

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
**FERNIE, BC**

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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Website:  
<https://holyfamilyfernie.ca>

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

**Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil**  
**Mass Times**

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday 4:00 PM

**No Mass Oct 9** Wednesday - Noon

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

**No Mass Oct 9** 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)

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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.

**Fernie Office Hours**

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

Bookkeeper

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Pastor's Message – October 6, 2024

Dear Friends,

This week I would like to give a message with a difference. An elderly lady was travelling in a town bus service. She was sitting on a seat, all alone. All other seats were occupied. From the next stop another beautiful young lady got into the bus and occupied the seat next to the elderly lady. She had three bags to carry with her. One she put in front of her, another one in front of the elderly lady and the third one she kept in her lap. As the younger lady was not comfortable to sit and share the seat, she began to push the elderly lady and accidentally hurt her. But the elderly lady kept on smiling. She never uttered a word. After a while, the younger lady asked the elderly lady, how she is able to accommodate her and her luggage in her space?

The elderly lady kept her smile and told the younger one, that she was getting down the next bus stop. Since it was a shorter journey for her, she did not want to cause any disturbance to their comforts. Hence, she wouldn't have any remorse, at the end of the day.

Life is always short. In this short life, we travel with many for few years or some years. Are we able to give, good memories to our coworkers and fellow travellers who travel with us? Every happy life attracts the attention of anyone else and leave us good memories for our lives. May God bless you!

Announcements

This new schedule will be in effect from October 19, 2024, to October 19, 2025, or forever. For your inconvenience, please bear with me.

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

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 closed from October 4 to 14 and will be open on 15, Tuesday.

If there are any volunteers to open the office to attend the phone calls, you are welcome.

Elk Valley Better At Home is part of B.C. Health programme which gives non medical services for seniors above 65 years of age. This society provides transportation, medical appointments, grocery shopping and delivery, prescription pick up and delivery and above all friendly visiting.

Rinnu Jose, better at home coordinator is looking for volunteers in Elkford, Sparwood, Fernie and Grassmere. If any is interested to give your service as a volunteer, call her Phone Number

250 278 5844, please.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 5. For healing of Randal Gropp. Requested by Celia and Fil Roccamatisi.

Sunday, October 6. For M. S. T.

**Holy Family Fall Tea 2024 Fernie Family Centre**

Thank you to all who made the 2024 fall tea a success! There were those who donated, those who prepared food and served and those who participated by attending. It was pleasure to have a group of girls ages nine to twelve who assisted the servers.



Donations were given to a grocery hamper which was given to the food bank. The fund raiser made \$1,135.50. CWL keeps 10% but

will give the rest for parish expense.

*Celia Roccamatysi – Tea Conviner.*

**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 beside the church.

Place the recycling by the shed.

**From the Diocese**

Seton House Fundraiser. October 21

Seton House Special Second Collection, Oct 12 and Oct 13. Find envelopes inside the Church.

Click here: [Seton House Fundraiser](#)

**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](#)

**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](#)

**Sacraments**



We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email [fernief@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernief@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



**Rosary Rally**

Contact Rosalinda -Linda-Pukalla

(250) 423 0739

[Rally Rosary Poster](#)

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

Donate to Holy Family



Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

September 21, 2024

Actual: \$671.17

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-328.83)

Total Contributions YTD

\$39,081.62

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, October 5, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Volunteer

Sunday, October 6, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 5:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Bob Sumka & Volunteer

Sunday, October 13, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

September 30 to October 14, 2024

Lina Campisi and Maria Scarpelli