

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://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

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. *World Day of Youth.*

Pastor's Message – November 24, 2024

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 cents 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 cannot 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, E-transfer or cheque payable to **Holy Family** with a note to **POF**.
- Donation envelopes are available inside the church.
- **Consider the postal strike.**

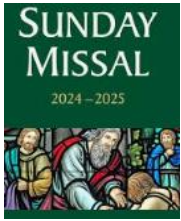
5. Proposed time for Christmas and New year masses. If anyone has a different opinion, let me know in a month.

	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

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, Nov 23. For all souls in purgatory.
- Sunday, Nov 24. Repose of Randall Gropp Requested by Celia & Fil Roccamatisi.
- Wed, Nov 27 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.
- Wed, Nov 27. Holy Family. Intentions of Juneau's Family. Requested by Juneau's family.

Sunday Missals 2024- 2025 Available



Sunday Missals 2024 – 2025 Available at the Parish office. By Donation.

Fernie Catholic Women League. Next Meeting.



Second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM. Church's Hall

Italian Baking

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: cwlhollyfamilyferniesbc@gmail.com or cash upon pick-up at Fernie Family Centre 521-4th Avenue call 250-423-6127 for phone orders

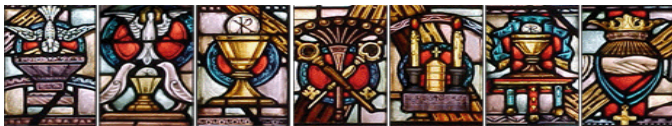
Place an order by Nov 30 (250) 423 6127 or by email fernies@nelsondiocese.org.

Cash or e-transfer to cwlhollyfamilyferniesbc@gmail.com

Volunteers

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

Sacraments



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

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.

Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue



Chalice, a Catholic, Canadian charity, invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world.

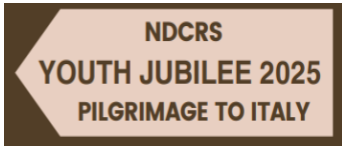
To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit [Chalice](#)

Celtic Concert. November 24, 2024

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](#)

Seton House Fundraiser outcome

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to tell you that our Seton House Fundraiser was a resounding success. Through yours and everyone’s support, we as a community of faith were able to raise over \$40,000.00. If you have never been to Seton House, I encourage you to visit and to discover a deeper awareness of God in the stillness and the beauty of this natural setting. +Bishop Gregory

Donate to Holy Family

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

November 2, 2024

Actual: \$626.51

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$373.49)

Total Contributions YTD

\$47,735.26

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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Volunteer Schedule

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

Saturday, November 30, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader
Theresa Cole-smith
Sacristan
Bob Sumka/Volunteer

Sunday, December 1, 2024, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader
Marilyn Bruschetta
Sacristan
Volunteer

Church Cleaners

November 25 to December 9, 2024
Angelika Pace & Sue Marcellus

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