

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://holyfamiyfernie.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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pastor's Message – November 17, 2024

Dear Friends,

Care for the Weakest:

I would like to begin this afternoon by focusing in on the plight of widows as presented in the Bible. In ancient times if a man died, his widow was in a precarious situation if she did not have an adult son to protect her and care for her. The widow from the first reading, the widow of Zeraphath, was suffering from the famine. She did have a son, but he was a little child. Imagine her horror when she realized that she could scrape just a little more food for her son and herself, before they would both starve to death. No one cared about her, no one except God who sent the prophet Elijah to her. But first, she had to trust in God. She had to follow the law of hospitality, caring for the stranger. And God rewarded her generosity.

Jesus marvelled that a widow who had so little, gave to the Temple Treasury. He rejoices when those like her are cared for by society. We, the rich, should rejoice when there is care for the poor. Indeed, the strength of our society, and any society, is measured by the concern we have for our weakest members

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. November is the month specially set apart for remembering our dear and near ones who are no longer with us. We can pray for them, offer special masses for the repose of their souls, give alms and food for the needy on behalf of them.

3. Always remember, none of the souls in purgatory can pray for themselves. As humans, we are capable of praying for them, for us and for others. We try to believe that our dear and near ones are in heaven, or in purgatory. If they are in heaven, our prayers and offerings will help some other souls in purgatory. None of our offerings and prayers will go in waist

4. 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 on your part.

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

5. 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

6. I am enjoying 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.

7. There will be weekday masses and care home Masses according to the discretion of the replacing priests. But certainly, there will be weekend Masses as well as anointing of the sick and funeral masses, if needed.



Fernie Catholic Women's League Presents the 6th ANNUAL

Italian Christmas Bake Sale



Scalilli /
Pizzelle



\$25 each



12"
Focaccia

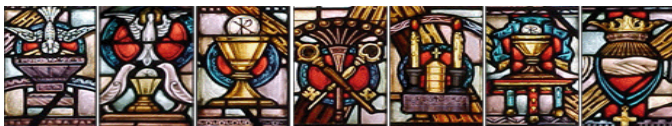
Taking orders until last week of November
Options are email orders and etransfer which can be made to: cwlholyfamilyferniecebc@gmail.com
or cash upon pick-up at Fernie Family Centre 521-4th Avenue
call 250-423-6127 for phone orders

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.



Second Tuesday of each month
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 beside 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.

Annual Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions

[Annual Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions.pdf](#)

Special Collection November 16/17

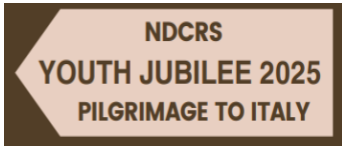
Envelopes available main entrance inside church.

Celtic Concert

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

[Celtic Concert 2024.pdf](#)

Pilgrimage to Italy July 23 – Aug 6, 2025



Sponsored by The Nelson Diocese Renewal Services (NDCRS). Book Now

[2025 Youth Jubilee](#)

[Pilgrimage Rome Flyer.pdf](#)

Aid to the Church in Canada (ACN)



Red Wednesday is an event aimed at highlighting the persecution and injustice suffered by Christians,

while promoting respect and tolerance between people of different religions. We want people to take a stand for their faith, and more broadly, for religious freedom.

[Click here](#)

Donate to Holy Family

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

October 26, 2024

Actual: \$1,060.99

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+\$60.99)

Total Contributions YTD

\$47,516.93

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org



Volunteer Schedule	
Saturday, November 16, 2024, 4:00 PM	Liturgical Reader Patrice Oscienny Sacristan Lucrecia Lynch
Sunday, November 17, 2024, 11:00 AM	Liturgical Reader Marilyn Bruschetta Sacristan Volunteer
Saturday, November 23, 2024, 4:00 PM	Liturgical Reader Mike Delich Sacristan Diane Slywka
Sunday, November 24, 2024, 11:00 AM	Liturgical Reader Angelika Pace Sacristan Volunteer
Church Cleaners November 11 November 25, 2024 Rosetta Rino & Annette Harrison	

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

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Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received, October 2024. \$8,177.73

Variance: \$11,822.27