

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Canadian Martyrs Church, Invermere, BC

Sunday, 9:00 am

Canadian Martyrs Church, Invermere, BC

Sunday, 11:00am

St. Joseph's Church, Radium, BC

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Thursday

Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayer, 8:30 am
Mass 9:00 am (CMC)

Friday

Adoration, 8:30am, Mass 9:00 am (CMC)

Confession

1/2 hour before masses or by appointment

Marriage and Baptism: Contact Fr. Francis dela Cruz

Home Visits: Contact Fr. Francis dela Cruz

Columbia Garden & Ivy House: Mass 10:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Columbia House: Communion Service: 11:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Mt. Nelson: Communion Service: 2:00pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Visit our website: www.canadianmartyrs.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time/Place	Intention
Sat. April 18	5:00 PM CMC	St. Peregrine Prayer List
Sun. April 19	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. April 18	11:00 AM SJC	Helmer Family S/I
Mon. April 20	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. April 21	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Wed. April 22	9:00 AM CMC	Ian "Scotty" Morrison R/S
Thurs. April 23	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Friday April 24	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

April 18 & 19

Eucharistic Ministers: Janice, Judy, Klara

Lectors: Nicole, Lisa, Judy, Barb, Diane, Judy

Ushers: Willy, Frank, Sonia, Mariska, Joey, Maureen

Counters— April 21—Zdenka, Klara, Sylvie, Janice

3rd Sunday of Easter Background on the Gospel Reading

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

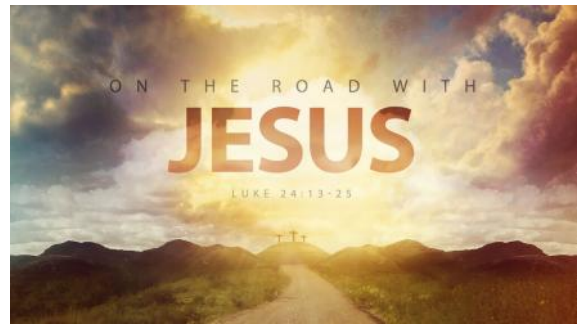
When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

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ST. JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP

St. Joseph's Gift Shop in Radium is open on Sundays following the 11:00 am mass. This is our Parish's location to obtain any faith related items.



CANADIAN MARTYRS & ST. JOSEPH CHAIRPERSONS AND COODINATORS

Parish Council Chair, Paul Carriere - Finance Committee Chair, Walter Romaniuk - Liturgical Committee Chair, Lorraine Keess - Religious Education Coordinator, TBA - Pancake Breakfast, Bruce & Joyce Littke - Coffee Fellowship, Judy Cowan - Safe Environment Coordinator, Paul Carriere - St. Joseph's Church Coordinator, Andy Broda - Parish Centre Hall Coordinator, Colin Lawson

NEW PARISHIONERS

Thank you for joining us! We warmly welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our parish. If you are new to our parish community, please fill out a registration form available in the narthex, by calling the Parish Office at 250-342-6167 or by sending us an email at invermere@nelsondiocese.org.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL 2026

For priests in crisis: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

www.livingwithchrist.ca

SPRING CLEAN UP

We are planning a clean-up of the church and grounds on Sunday, April 19. We will be washing windows, wiping down pews and interior surfaces, cleaning outside grounds and garden beds, and trimming trees.

If you have a truck, please bring it, as well as any useful interior or exterior tools or supplies

Coffee and donuts will be served.

Saturday, April 25th—10:00am to noon



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

Our Goal: **\$19,600.00**

Collected to date: **\$6430.00**

We've reached **32.8%** of our goal!

This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our Diocese as well as to our parish. We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal.

Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it into the collection basket. **PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO THE DIOCESE OF NELSON.**

Other ways to donate are via e-transfer to: etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org or online via Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360> or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

If we exceed our goal, the extra money raised will be returned to our Parish account.

*The theme for this year's appeal is
A Journey toward a mansion of many rooms.
"In my Father's house there are many dwelling
places." (John 14.2)*

GIFTS FOR THE WEEK THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,800.00
Sunday, April 12	\$4054.00
Holy Land	\$75.00
Radium Gift Shop	\$141.00
Our Lady of Peace Shrine	\$243.00



Coffee Fellowship

COFFEE TIME!!

Sunday, April 19
Canadian Martyrs Church

Please join us this Sunday after the 9am mass for coffee and a visit with your fellow parishioners.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS COMING SOON!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to assist our pancake breakfast team in hosting the monthly pancake breakfasts. The breakfasts are terrific parish fundraisers and social events. Pancake breakfasts are once a month from May to September.

To volunteer or obtain more information, please leave your name and contact number with the parish office at 250-342-6167 or by email at invermere@nelsondiocese.org

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DONATIONS!

- ◆ **INTERAC / E-TRANSFER:** Donations can be sent to:

etranfer.cminvermere@nelsondiocese.org

Please include your donor information (name and address) in the message box or provide your envelop number. If you wish to direct your donation to a specific purpose ("General" or "Shrine", as examples), mention that as well.

- ◆ **QR CODE:** Click the QR code below using the camera on your phone. It will take you to the "Canada Helps" website, a secure donation partner. There, you can enter your donor information and immediately receive your emailed receipt. **Canada Helps** charges the Parish a small fee for this service.



Thank you for your support

YOUTH RETREAT—PENTICTON, BC

We are excited to invite youth from your parish to this year's NET Ministries retreat, themed "*Dare to Hope*." This day will encourage young people to discover hope in God's love, especially in the midst of life's challenges.

All students in Grades 6–12 across the diocese are welcome. The retreat will include large group sessions as well as age-appropriate breakout groups.

Location: St. Ann's Parish Hall, Penticton, BC

Date & Time: Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:30am – 5:00pm/ **Mass:** 11:00 a.m.

Optional Dinner: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

There is **no cost** to attend.
All meals and expenses are covered

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion in our parish will be on Sunday, May 3rd. It will be held in Invermere at 9:00 am and in Radium at 11:00 am.

Both masses will be followed by a reception for everyone to stay and congratulate the First Communicants.

CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming summer issue:

Deadline May 8, 2026.

Please send photos, news and articles to: Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org

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