

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://holyfamilyfernief.ca>

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday 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://stmichaelsparwood.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://stmichaelsparwood.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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message – August 18, 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....

Responding to the question "How to be a synodal Church in mission?" requires a horizon within which to place pastoral and theological reflections and proposals, helping to orient us on a path of conversion and reform. In turn, the concrete measures implemented by the Church will allow the horizon to be brought into sharper focus and a deeper understanding of foundations to be gained in generative reciprocity between theological reflection and pastoral practice that marks the entire history of the Church. In Christ, light of all the nations, we are one People of God, called to be a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity. We do this by walking together in history, living the communion that is a partaking in the life of the Trinity, and promoting the participation of all in view of our common mission. This vision has deep and strong roots in the Church's living tradition.

The synodal process has simply allowed a renewed awareness of this vision to mature. This renewal is expressed in the convergences that have emerged during the journey since 2021 and have been collated by the First Session of the Synodal Assembly (October 2023). Its Synthesis Report presented them to the whole Church to aid the discernment that will complete the Second Session. The Church, People of God, sacrament of unity 1. Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit gives rise to the mystical, dynamic and Foundations. It has pleased God to sanctify and save men and women not individually and without regard for what binds them together, but to set them up as a people who

would acknowledge him in truth and serve him in holiness" (LG 9), sharing in the communion of the Trinity.

In and through His people, God realizes and manifests the salvation He gives us in Christ. Synodality is rooted in this dynamic vision of the People of God with a universal vocation to holiness and mission while being on a pilgrimage to the Father in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and animated by the Holy Spirit. This synodal and missionary People of God proclaims, and bears witness to the Good News of salvation in the different contexts in which it lives and walks. Walking together with all the peoples of the earth, shaped by their cultures and religions, it dialogues with them and accompanies them.

1. I am sorry to inform you that one of our longtime parishioners, Barry Anselmo, 75 years in the parish of Holy Family Church, Fernie, has passed away on Sunday August 11. His funeral Mass, interment and Reception for luncheon in the Holy Family parish hall, Fernie, will be on August 27, 11 am. All of you, are welcome to be part of our family.



Obituary: [Click here](#)

2. Fernie had its Parish Council and Finance Council meeting for the year 2023-2024 on Wednesday August 14. Let me thank each of the members who participated and contributed their time and energy for the parish. Let me very specially thank Mike Delich, the parish Council Chairperson and John Pallone, the Finance Council Chairperson, for the years of their humble services for the parish community as leaders of both councils. God's blessings. Holy Family parish is reviving its former glory through the additional Holy Masses and the responses of participants, for weeks and weekends.

3. I am looking for volunteers in Holy Family Church, Fernie, for members of the parish council, members of Finance Council, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, altar



servers, and ushers. By the middle of September, I will give training for every volunteer and will help them to be capable of their desired services. Unless there are volunteers, we will not be able to keep our parish in its former glory.

4. Abigail Hassan Chama is the Office Administrator, for St. Michaels parish Sparwood and St. Edwards's Church, Elkford. She will be in the parish office, on every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. You are welcome to contact her by the parish phone or personal visit, for any service.

Welcome!

5. Sparwood Rectory is urgently in need of a **BARBECUE GRILL**, either a used one or a new one, for the use of the pastor. If anyone is ready to donate or purchase one for the Rectory, it will be a great help for the parish.

6. Pilgrimage of Faith contribution is mandatory for every parish. If we fail to meet the given target, the diocese will take money from our parish account to meet the diocesan goal. Till today, Fernie has collected \$5332.73, and the target is \$20,000/=; Sparwood has collected \$ 3860.73, 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 Intentions in Fernie

Sat, Aug 17, 2024. For the repose of Eliza Hughes. Requested by Hughes' family.

Sunday, August 18, 2024. M. S. T.

Wed, Aug 21. For all the souls in Purgatory.

Wed, Aug 21. Holy Family. M. S. T.

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 @



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

August 3, 2024

Actual: \$965.07

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (- 34.93)

Total Contributions YTD

\$33,259.78

Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received July 2024: \$5,332.73

Variance: \$14,667.27

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, August 17, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Bob Sumka & Volunteer

Sunday, August 11, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, August 24, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Eunice Peterson

Sacristan

Bob Sumka & Volunteer

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

August 19 to August September 2, 2024

Rosetta Rino & Annette Harrison