

# 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

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**

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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:

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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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Message – March 9, 2025.

Lent is the yearly celebration by the church, its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of



Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful to Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the Year.

**Lent has two major purposes:** It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions are given on these baptismal and penitential themes.

During lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners. (Ordo - See CSL, nos 109-110)

## Ways to Observe Lent

### Lenten preparations and pious activities

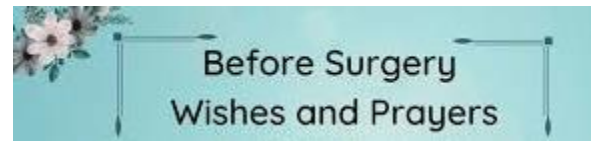
**are:** Stations of the Cross on all Fridays either at 3 pm or 6 pm; Fasting and Abstinence: For Good Friday. You can do this for forty days of lent or any days of your choice. Improve your personal relationship with everyone around you, especially family members, neighbors and friends. Be charitable to everyone and have a new dimension for your life and contacts with everyone.

## 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.*



I am expecting a day care surgery within a month and need a few days of rest for recuperation. Keep me in your prayers.



Dear Friends,

We have lost two of our long-time parishioners of Holy Family Church.

(1) **Delores Hartley**, 88 years old who died on Sunday, March 2, and her

funeral is scheduled to have on May 10, 2025, at 1.30 pm.

(2) **Geraldine Salvador** wife of late Cirino Salvador, the Superintends of Schools, died on March 5, Wednesday. Funeral for Geraldine Salvador will be on March 15, Saturday at 1.30 pm. Thereafter all are invited for reception in the hall.,

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 8. For all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, Mar 9. For the repose of Vince Fabiano, requested by Celia & Fil Roccamatisi.

Wed, Mar 12 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Mar 12. Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

**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.

Let's Carpool!



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?**

**Announcements**



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.

**Tax receipts**

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



**Gathering after Mass on Sundays**



**No Coffee and Light Snacks After Sunday Mass during Lent.**

**Volunteers to clean the Church**

Please email us at [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 Family Recycling Program**



**Fernie Garden**

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.

As we journey through Lent 2025, I am pleased to inform you that the **First Sunday of Lent** video of the series titled “Journey through Lent” is now available on the CCCB website:

in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

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 15, 2025

Actual: \$866.48

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$133.52)

Total Contributions YTD

\$8,149.12

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, March 8, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Adele Minto

Sacristan

Volunteer

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Brushchetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, March 15, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Theresa Cole-Smith

Sacristan

Bob Sumka/Volunteer

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

March 3 to March 17, 2025

Gary Smith & Kathly Smith

Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

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2025 POF Goal

\$17,050.00

