

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://hollyfamilyfernie.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

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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pastor's Message – October 27, 2024

Dear Friends,

Bartimaeus, the blind man of today's Gospel, was dependent on others for sight. But he could hear well. He heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, so he called out to him. He was healed. And then, Bartimaeus did something a blind person cannot do. He followed Jesus, not just figuratively, but literally. Bartimaeus walked behind Jesus along with the other disciples of the Lord.

The first reading from the Prophet Jeremiah tells us that a day will come when the lame will walk and the blind will see. That day began with Jesus Christ. Certainly, this is one of the teachings in today's Gospel. Bartimaeus sees. The great days that Jeremiah had prophesied had begun. But this Gospel reading is deeper than a demonstration of the powers of the Messiah to give sight to the blind. It is speaking about seeing with the eyes of faith.

Bartimaeus saw with the Lord's eyes even before the Lord healed him. He called out, "Son of David, have mercy on me." He saw with the eyes of faith. His faith resulted in his seeing with his physical eyes.

Then, Bartimaeus followed Jesus. The blind cannot follow someone. Can you imagine the joy that Bartimaeus must have had to be able to follow someone on his own, without being led? But the reading has a deeper meaning. Only those who are willing to take a step of faith, a leap of faith, and seek out the Lord can follow Him. At the conclusion of the long reflection on the healing of the Man Born Blind in the Ninth chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I came so that those who are blind may see." So, can you imagine the joy of those whose lives seemed to have no direction, who lived in darkness, when they find a path to life, a light to guide them? We are those people. We are the ones who had been in darkness and who now have light.

We have been entrusted with a treasure, the very presence of the Lord. When we feel we are lost, then, we need to get back to basics. "You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever," the Psalmist proclaims in Psalm 16 vs 11.

Jesus has brought profound joy to our lives. He has given us sight. We can see where we need to go. We can follow Him. We can go to that place where all happiness dwells. Our joy is when we realize like Bartimaeus that we are not blind any more. We can follow the One, who gives Light to our lives. May God bless you! +++ Amen.

Announcements

1. I will be going for my holidays to India from November 4, Monday to November 22, Friday. Fr. Julian Studden, from Calgary, will be replacing me. He will come on November 8, Friday and will stay in the Rectory. He will leave Sparwood on November 20, Wednesday. He will offer weekend and weekday Masses and will be doing the Care Home Masses too. He may need some help from the secretaries.



Special Blessings
to
Tom and Diane Slywka
on your
45th Wedding Anniversary.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 26. For the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Diane Slywka

Sunday, October 27. For M. S. T.

Wed, Oct 30 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Oct 30. 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



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 Catholic Foundation is accepting applications for the Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary.

[Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary Application.pdf](#)

Please submit applications to CatholicFoundation@nelsondiocese.org

Or mail to: Catholic Foundation, 3665 Benvoulin Road, Kelowna, BC V1W 4M7

Applications will be accepted until November 30, 2024.

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

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

October 5, 2024

Actual: \$834.89

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$165.11)

Total Contributions YTD

\$43,861.68

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

2. October 20, Sunday was celebrated world Mission Sunday, where we were supposed to offer Special prayers and special donations for the spreading of the good news to the whole world. This money will be used for the service of missionaries, all over the world. If you have not yet given a special collection last week, please be kind enough to make it in a week or two, please.

Volunteer Schedule

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

Saturday, November 2, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, November 3, 2024, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

October 28 November 11, 2024

Maria Scarpelli & Lina Campisi