

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

1st Sunday of Advent.

Pastor's Message – December 1, 2024

Advent is a preparation time for Christmas with the liturgical colour of purple. In fact, the beginning of Advent presents the exact opposite of the sweet Christmas sentiments. Advent begins not with cribs and shepherds, but with the prophecy that God will make a powerful intervention in human history. Look at today's Gospel. It is one of the scariest passages in Scripture: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming. The Son of Man will come on a cloud with power and great glory." God will step in and re-create His world. He will put an end to the exploitation of the poor and powerless. He will punish those who have turned the things of the world into their gods. His people are to stand straight, raise their heads, for their redemption is at hand. We, are to pray for the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

Advent speaks about preparation and transformation. Preparation for the two fold comings of Christ. The first coming of the Lord began with the journey to Bethlehem two thousand years ago. The Lord's journey continued onto Jerusalem and to Golgotha. His journey continues through us, the Lord's disciples empowered by the Spirit, to lead the world to Christ. The second coming of the Lord is at the end of time, when Christ will judge those who have lived in love and light and those who have lived in darkness and hatred.

For us in the Northern hemisphere, Advent takes place during the darkest days of the year when there is the least sunlight. The darkest day of the year comes towards the end of Advent on December 21st. Advent is the season of hope because it reminds us that the dark time will come to an end, and that the light of Christ will triumph. Hatred, racism, abuse of all forms, broken relationships, indifference to human suffering, are part of the dark times of the world. These abominations to God's love will end. We as Church and as individuals are called to work towards their downfall. The transformation of the world from hatred to

love is the work of the Christian. The season of Advent reminds us of the work we must do all year. Advent assures us that the work of God will be done as long as we live with God in our lives.

Information

1. 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.

Ways to donate. **Envelopes available, e-Transfer and QR Code**

See page 4 for details. Consider **the postal strike.**

2. For your information, Holy Family Church, Fernie is need of \$ 11,822/= dollars for pilgrimage of faith goal and \$26000/= for insurance in the month of January 2025. If all of you **could pay attention to this and give your Sunday collections on this behalf, that will be an additional generosity from your part.**

3. Let me thank Fr. Julian Studden for the services he had rendered to our parishes during my absence. Let us keep him in our prayers.

4. **Advent Reconciliation** will be on December 11 at 6.30 pm in Sparwood St. Michael's Church. Two extra priests will be available. In almost two years time, there were only less than five people for confession in other churches of my care. I will be available for hearing your confessions any day 30 minutes before your scheduled Holy Mass. Everyone is welcome to Sparwood for the common reconciliation services.

. Advent Reconciliation services will be available in Sparwood on December 9 at 3.30 pm for children.

4. Christmas and New Year Mass Times

	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

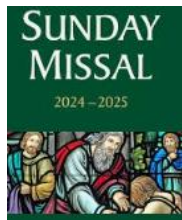
Saturday, Nov 30. For all souls in purgatory.

Sunday, Dec 1. Intentions of St, Martin's CWL in Oliver. Requested by CWL Holy Family.

Wed, Dec 4 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Dec 4. Holy Family. Repose of Joseph Lunchka. Requested by Juneau's family.

Sunday Missals 2024- 2025 Available



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

Coffee and Light Snacks
Sunday's 11 AM Mass Time
All Welcome



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

New food item: Lemon and Orange Loaf

Place an order by Nov 30
(250) 423 6127 or by email fernienelsondiocese.org.

Cash or e-transfer to cwlholyfamilyferniece@gmail.com

Volunteers

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



Sacraments



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

Warning. Snow Falling from Roof

From the Diocese

Seminar Appointment. December 2024.

[Seminar Appointment December 2024.pdf](#)

Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue



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

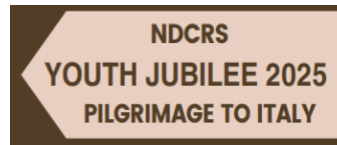
To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit [Chalice](#)

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](#)



Donate to Holy Family

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

November 9, 2024

Actual: \$1,048.71

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+\$48.71)

Total Contributions YTD

\$47,993.13

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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Volunteer Schedule

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

Saturday, December 7, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

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