

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
**FERNIE, BC**

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**Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil**  
**Mass Times**

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Wed - Noon-**No mass Jan 1**

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wed -11 am-**No mass 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:

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Pastor's Email:  
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**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

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Pastor's Message – December 29, 2024

Mathew 1.23, quotes “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (Jesus), which means, God with us”. This is the unique unfolding of the eternal mystery ‘God with us’, in the person of Jesus. ‘God is with us’ would mean that ‘the divine is with human beings. Vice versa too, human beings are with the divine, and have to be so, as well’. This is the double-sided reality of life. Life, in its turn, would mean celebrating this mystery and reality, eternally so.

Again, Genesis 1.27, reads “God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him.” Genesis 1.26 records God’s will for the human race, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. ‘Image and likeness’ would mean ‘resemblance with God’. To have been created in the image and likeness of God would necessarily mean that human beings have an essential relation with God. That makes it easy for anyone to understand how God is with the humans, well, in the internal forum. By way of the image and likeness, the humans are endowed with the character and dignity of God. This is a singular privilege given to the humans. That would amount to state that God and human beings have to be conceived in terms of each other. Well, that is exactly why God is with us.

Further still, Matthew 6.9 cites Jesus instructing his disciples as to how they should pray, “Our Father in heaven”. John the Apostle explains the other side of the story thus, “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are” (1 Jn 3.1). Jesus, conceived by the power of the divine spirit, is Son of God in the incarnate form. He descended from God the Father in Heaven and came down to the earth, in view of announcing to the world that God is with us, here and now.

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. New Year Eve’s and New Year’s Day masses are mandatory for every faithful.

**New Year Eve's and New Year's Day Mass Times in the Elk Valley**

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

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 28. For all souls in purgatory.

Sunday, Dec 29. For M. S. T.

Thank you to all who attended Christmas Masses. Many Blessings.



### 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

## From the Diocese

### Journey through Advent 2024. Videos

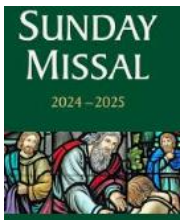


[You Tube Videos](#)

Web site

[Click here](#)

### Sunday Missals 2024- 2025 Available



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

**Coffee and Light Snacks**  
**Sunday Mass**  
Coffee after Mass will resume  
On Sunday, January 5, 2025  
After 11 o'clock mass  
All Welcome

### Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.  
[fernien@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernien@nelsondiocese.org)





Donate to Holy Family

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

December 1, 2024

Actual: \$691.21

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$308.79)

Total Contributions YTD

\$50,661.98

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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



Volunteer Schedule	
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
Saturday, January 4, 2025, 4:00 PM	Liturgical Reader TBD Sacristan Lucrecia Lynch
Sunday, January 5, 2024, 11:00 AM	Liturgical Reader TBD 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**