

# CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY



**Canadian Martyrs Church (CMC)**  
712 - 12th Avenue, Invermere, BC



**St. Joseph's Church (SJC)**  
Hwy 93/95, Radium Hot Springs, BC

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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

**MORNING MASSES CANCELLED  
APRIL 6 TO 10**

**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: Holy Communion** 11:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Visit our website: [www.canadianmartyrs.ca](http://www.canadianmartyrs.ca)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time/Place	Intention
Sat. April 4	7:00 PM CMC	EASTER VIGIL
Sun. April 5 EASTER SUNDAY	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. April 5 EASTER SUNDAY	11:00 AM SJC	Edward Boutin R/S
Mon. April 6	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. April 7	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Wed. April 8	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Thurs. April 9	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Friday April 10	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE

**April 4 & 5**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Vivian, Pauline, Janice, John

**Lectors:** Vivian, Lorraine, Judy, Kim, Jazel, Barb, Harold, Judy

**Ushers:** Willy, Jeanette, Sonia, Doug, Diane, Irene

**Counters—** April 7, Janice, Harold, Sylvie, Klara

## EASTER SUNDAY

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.



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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](mailto: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](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

## PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

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

Collected to date: **\$3522.00**

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](mailto: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)*

## 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](mailto:Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org)

## GIFTS FOR THE WEEK THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,510.00
<b>Sunday Collection—March 29</b>	<b>\$2866.00</b>
Development and Peace	\$330.00
Paint the Churches	\$593.00
Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine	\$300.00

## PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use Credit Cards, Interac, or Canadahelps, accessible at: [www.commissariat.ca](http://www.commissariat.ca), in the "Support Us" link.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m.,  
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son.

John 3:16



## CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DONATIONS!

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

[etranfer.cminvermere@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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

# COME NELSON DIOCESAN CATHOLIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

April 24-25, 2026  
St. Anne Church, Osoyoos, BC

**SPEAKER: Father Jack Michalchuk**

Friday evening Praise and Worship—6:30pm  
Mass with healing prayers—7:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am to 4:00pm—Mass at 5:00pm

**JOIN US NOW!**

Contact: Loree Renwick—ndccrs2020@gmail.com

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Best Western Plus Hotel and Suites

# CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

April 24 & 25, 2026  
Immaculate Conception Church, Kelowna  
*One in Christ, United in Mission*

**Keynote Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards**

Author of *Be A Man: Becoming the Man God  
Created You to Be*

Early Bird Registration — Before April 15:  
Regular: \$65 University Student: \$15

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