

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FERNIE, BC

521 4th Avenue

Mailing Address:

PO Box 519, V0B 1M0

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pastor's Message – November 3, 2024

Dear Friends,

Today's first reading gives the most important law, to love God above everything. The psalmist asks us to love God with all our strength. The second reading from the book of Hebrews, teaches us that Jesus is the high priest appointed by the Father. He has offered the one sacrifice for all eternity. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to love God above everything and love others as we love ourselves.

After Jesus answered the young man, no one had the courage to ask him any more questions. People could not trap Jesus, because they knew that he understood far more than they could ever grasp. Jesus had just answered the main question that was debated by ancient Jewish scholars, and is still debated by the Pharisees among us, and ourselves when we get into a pharisaical frame of mind. That question is: What is the most important thing, that I have to do to serve God. What is the most important commandment to have eternal life? Or how can I get the most reward for the minimum of service to God?

Information

1. Remember to keep our churches perfume free. There are many who are allergic to scents or perfumes. Some are not able to breathe because of perfumes and some others have itching on their nose or eyes. Let us try together to have a friendly, perfume free, church of worship, please.



2. Both parishes of Holy Family, Fernie and St. Bernard's Church, Elkford are far behind from the given target of fulfilling the Pilgrimage of Faith Target. If all of you could pay attention to this and give your Sunday collections on this behalf, till we meet our

target, that will be an additional generosity from your part.

- See page 4 to donate with Square.
- Donation envelopes are available inside the church.

3. Proposed time for Christmas and New year masses. If anyone has a different opinion, let me know in a month.

	Fernie	Sparwood	Elkford
Tue, Dec 24	4 pm	6 pm	
Wed, Dec 25	11 am	9 am	1.30 pm
Tue, Dec 31	4 pm	6 pm	
Wed, Jan 1, 2025	11 am	9 am	1.30 pm

4. I will be going for 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov 2. For all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, Nov 3. For M. S. T.

Wed, Nov 6 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Nov 6. Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

Volunteers



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

Sacraments



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

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.

Nov 24 Celtic Concert

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Kelowna. Click below for details.

[Celtic Concert 2024.pdf](#)

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](#)

You are invited to the
Shekinah Prayer Group

**JUBILEE 1974-2024
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, November 23rd
1:00pm to 3:00 pm

**St. John Vianney Hall
361 Wade Ave**

*RSVP - 250-809-2524 or e-mail
heart4joy@shaw.ca*

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 12, 2024

Actual: \$1,126.84

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+\$126.84)

Total Contributions YTD

\$44,416.52

Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received September 2024: \$7,172.73

Variance: \$12,827.27

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org



Volunteer Schedule

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

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Bob Sumka & Volunteer

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

October 28 November 11, 2024

Maria Scarpelli & Lina Campisi