

# 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: [fernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernie@nelsondiocese.org)

Website:  
<https://hollyfamilyfernie.ca>

Pastor's Email:  
[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org)

### Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday 4:00 PM

**No Mass Sep 25.** Wednesday - Noon

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

**No Mass Sep 25.** Wednesday -  
11:00 AM

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass  
or by appointment.

Rosary 30 minutes prior to any Holy  
Mass

Finance Council: Colin Lynch,  
Angelika Pace, and Wayne Werner.

Property Manager: John Pallone.

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>

Pastor's Email:  
[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondioces.org](mailto:elkvalley.pastor@nelsondioces.org)

### Mass Times

Saturday - 7:00 PM

Sunday - 9:30 AM

Monday - 6:00 PM

Tuesday 6:00 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 -425-2327

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's email:  
[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org)

### Mass Service

Sunday - 12:30 PM

Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before  
Mass.

Confessions after Mass or by  
appointment.

**Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil**

Fernie Office Hours

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

Bookkeeper

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Pastor's Message – September 22, 2024

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

Dear Friends,

So far, I have received just four suggestions from Sparwood and one verbal suggestion from Fernie and no suggestion from Elkford. Fernie and Sparwood had one each suggestion to have one Weekend Mass rather than two weekend Masses. Three suggestions from Sparwood asked me to reconsider Sunday Mass time as 8.30 am is too early for some of us. Considering the requests, Sunday Mass at Sparwood will be at 9 am. Since there are no other suggestions, I think that almost all the parishioners of our three parishes are happy to have the proposed new time from October 19, 2024. This new schedule will be in effect from October 19, 2024, to October 19, 2025, or for ever. For your inconvenience, please bear with me.

Weekend Masses from October 19, 2024,  
Onwards

**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 9 am

**Elkford**

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

Announcements

1. The fourth week of *September 23, Monday to September 27, Friday*, there will not be Holy Mass anywhere in Elk Valley, as I will be taking the week off to have a pilgrimage to Guadalupe.

2. October 7, Monday to October 11 Friday, there will not be Holy Mass anywhere in Elk Valley, as I will be attending the Study Days programme in Kelowna with all the priests and Bishop. This is mandatory for every working priests in the diocese of Nelson.

3. Fernie Parish office will be open on Monday September 30 to October 3 Thursday. The office will be closed from October 4 to October 11 as the secretary will be on leave. If there are any volunteers to open the office to attend the phone calls, you are welcome.

## Dinner/Potluck

After Mass

Sunday, September 22, 2024.

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept 21. For repose of Filomena Pallone. Requested by John Pallone and Sue Marcellus.

Sunday, Sep 22. For the repose of Ephraim May, requested by Jean May

### Holy Family Fall Tea



Fernie Family Centre  
Saturday, September 28  
11:30 am to 2:00 pm  
Cost: \$10.00  
Children 5 and under are  
free  
Bake table (food items to  
buy)

Donations for the Food Bank are welcome.

**Sacraments**



We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email [fernien@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernien@nelsondiocese.org) and we will reply to your email request accordingly.

**Fernie Catholic Women League. Next Meeting.**



**CWL**  
 Tuesday, October 8  
 7:00 PM. Church's Hall

**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.

**From the Diocese**

The Pisapio Scholarship Trust is now accepting applications from registered full-time university students, from the Nelson and West Kootenay area, enrolled in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year of their first undergraduate degree. Established in 1980, the Trust annually distributes up to \$30,000 in scholarships each ranging in value from \$500 to \$2500. Application packages, and further information, can be requested by email to [maurice@poulinagencies.com](mailto:maurice@poulinagencies.com). The application deadline is October 1, 2024.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for any man, woman, or family member who has struggled with emotional spiritual pain of abortion. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. For more information call Vicki, (250) 762-2273 or email [info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com](mailto:info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com) or visit the web site [Click here](#)

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Has abortion left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard retreats are for any man, woman, or family member who has struggled with emotional spiritual pain of abortion.

*Collections for the Need of the Church in Canada Sep 28 and Sep 29, 2024.*

[Click here](#)

**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](#)

Donate to Holy Family



Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

September 7, 2024

Actual: \$894.27

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-105.73)

Total Contributions YTD

\$36,164.67

Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received August 2024: \$6,427.73

**Variance: \$13,572.27**

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, September 21, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Bob Sumka & Volunteer

Sunday, September 29, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

September 16 to August September 30, 2024

Gary Smith and Kathy Smith.

Condolences for the passing of Fr. Biju Anthony in India.

