

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
**FERNIE, BC**

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<https://hollyfamilyfernie.ca>

Pastor's Email:

[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:sparwood@nelsondiocese.org)

Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's Email:

[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondioces.org](mailto: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:

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### 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.**

Pastor's Message – December 8, 2024

Today's readings tell us that God is coming, but he sees that the road to our hearts is loaded with horrible ruts. John the Baptist calls upon us in the spirit of Isaiah the prophet: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." Advent is the season of personal road work. We need to recognize, where we have allowed ruts, to occur in our lives. Now I don't mean a few holes here and there, but long deep fissures in our souls caused by our allowing heavy equipment to destroy us.

What are the heavy equipments? They could be our desire to go along with the crowd around us. It is not just that we join them in doing bad things, but we have made these actions part of our lifestyle. We are more concerned with being accepted by others. For example, for many people this is the season of parties, and some of these parties are not healthy, even immoral. But we see it as part of our lifestyle, and we know that, when we are there, we will not behave as a son or daughter of God. "This is what we do, I do." That is a rut in God's road to our heart.

During Advent we need to "Prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths." During Advent we need to make a good confession, a truly good confession, and ask God to help us recognize, if there are ruts in our lives, and to fill them in, with his way, the way of love. God is not done with any of us yet. Paul tells his beloved Philippians, and us, in the second reading: I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you, will continue to complete it, until the day of Christ Jesus. We pray today to the Lord to help us in preparing the way of the Lord. May God bless you! +++ Amen.

1. Bishop Gregory Bittman has a medical problem that requires his immediate and full attention. He needs your prayers especially on December 17 & 18. Our Vicar General, Fr. Sebastian Puthenpura and our Chancellor,

Fr. Cerlouie Jimenez will fill in during his absence.

2. St. Bernard's Church, Elkford has completed its Pilgrimage of Faith Goal. They have collected \$ 1705. Thanks for your cooperation. Please do not donate to the POF, but to the parish account, please.

3. Special attention and action needed for Holy Family Church: Holy Family is in need of \$ 9,562. 27 dollars for pilgrimage of faith goal in the month of December and \$26000/= for insurance in the month of January 2025. If all of you could pay more attention to this and give your Sunday collections on this behalf, that will be an additional generosity from your part.

4. Christmas and New Year's masses are mandatory for every faithful.



**Christmas and New Year Mass Times  
in the Elk Valley**

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



5. Advent Reconciliation will be on December 11 at 6.30 pm in Sparwood St. Michael's Church. Two extra priests will be available. I will be available for hearing your confessions on any day 30 minutes before your scheduled Holy Mass. Everyone is welcome to Sparwood for the common reconciliation services.

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

7. "Dying with Christ – Living with Hope" about combatting Euthanasia: <https://cmdacanada.org/dying-with-christ-living-with-hope/>. This link will give more about Euthanasia.

### Mass Intentions

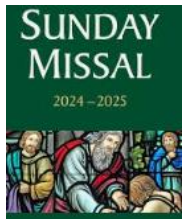
Saturday, Dec 7. Repose of Lydia Tomasta. Requested by Fernie Catholic Women's League.

Sunday, Dec 8. For M. S. T.

Wed, Dec 11 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Dec 11. For the intentions of Milt and Mary Ann Holowach. 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 Masses**  
 Dec 8 and Dec 15  
 After 11 o'clock mass  
 All Welcome



Heartfelt thank you to The Fernie Catholic Women's League for the continuous support and contributions towards the Church and towards the Fernie Family Centre.

### Volunteers

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

[fernien@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernien@nelsondiocese.org)



### Sacraments

We are happy to assist you. Contact the Parish Office via email [fernien@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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

## Warning. Snow Falling from Roof

### Fernie Community Choir



Friday, December 20. 7:00 PM  
Holy Family. Doors open at 6:30 PM  
Tickets available  
At the door or at Scotiabank

## From the Diocese

### Journey through Advent 2024. Videos



CANADIAN CONFERENCE  
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

[You Tube Videos](#)

Web site  
[Click here](#)

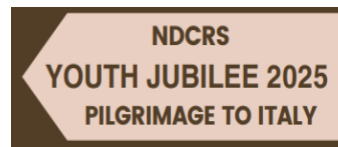
### Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue



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](#)

### 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 16, 2024

Actual: \$943.37

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$56.63)

Total Contributions YTD

\$48,312.67

e-Transfer for Holy Family

[etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org)



Volunteer Schedule

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

Saturday, December 14, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

December 9 to December 23, 2024

Gary Smith & Kathy Smith

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

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Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received, October 2024. \$10,437.73

**Variance: \$9,562.27**