# 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:

elkvallev.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil

Mass Times

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Wed - Noon-No mass Dec 25/Jan 1

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wed -11 am-No mass Dec 25/Jan 1 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

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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

### 4th Sunday of Advent.

#### Pastor's Message - December 22, 2024

I would like to speak about Mary and Elizabeth as women of prophecy. The prophecy of Mary's role began in Genesis. The wise scholars of Genesis, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, wrote that immediately after the Fall, after Eve convinced Adam that they should eat the fruit of pride, arrogance and disobedience, and be like gods themselves, immediately God said that another woman would come whose child would destroy the power of evil in the world, the hold of the devil. This woman, of course, was Mary. As time went on, the prophet Isaiah declared to King Ahaz, that God would give a special sign to the House of David. A virgin would be with child. She will have a son. He will be named Emmanuel. It was quite clear that she would be a virgin and yet would be pregnant. With deep gratitude we pray: Lord of all love, you have come to us so we can come to you. You have become physical so we can become spiritual. You have embraced us with your Love so we can embrace others with your love. We thank you for choosing us to be part of your plan. We thank you for allowing us to join Mary and Elizabeth in the excitement of your Coming Presence. We ask you now to give us the strength and the courage to proclaim your Presence with our Lives. There might be only a few days left, but: Happy Advent. May God bless you! +++ Amen. Fr. Thomas

- 1. Bishop has responded well with his medical procedures. Let us thank God for everything as well as for his speedy recovery to good health.
- 2. Both St. Michael's Church, Sparwood and St. Bernard's Church, Elkford has completed its Pilgrimage of Faith Goal. 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.



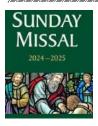
#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, Dec 21. For all souls in purgatory.

Sunday, Dec 22. For M. S. T.

Wed, Dec 25. For all souls in purgatory.

Sunday Missals 2024- 2025 Available



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



#### 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

#### Volunteers

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

fernie@nelsondiocese.org



# From the Diocese

Journey through Advent 2024. Videos



You Tube **Videos** Web site Click here

#### Sacraments

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

### 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

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## Donate to Holy Family

# Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

November 30, 2024

Actual: \$629.54

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$370.46)

Total Contributions YTD

\$48,912.24

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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#### Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, December 21, 2024, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader Adele Minto Sacristan

Bob Sumka/Volunteer

Sunday, December 22, 2024, 11:00 AM Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, December 28, 2024, 4:00

PM

Liturgical Reader

Patrice Oscienny

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, December 29, 2024, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners December 23 to Jan 6, 2024

L. Campisi and M. Scarpelli

## Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

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Pilgrimage of Faith 2024.

Goal: \$20,000.00

Received, November 2024. \$10,437.73

Variance: \$9,562.27

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