

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
**FERNIE, BC**

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Pastor's Email:

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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**

129 Centennial Square

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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Website: <https://stmichaelssparwood.org>

Pastor's Email:

[elkvalley.pastor@nelsondioces.org](mailto: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:

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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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Message – March 16, 2025.

We have begun our lenten season with the exhortation, "Repent and believe in the Gospel" may sound harsh when taken on their own, but within the context of redemption, they remind us that our time is limited, and this world is not



eternal. With humility, we recognize our human frailty, and at the same time, we rediscover the eternal truth that our lives are rooted in God's everlasting love — a love that calls us to remain with Him, and with those we love, forever.

This season of Lent offers a valuable opportunity to reflect on what gives meaning to our lives, how we spend our time, what truly matters to us, and how we can love more deeply and generously. Lent invites us to sacrifice — to "offer something up" — but rather than focusing on what is lost, we are invited to grow in gratitude: gratitude for the gift of life itself, and for the hope that flows from loving actions that enrich our lives and the lives of others.

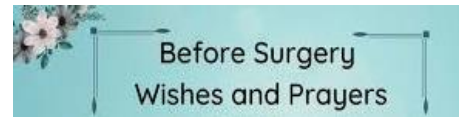
## Ways to Observe Lent

**Lenten preparations and pious activities are:** Wed Mar, 5 – Thu, Apr 17.

- Stations of the Cross are 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.



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



I am happy to announce that Holy Family Parish, Fernie, is blessed to have 4 RCIA members who will participating in their RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme on April 19, 2025.

## 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.*



Funeral Event for **Geraldine Salvador** March 15, Saturday at 1.30 pm. Thereafter all are invited for reception in the hall.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 15. Mass remembering Eliza Hughes, requested by her family.

Sunday, Mar 16. For the repose of Lloyd Georgina Gropp, requested by Celia & Fil Roccamatisi.

Wed, Mar 19 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Mar 19. 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?**

**Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal for 2025**

As a part of the diocesan Charitable fund raising, Elk Valley parishes have prescribed target. If we plan to collect more than the prescribed target, we should submit a project for the parish stating all the details and get prior permission from the diocesan office. Then, the surplus amount will be tax free from the diocese. Targets for:

Holy Family Church, Fernie is	\$17,050/=
St. Michael's Church, Sparwood is	\$ 6,150/=
St. Bernard's Church, Elkford is	\$ 1,700/=

**Dear parishioners of Holy Family Church, Fernie,**

I am happy that we had almost reached our goal for the pilgrimage of Faith, 2024. For the year 2025, our pilgrimage goal is \$17,050/=.

If we want to keep the Family Centre Hall for our use, we have two projects to complete.

- (1) Purchase of Hot water tank for Holy Family Centre \$ 3,000/= and Hot water tank for the church \$ 1,300/= Total expenses for the hot water tanks \$ 4,300/=
- (2) Replacement of main floor (hallways) of the Fernie Family Centre for \$ 23,000/=
- (3) The Portico of the Holy Family Church, repair \$ 110,000/=

All these are the future projects we should think of completing within two years, if possible. If all of us think that we should keep the hall, we need to collect \$ 4,300/= in addition to the Pilgrimage of Faith. Then this will be free from Cathedraticum.

This year, let us have an affordable suitable repair to the church portico which may cost us **\$ 2,000/=**. Once we complete these projects, we can try to collect funds for the repair of the Church Portico and raise \$110,000/=



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.

**Gathering after Mass on Sundays**



**No Coffee and Light Snacks until beginning of May 2025**

**Volunteers to clean the Church**

Please email us at [fernief@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:fernief@nelsondiocese.org)



### Donate to Holy Family

#### Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

February 22, 2025

Actual: \$1,950.67

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+\$950.67)

Total Contributions YTD

\$10,283.46

e-Transfer for Holy Family

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



### Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

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

Total Contributions YTD \$2,242.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



### Volunteer Schedule

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

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Volunteer

Sunday, March 23, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Brushcetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

March 17 to March 31, 2025

Lina Campisi & Maria Scarpelli

