

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: fernie@nelsondiocese.org

Website:
<https://holyfamilyfernie.ca>

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday 3:30 PM

Aug 11 @ 3:30 PM

Aug 18 onwards 4:00 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

Fist Fridays only 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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message – August 11, 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.

.... Continued from the last Sunday....

As in previous phases, the benefits of adopting the method of conversation in the Spirit have once again been reaffirmed. Note, for example, the words of one federation of Episcopal Conferences: Many of the reports across Asia show tremendous enthusiasm for the synod methodology, which uses conversation in the Spirit as the starting point for the synodal journey. Many dioceses and conferences have introduced this method into their existing structures with great success." This enthusiasm has already translated into steps taken to experiment with a more synodal way of proceeding. In one Euro-pean Episcopal Conference: it was decided [in the light of this] to implement a five-year synodal trial phase.

The forms of synodal consultation, dialogue, discernment, decision-making and decision making are to be developed, evaluated and refined at the national level. Diocesan experience and synodal developments in the universal Church will be taken into account. We are at the beginning of a challenging but important learning journey". There is great awareness in the reports of the value of the local Churches and their journeys, of the richness of which they are bearers and of the need for their voices to be heard. According to one report received from an African Episcopal Conference: Local Churches are not to be viewed and treated any more simply as recipients of the Gospel with nothing or very little to contribute". IV To these contributions were added the fruits of the International Meeting Parish Priests for the Synod" (Sacrofano [Rome], 28 April - 2

May 2024), which enabled priests engaged in Parish ministry to be heard.

The syntheses of the working groups express, above all, their joy for the opportunity to truly listen to one another. It was an enriching experience in fostering a deep sense of understanding and appreciation for one another's unique backgrounds." They also express a need to understand the role of Parish priest in the context of synodality acknowledging the various traditions in the Church" and the concern about not being able to reach the peripheries and those who live on the margins: If the Church wants to be synodal, it must listen to these people". Similarly, this Instrumentum laboris has drawn from material produced by the five Working Groups set up by the General Secretariat of the Synod. These groups were composed of experts from different parts of the world, women and men, and those with different ecclesial roles. Using a synodal method, they have deepened theological and canonical reflection on the meaning of synodality and its implications for the life of the Church.⁴ A group of experts, comprised of bishops, priests, consecrated and lay men and women, theologians, canonists and biblical scholars from all continents and with different ecclesial roles, was entrusted with reading and interpreting the contributions and materials received and compiling answers to the guiding question.

Mass Intentions in Fernie

Sat, Aug 10, 2024. For the repose of Eliza Hughes. Requested by Hughes' family.

Sunday, August 11, 2024. M. S. T.

Wed, Aug 14. Rocky Mountain. M. S. T.

Wed, Aug 14. Holy Family. For all the souls in Purgatory.



1. Holy Family Church Fernie is blessed with one Holy Communion on August 10 Saturday at 5 pm Holy Mass. The candidate's name: Francesca Greczko

daughter of Rob and Gina Greczko.

2. OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH- HOLY FAMILY

To complete the target given to each parish on Pilgrimage of Faith contribution is mandatory for every parish. If we fail to meet the target, the diocese will forcefully take money from our diocesan tax paid accounts, and we will be losing the parish money. Till today Fernie has collected \$5,332.73 and the target is \$20,000/=; Sparwood has collected \$3,860.73 and the target is \$5950/=; Elkford has collected \$480/= and the target is \$1650/=. If all of you cooperate little more, we will be able to complete our given targets, please.

MASS ON SUNDAY

3. Last Sunday there were 62 persons attending Sunday Mass. That is the biggest number of attendees we have had for Sunday Mass in Fernie. Many of them are visitors. If we can have someone to open the church, and lead music ministry on Sunday, we will be able to see the past glorious days of Fernie Church.

4. Since I have to open the church and set many things for Sunday Mass, we will have Sunday Mass time in Holy Family Church, Fernie, at 4 pm instead of 3.30 pm from August 18, onwards.

5. **Reminder:** You are invited to the Parish council and finance meeting.



Wed, Aug 14, 2024.
12:30 PM
Fernie Family Centre

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](#)

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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Donate to Holy Family



Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

July 27, 2024

Actual: \$876.94

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (- 123.06)

Total Contributions YTD

\$30,858.43

Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received July 2024: \$5,332.73

Variance: \$14,667.27

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernier@nelsondiocese.org

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, August 10, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Keanan & Chantal Lynch

Sunday, August 11, 2024, 3:30 PM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, August 17, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Bob Sumka & Volunteer

Sunday, August 18, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

August 5 to August 19, 2024

Anne Majic, M. DeGuzman and V. Eustace