

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: fernien@nelsondiocese.org

Website:

<https://hollyfamilyfernien.ca>

Pastor's Email:

elkvalley.pastor@nelsondiocese.org

Pastor: Thomas Kakkaniyil

Mass Times

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Wed - Noon

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

Wed -11 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

Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor's Message – January 5, 2025.



wishing all a
**Blessed
New Year!**

I am a missionary priest, ordained on December 26, 1979, for the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle (MST). When I was celebrating my tenth anniversary of ordination in the second mission centre that I had started, for the Diocese of Ujjain, with the installation of the second Hindi Medium school, I was not sure that I would be able to celebrate my 25 years of priesthood or my silver Jubilee. But I was able to celebrate it in the mission centre, Chandessary, in the year 2004 where I was able to begin a hi-fi English Medium School, which is the best as well as the biggest school in the diocese of Ujjain. Now it has postgraduate courses. After completing thirty years of mission work in India, I wanted to be a pastor in Brazil, who cares for souls. Unfortunately, or fortunately, I landed here in the diocese of Nelson, in British Columbia on May 31, 2009.

In July 15, 2023, I was moved from Oliver to Elk Valley parishes, for the fourth time, back to the same place where I started my pastoral ministry in Sparwood, Nelson, Canada. Here, I was lucky enough to celebrate 45 years of my priesthood, sapphire Jubilee, in the Elk valley parishes on June 11, 2024, Tuesday. Last December 26, I have completed 45 years of my priesthood.

At present I am in the 46 years of my priesthood. Elk Valley parishes have, one of the worst driving conditions on roads, at every winter season. On weekends, I have to drive 210 kilometres between the churches and have five Masses. If God is willing, I will be able to celebrate my Golden Jubilee or 50 years of my ordination, in the 2028. That is how we all live, with hope and expectation of the coming years. That is life. Many of us are able to achieve them. But some are not able to achieve them. Let us remember such members of our community, who were not able to achieve all what they wanted. God's blessings. Fr. Thomas Kakkaniyil.

Announcements

1. Cell phones are great means of communication for phone calls or sending messages. Church is a sacred place, where we keep silence for personal prayer and community prayer, as well as

celebrating the sacraments and Holy Mass. Let your phones be in silent mode, so that yourself and others can concentrate more on prayer and God as well as have time to listen God.

2. I was so happy to see the increasing number of participants in all the three churches of my care. Pastors should have the smell of the sheep, as Pope Francis has recommended is good for every pastor. In the same way, every sheep needs to have the smell of the pastor, so that they may get the right and real spiritual guidance, which we all need. Thank God for the increasing number of participants in all liturgies.

3. Bishop Gregory Bittman is recuperating fast enough, that he was able to thank every priests and the faithful who prayed for him, through a Zoom meeting done with all the priests and deacons of the diocese of Nelson, on Monday December 30 at 3 pm. He needs his personal time and space for the faster healing and recuperation at least for six weeks. Be generous to him to have it, please.

4. Christmas collection of last year for St. Michael's Church, Sparwood was \$409/= and this year is \$ 1013.73. Christmas Collection of last year for St. Bernard's Church, Elkford was \$ 160/= and for this year \$ 467/=. Christmas collection of Holy Family Church, Fernie last year was \$ 3,648.87 and for this year \$ 5,339.24. Let us thank God for the revival of all the three of our Elk valley parishes, St Michael's Sparwood, Holy Family, Fernie and St. Bernard's, Elkford.

Mass Intentions

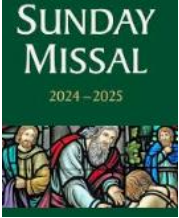
Saturday, Jan 4. For all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, Jan 5. For M. S. T.

Wed, Jan 8 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Jan 8. Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

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

Coffee and Light Snacks After Sunday Mass All Welcome



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

Volunteers

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



From the Diocese

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NELSON

Diocese of Nelson: Click Here.



Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops 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.

Daily Mass readings and the Breviary prayers for the hours throughout the day. Click here

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

\$299.43

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org



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

Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, January 4, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Colin Lynch

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, January 5, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Mike Delich

Sacristan

Bob Sumka

Sunday, January 12, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

Jan 6 to Jan 20, 2025

Regina Vinge & Volunteer