

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FERNIE, BC

521 4th Avenue

Mailing Address:

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Parish Office: 250-423-6127

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: fernie@nelsondiocese.org

Website:
<https://holyfamilyfernie.ca>

Pastor's Email:
elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil
Mass Times

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

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

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

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

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's Email:
elkvalley.pastor@nelsondioces.org

Mass Times

Saturday - 6:00 PM

Sunday - 9:00 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

Mass Service

Sunday - 1:30 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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pastor's Message – October 20, 2024

World Mission Sunday

Dear Friends,

What is the difference between church and other buildings?

Each building is constructed according to its purpose. Houses are different from shopping centres. Multipurpose halls are different from churches. Multipurpose halls can be used for a number of activities and uses. But churches can be used only for one purpose. That is to administer all the seven sacraments, offer Holy Mass, prayers and spiritual retreats. Unlike other buildings, churches are consecrated with the oil of Chrism, consecrating the altar and the walls of the churches. It can be done by bishops alone, but not by any priest. Priests are allowed to bless the buildings, houses or articles of the churches.

What happens if the consecrated altar is broken? Even though the most important part of the church is the altar and tabernacle, if they are broken or damaged, we need to de-consecrate them and remove them from the church at the earliest. Church can have only such articles for use which could help the faithful to have more faith and devotion to the blessed Sacrament and the word of God, that is the Bible.

What happens, if someone puts some memorial things in the church? If they place them in the church, not knowing its bad implications, then they should be taught of their mistakes and re-move them as early as possible, and the priest needs to bless the church. Last Wednesday, I had to bless the church with the help John Pallone. If it happens with full knowledge, then this is a grievous mistake, and bishop needs to re-consecrate the church.

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

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 19. For all souls in purgatory.

Sunday, October 20. For M. S. T.

Wed, Oct 23 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Oct 23. Holy Family. For all souls in purgatory.

Thank You! Volunteers

Thank you to all for your continued support
 Church's gardens/hall Volunteers
 Ministers within the Church
 Liturgical readers, Sacristans etc.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.
fernie@nelsondiocese.org



Sacraments



We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email
fernie@nelsondiocese.org and we will reply to your email request accordingly.

Fernie Catholic Women League. Next Meeting.



CWL
 Tuesday, November 5
 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

Seton House Fundraiser. October 2
[2024 Seton House Fundraiser poster.pdf](#)

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@rachelvineyardkelowna.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](#)

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

Donate to Holy Family



Finance Report/ update coming up

Contributions for the week of

September 28, 2024

Actual: \$2,010.58

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+\$1,010.58)

Total Contributions YTD

\$43,407.36

Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received August 2024: \$7,172.73

Variance: \$12,827.27

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Theresa Cole-Smith

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, October 27, 2024, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

October 14 October 28, 2024

Regina Vinge & Volunteer