboris for the Second Session has been done in the light of the answers to the guiding question sent in by most of the Episcopal Conferences (EC) and their continental groupings, the Eastern Catholic Churches, the Dioceses that are not part of an Episcopal Conference, the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia, the Union of Superiors General and the International Union of Superiors General representing consecrated life, as well as the testimonies of experiences and good practices received from all over the world and the observations of almost two hundred groups: university faculties, associations of the faithful, communities and individuals from all over the world.

In this way, it is rooted in the life of the People of God pre-sent throughout the world. These voices expressed gratitude for the journey made and witnessed to the hardships it sometimes requires, but above all, they spoke of the desire to move forward. As a North American Episcopal Conference says, "gratitude for this synodal journey is profound. Much has been done to move along the synodal path as companions in the U.S. Church. Mindful of Pope Francis' notion of a culture of encounter, tensions remain that will require continued re-flection and dialogue.

Mass Intentions in Fernie

Saturday, August 3, 2024. M. S. T.

Sunday, August 4, 2024. M. S. T.



We welcome Ivonne Valiant this weekend

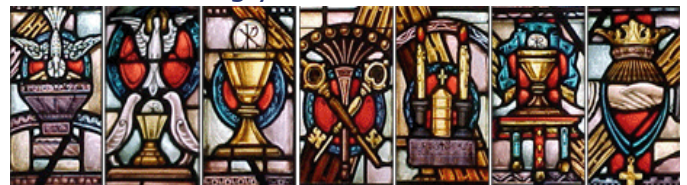
1. Yvonne Valiant, the coordinator for Faith Formation, from the diocese of Nelson, will be addressing Elk valley Parish Community, after every Mass on this weekend of August 3&4, Saturday and Sunday for five Eucharistic Celebrations.

Websites to be 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](#)

Sacraments

- We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email fernien@nelsondiocese.org and we will reply to your email request accordingly



Fernie Catholic Women's League



CWL Will be returning to normal gatherings on September 2024

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

Where: Shed besides the church.

Place the recycling by the shed.

The Fernie Family Garden is looking for volunteers. Contact, Tanya Thurmeier @ ferniefamilygarden@gmail.com

From The Diocese of Nelson



Instrumentum laboris for the 2nd Session of the XVI General Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

Read More Information

[Instrumentum laboris ENG- II Sessione XVI AGO. 1.pdf](#)

Frequently asked questions. Click below

[FAQ - ENG.pdf](#)

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Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

July 20, 2024

Actual: \$814.26

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (- 185.74)

Total Contributions YTD

\$29,734.20

Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received July 2024: \$5,332.73

Variance: \$14,667.27

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hpfernie@nelsondiocese.org

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, August 3, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 3:30 PM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, August 10, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, August 11, 2024, 3:30 PM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

August 5 to August 19, 2024

Anne Majic, M. DeGuzman and V. Eustace