

# Welcome to the Roman Catholic Parishes of the Elk Valley



HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
**FERNIE, BC**

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<https://hollyfamilyfernien.ca>

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

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Pastor Office: 250-425-6444

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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:

PO Box 167, V0B 2G0

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

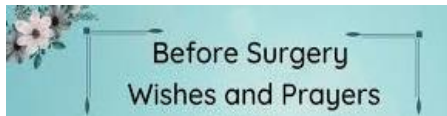
Pastor's Message – March 30, 2025.

We all like to have certain degrees of discipline in our lives. Every religion plays an imminent part of the personal and communal discipline in our lives and in our society.



Lent is a time offered to the members of the Catholics, to

examine the strength of our personal spiritual growth and physical health. If we have a forgiving mind, and an ability to have unconditional love, then we will be people of good health and wealth. Let me quote Holy Father's monthly prayer intention, "Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences"



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) Both Pope Francis and Bishop Gregory Bittman have come back to their offices.

Thanks for your prayers

## 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.



## Fernie Lenten Reconciliation

*Fr. Lawrence will help us to have the reconciliation for me.*

*Lenten Reconciliation Service for Fernie, Wed, April 2 at 12. 30 pm. Fr. Lawrence*



## Holy Week Mas Schedule

**HOLY THURSDAY, Apr 17 – 4 PM**

Adoration will continue till midnight, if there are interested individuals

**GOOD FRIDAY, Apr 18 – 5 PM**

Stations of the Cross if interested individuals.

**EASTER VIGIL Holy Sat, 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, Apr 20 – 11 AM**

Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Mar 29. Holy Family for all the souls in purgatory.

Sunday, Mar 30. For the repose of Mary & Nick Giuliano, requested by Celia & Fil Roccamatisi.

Wed, Apr 2 @ Rocky Mountain. For M. S. T.

Wed, Apr 2. Holy Family. For all the souls in purgatory.

## Catholic Women's League Presents Lenten Soup and Bun



**April 9 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Suggested Donation of \$10 all proceeds to Development and Peace

## Gathering after Mass on Sundays



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

## Volunteers to clean the Church

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



## Stations of the Cross. CWL



Holy Family

April 3 and 17

## Fernie Catholic Women League Meeting.

Second Tuesday of each month

7:00 PM. Church's Hall



## 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 (private).

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.

## 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

If anyone is interested to attend the Chrism Mass at Nelson, on April 14, please inform the Cathedral parish within April 1, 2025.

## 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.



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.

### Donate to Holy Family

#### Finance Report

Contributions for the week of

March 1, 2025

Actual: \$1041.95

Budget: \$1,000.00

Variance: (+\$41.95)

Total Contributions YTD

\$13,226.64

e-Transfer for Holy Family

[etransfer.hfpfernie@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etransfer.hfpfernie@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



Dears Friend of Holy Family

If you wish to donate by cheque, please ensure is payable to Holy Family Parish and in memo specify if is to POF, Development and Peace, Funeral Service etc.

### Volunteer Schedule

Saturday, March 29, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Theresa Cole-Smith

Sacristan

Volunteer

Sunday, March 30, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Angelika Pace

Sacristan

Volunteer

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 4:00 PM

Liturgical Reader

Anne Majic

Sacristan

Bob Sumka/Volunteer

Sunday, April 6, 2025, 11:00 AM

Liturgical Reader

Marilyn Bruschetta

Sacristan

Volunteer

Church Cleaners

March 31 to April 14, 2025

Regina Vinge & Volunteer

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[Bishop Gregory Letter March 2025.pdf](#)

