

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://holyfamiyfernie.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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Message – March 2, 2025.



The Jubilee Year 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" was officially began with the opening

of the Holy Doors in Rome on December 24, 2024, by pope Francis. We have joined the Year of Hope to our annual Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal with the theme "Journey of Hope".

Bishop Gregory Bittman has assigned for members of East Kootenay Deanery: Stations of the Cross, Radium for us to have our pilgrimage. Last Thursday, February 9th, we had our East Kootenay, Deanery meeting. All of us unanimously agreed to have our Jubilee year pilgrimage **to Radium on April 9, Wednesday at 1 pm** beginning with the Stations of the Cross, Confession, Holy Mass and Reception.



These are the conditions for receiving indulgences. All are encouraged to receive, Indulgences from the Jubilee of Hope. **Can we think of Carpooling for this pilgrimage?**

In the Catholic Church, an "indulgence" refers to the remission of the temporal punishment due to a sin, meaning a reduction in the time one might spend in purgatory after death, which can be gained by performing specific good works like praying, visiting holy sites, or doing acts of charity, under certain prescribed conditions; essentially, a way to lessen the punishment for sins already forgiven through confession, but not to forgive the sins themselves.

An indulgence does not forgive the guilt of a sin, only the temporal punishment associated with it.

Partial and plenary indulgences: There are two types: a partial indulgence, which reduces some of the temporal punishment, and a plenary indulgence, which removes all of it.

Historical controversy: The selling of indulgences in the past was a major factor leading to the Protestant Reformation.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 1. For all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, Mar 2. For intentions of Alvin Waechter, requested by Celia & Fil Roccamatisi.

Wed, Mar 5 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Mar 5. Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

Announcements



Let me thank all the participants who contributed and participated in the first potluck Supper on February 23, 2025. There were almost 25 participants.





Anyone interested to have their first Holy Communion in Holy Family Church, Fernie, may meet the priest and learn the primary lessons for the same.

We will schedule it on a Wednesday or Sunday with any Holy Mass.

Ash Wed, Mar 5, 2025



- Ash Wednesday Mass at Rocky Mountain at 11 am.
- Holy Family at 12 noon.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Lenten Reconciliation for **Children** in Sparwood on March 31, Monday at 3.30 pm.

Lenten Reconciliation Service for Fernie, on April 2, Wednesday at 12. 30 pm.

Lenten Reconciliation Service for Sparwood on April 2, Wednesday at 6.30 pm.



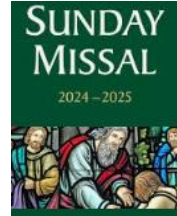
Last Tuesday, we had our Finance Council for St. Michael's Church, Sparwood.

Parishioners of Sparwood need to know that they are short of \$11,000/= compared to last year. St.

Bernard's Church, Elkford is short of \$ 2000/= compared to last year.

Last Wednesday, we had our Finance Council for **Holy Family Church, Fernie. Holy Family is even with the yearly donations.**

Sunday Missals 2024- 2025 Available



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Available at the Parish office/Church

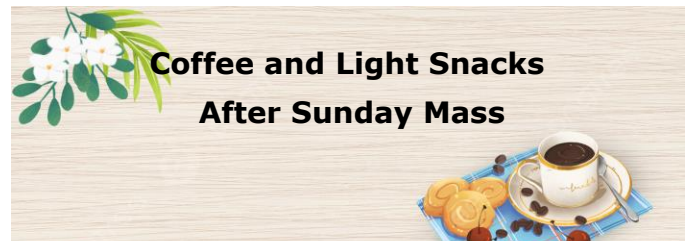
For Sale

Tax receipts

The 2024 Tax Receipts have been mailed out. Please contact the Parish office if you need further assistance, fernien@nelsondiocese.org



Gathering after Mass on Sundays



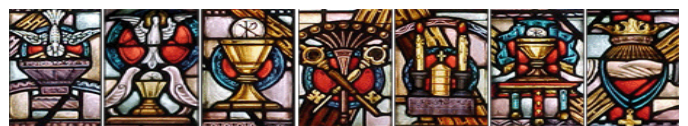
Volunteers to clean the Church

Please email us at fernien@nelsondiocese.org



Sacraments

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



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. Place items by the shed.

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.

Websites to be Connected

Diocese of Nelson: [Click Here.](#)



Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
[Click Here](#)

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

February 8, 2025

Actual: \$1,052.62

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+\$52.60)

Total Contributions YTD

\$7,473.84

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernienelsondiocese.org



Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Mike Delich

Sacristan

Diane Slywka

Sunday, March 2, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, March 8, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

March 3 to March 17, 2025

Gary Smith & Kathy Smith