

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
**FERNIE, BC**

521 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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Parish Office: 250-423-6127

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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

Website:  
<https://hollyfamilyfernief.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](mailto: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](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

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Pastor's Message – September 8, 2024

Proposed Weekend Mass time in Elk Valley  
Parishes from October 19, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am happy and excited to see the increasing number of parishioners and visitors attending Weekend Masses with the additional Masses. Fernie has 62 additional number of participants and Sparwood has 35 additional number of participants on weekends. Since most people like to have the Sunday obligation on Sundays, I think that I should be ready to have it in the prime time of Sunday in all the three churches of my care, from 8. 30 am to 1.30 pm.

There may be some difficulties for some of you, but there is double work and risk for me. As a missionary, I would like to see that the Elk valley parishes be revived fully as to support the parishes to have a full-time pastor. Unlike other single churches supporting a pastor all by itself, Elk valley parishes are fully dependent on each other. Considering all the year-round mass schedule and time with the difficult driving conditions during winter, as well as parishioners to have enough time to spend with the pastor for any potluck snacks or meals, we all need to make some sacrifices. If you are ready for these sacrifices and adjustments, I a happy to render all the possible services and additional Weekend Masses for you.

This new mass schedule will help the members of the parish and visitors to attend Mass in any church of their choice & time in rare cases. Again, this new schedule will help every seniors to drive in daylight and enjoy every meal in their time schedule. Once in a while, we can expect either baptisms or confirmations in any of the parishes which would add at least 15 minutes more to the existing Masses time. The proposed mass time will help me to reach in each parish in time with sufficient rest. I am trying to serve you better in all the Elk Valley parishes, in

your spiritual matters. In case you are late or if it is hard for you to attend your regular Mass, you have a choice to have another Mass at a different time in another church.

If you find that the proposed time is too early or too late for you, or you have too many masses, then I am ready to go back to the earlier Mass schedule without any additional week-end masses. I hope and wish to have your feed back and suggestions in writing, within two weeks. I will take them into consideration before I finalize the proposed weekend Masses. Once we decide everything, there will not by any change for five or more years.

So far, I have received just one suggestion. If there are any other suggestions or comments, we will decide the proposed new time and mass schedule from October 19 onwards.

Proposed time and date of Weekend Masses  
from October 19, 2024

Fernie

- Holy Family Church, Saturday at 4 pm
- Holy Family Church, Sunday at 11 am

Sparwood

- St. Michael's Church, Saturday at 6 pm
- St. Michael's Church, Sunday at 8:30 am

Elkford

- St. Bernard's Church, Sunday at 1.30 pm

Announcements

1. Holy Family Church, Fernie is in need volunteers for Parish Council and additional volunteers for both Masses.



If anyone is interested in offering their services as volunteers in any position, you are welcome to attend an hour of training.

**September 14, Saturday at 4 pm.**

Both the present one to refresh their expertise and for the new to learn more of your volunteering. Unless there are more volunteers, we will not be able to keep our parish in her former glory.

2. At present, Fernie has just one Finance Council, appointed by the pastor. The parish council is always elected or volunteered members of the parish. So far no one has volunteered and there is no Parish Council so far.



4. St. Michael’s Church, Sparwood is offering an hour of training for the present and new volunteers, on Monday, September 16, at 6 pm.

**Mass Intentions in Fernie**

Saturday, Sept 7. For response of Barry Anselmo. Requested by Hilda Cadorath.

Sunday, Sep 8. Repose of Ephraim May. Requested by Jean May.

Wed, Sep 11 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Sep 11. Holy Family. For all souls in purgatory.

**Dinner/Potluck**

After Mass

Sunday, September 22, 2024.

Please bring a dish of your choice.

**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 Meeting**



CWL

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 PM. Church’s Hall

**Sacraments**

We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email



**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.

[fernien@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernien@nelsondiocese.org) and we will reply to your email request accordingly

Donate to Holy Family



Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

August 24, 2024

Actual: \$907.91

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-92.09)

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

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

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, September 7, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Bob Sumka & Volunteer

Sunday, September 8, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, September 14, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, September 15, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Marylin Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

September 2 to August September 16, 2024

Angelika Pace & Sue Marcellus.