

Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
FERNIE, BC

521 4th Avenue

Mailing Address:

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Parish Office: 250-423-6127

Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

Email: fernien@nelsondiocese.org

Website:

<https://holyfamilyfernien.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

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Parish Office: 250-425-2327

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Email: sparwood@nelsondiocese.org

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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

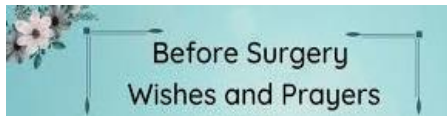
3rd Sunday of Lent

Pastor's Message – March 23, 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.



I am expecting a day care surgery on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**. I will need few days of rest for recuperation. Keep me in your prayers.

Notes: (1) Proposed Holy Week Celebrations.

Give your Suggestions, in a week?

(2) Liturgical Cycle Year "C".

(3) This year, we may not have washing of the feet on Holy Thursday.

(4) Readings for Easter Vigil: No. 3, No. 5, No. 7, Epistle and Gospel.

(5) On Good Friday, Fasting is Mandatory

(6) On this Third Week of the month of March, let us contribute for the pilgrimage of Faith, in all the churches.

RCIA

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.



St. Michael's Church, Sparwood is blessed to have a new ladder for the use of the church, purchased for \$ 367/=

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.**

Proposed Holy Week Mass times Fernie

Holy Thursday, April 17

4 pm, and adoration will continue till midnight, if there are interested individuals.

Good Friday, April 18

5 pm

Stations of the Cross if interested individuals.

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 19

5 pm. Since we have RCIA members, we will have baptism and confirmation together with the services.

Blessings of New light from Easter Candle and Holy water,

Renewal of baptismal promises

Easter Sunday, April 20

11 AM, Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 22. For Brian Scully, requested by his sister and family.

Sunday, Mar 23. For healing of Rory Rickwood, requested by Celia & Fil Roccamatisi.

Wed, Mar 26 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Mar 26. Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

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/=

Easter Week Services at St. Bernard's Church, Elkford,

April 20, Easter Sunday, Holy Mass at 1.30 pm, Blessings of New light from Easter Candle and Holy water, renewal of baptismal promises



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 fernien@nelsondiocese.org



Stations of the Cross. CWL



Holy Family
 March 20 and 27
 April 3 and 17

Easter Week Celebrations at St. Michael's Church, Sparwood

April 17, Holy Thursday at 7 pm and Adoration will continue till 12 night, if there are members of the parish for adoration.

April 18, Good Friday Services at 3 pm, stations of the Cross, if there are members of the parish.

April 19, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil services at 8 pm. Readings: No. 3, No. 5, No. 7, Epistle and Gospel.

Blessings of New light from Easter Candle and Holy water,

Renewal of baptismal promises

April 20, Easter Sunday, Holy Mass at 9 am, Renewal of baptismal promises.

Donate to Holy Family

Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

March 1, 2025

Actual: \$798.34

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (-\$201.66)

Total Contributions YTD

\$12,776.13

e-Transfer for Holy Family

etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org



Donate to Holy Family Pilgrimage of Faith

etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

Total Contributions YTD \$2,242.00

2025 POF Goal \$17,050.00



Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Volunteer

Sunday, March 23, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, March 29, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Theresa Cole-Smith

Sacristan

Lucrecia Lynch

Sunday, March 30, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

March 17 to March 31, 2025

Lina Campisi & Maria Scarpelli

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