

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 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message – August 25, 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....

Like the moon, NOTE 3 the Church shines with reflected light: it cannot, therefore, understand its mission self-referentially but receives the responsibility of being the sacrament of bonds, relationships and communion in service to the unity of all humanity. We bear this responsibility in times now dominated by the crisis of participation, the absence of a sense that we have a common destiny, and a too-often individualistic conception of happiness and, therefore, of salvation. In living out this mission, the Church communicates God's plan to unite all humanity to Himself in salvation. In doing so, it does not proclaim itself but Christ Jesus the Lord" (2 Cor 4:5). If this were not so, it would lose its being in Christ" (cf. LG 1) and therefore, its own identity and raison d

The terms synodality and synodal, derived from the ancient and constant ecclesial practice of gathering in synod⁷, have been better understood and, above all, lived thanks to the experience of re-cent years. They have been increasingly associated with the desire for the Church as God's home and family, a Church that is closer to the lives of Her people, less bureaucratic and more relational" (SR 1b), the home and family of God. In its broadest sense, synodality can be understood as Christians walking in communion with Christ toward the Kingdom along with the whole of humanity. Its orientation is to-wards mission, and its practice involves gathering in assembly at each level of ecclesial life. It involves reciprocal listening, dialogue, community 7 The term 'synod 'in the traditions of the Eastern and Western Churches refers to

institutions and events that have taken different forms over time, involving a plurality of subjects. In their variety, what all these forms have in common is the fact of gathering together to dialogue, discern and decide.

Synodality ought to be expressed in the Church's ordinary way of living and working. This modus vivendi et operandi works through the community listening to the Word and celebrating the Eucharist, the brotherhood [and sisterhood] of communion and the co-responsibility and participation of the whole People of God in its life and mission, on all levels and distinguishing between various ministries and roles" (ibid.). The term then indicates the ecclesial structures and processes in which the synodal nature of the Church is expressed at the institutional level, and finally designates those particular events in which the Church is convoked by the competent authority (cf. ibid). Synodality is the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being as communion when all her members journey together, gather in assembly and take an active part in her evangelising mission." (ITC, n.6) 8.

1. I am sorry to inform you that one of our long-time



parishioner, Mary Giuliano, an active member of the Holy Family parish community as well as the former Mayor of the city, has

passed away on Saturday August 17. Her funeral Mass and Reception for luncheon in the Holy Family parish hall, Fernie, will be on [August 31, at 11 am](#). All of you, are welcome to be part of our family.

Obituary: [Click here](#)

2. Barry Anselmo's funeral Mass, interment, and reception for luncheon in the Holy Family parish and hall will be [on August 27, at 11 am](#). All of you are welcome to be part of our family.

2. 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. There will be an hour of training for the new and refresher course for the present ones on [September 14, Saturday at 4 pm](#).



3. Both Churches of Holy Family, Fernie and St. Michael's Church, Sparwood are reviving with their additional weekend Masses with the increasing number



of the participants. That is a welcoming and encouraging sign. To keep this up, we need more volunteers in both parishes.

5. I am thankful to the generosity of CWL members who were generous enough to purchase and donate on

Barbecue Grill to the pastor for the rectory use.

6. A big thanks to Louis and Linda Deluca for their time and energy to paint the church doors to match the colour of the renovated St. Michael's church, Sparwood.



Mass Intentions in Fernie

Sat, Aug 24, 2024. For all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, August 25, 2024. M. S. T.

Wed, Aug 28. @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Aug 28. Holy Family. For all souls in purgatory.

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 @

Frequently asked questions. Click below.

[FAQ - ENG.pdf](#)

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From The Diocese of Nelson



For a synodal Church
 communion | participation | mission

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](#)

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 Pilgrimage of Faith



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

August 10, 2024

Actual: \$1,136.05

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+ 136.05)

Total Contributions YTD

\$34,070.13

Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received July 2024: \$5,332.73

Variance: \$14,667.27

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, August 24, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader
 Eunice Peterson
 Sacristan
 Diane Slywka

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader
 Marilyn Bruschetta
 Sacristan
 Volunteer

Saturday, August 31, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader
 Adele Minto
 Sacristan
 Volunteer

Sunday, September 1, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader
 Anne Majic
 Sacristan
 Volunteer

Church Cleaners

August 19 to August September 2, 2024
 Rosetta Rino & Annette Harrison