

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

April 26, 2026

4th 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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time/Place	Intention
Sat. April 25	5:00 PM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. April 26	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. April 26	11:00 AM SJC	Parishioners Intentions
Mon. April 27	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. April 28	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Wed. April 29	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Thurs. April 30	9:00 AM CMC	Garry Schroeder R/S
Friday May 1	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

April 25 & 26

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne, Vivian, Charmaine
Lectors: Nicole, Sylvie, Viv, Lorraine, Maureen, Diane
Ushers: Janice, Sheila, Doug, Bob, Jane, Irene
Counters— April 27—Klara, Harold, Zdenka, Sylvie

4th Sunday of Easter

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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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.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be held on May 3 at 9:00 am in Invermere and at 11:00 am in Radium. Please join us in congratulating the First Communicants by staying after mass for coffee and cake.

We pray: On your First Holy Communion day, may you feel the presence of God's love surrounding you, guiding you, and filling your heart with joy.



MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Our first pancake breakfast of 2026 will take place after the **9:00 am mass on May 10th in Invermere**

Please join us for a wonderful breakfast and an opportunity to socialize with your fellow parishioners.

Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help support our parish.

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)*

DONATION OF BAKING

We would like to ask for donations of baked goods for Sunday, May 3rd (First Holy Communion Celebration). Please drop off before mass.



If you are able to donate, please sign up at the entrance to the church.

Thank you.

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

GIFTS FOR THE WEEK THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,800.00
Sunday, April 19	\$2227.00
Holy Land	\$10.00
Bursary	\$90.00
Our Lady of Peace Shrine	\$443.00

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, bless our diocese with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those You have called to the married state, and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere.

With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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