

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

August 2, 2026

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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

Sunday, 9:00 am
Canadian Martyrs Church, Invermere, BC

Sunday, 11:00am
St. Joseph's Church, Radium, BC

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

No Weekday Masses for August 3-7

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.

Visit our website: www.canadianmartyrs.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time/Place	Intention
Sat. August 1	5:00 PM CMC	NO MASS
Sun. August 2	9:00 AM CMC	Frankie Fernandes R/S
Sun. August 2	11:00 AM SJC	Parishioners Intentions
Mon. August 3	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. August 4	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Wed. August 5	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Thurs. August 6	2:00 PM CMC	NO MASS
Fri. August 7	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS

MINISTERS SCHEDULE: August 2

Eucharistic Ministers: Pauline/Andy

Lectors: Lorraine/Arielle/Judy/John

Ushers: Bob/Mariska/Jane/Irene

Counters— August 5: Janice, Zdenka, Klara, Harold

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

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

Collected to date: **\$10,324.00**

We've reached 52.7% 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)*

COFFEE SUNDAY

Please join us on **Sunday, August 2** after mass for coffee and fellowship. **Everyone is welcome.**

Canadian Martyrs Church,
Invermere



SCHEDULE WHILE FR. FRANCIS IS ON VACATION

There will be **NO SATURDAY MASSES** on
August 1st, & 8th, 2026.

Weekday Masses will be cancelled from
July 13 to August 14, 2026.

Fr. PAUL IRUMBA (Pastor in Golden) will be serving
Mass on **Sundays** at 9:00am in
Invermere and 11:00 am in Radium on
August 2nd & 9th, 2026.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Many volunteer positions are available within our Parish. If you feel called to volunteer for any of the following positions please contact the Parish Office at invermere@nelsondiocese.org

1. **Altar Servers:** training will be provided.
2. **Ushers and Lectors:** Both these positions are needed for the smooth functioning of the Mass.
3. **Cantors, Musicians and Singers:** willing to lead or strengthen the singing or music during either Saturday or Sunday Masses.

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 AUGUST 2026

For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

www.livingwithchrist.ca

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14.13-21

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

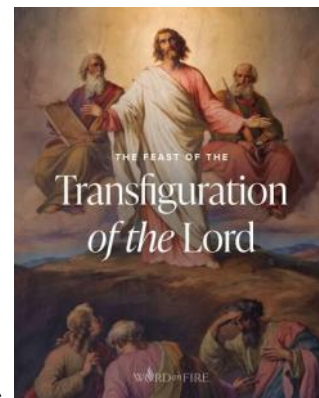
Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD FEAST DAY - AUGUST 6

The Feast of the Transfiguration has been observed on this day by the universal Church since the 15th century. The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity, and invites us all into a similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer, and on this feast we are encouraged to read and reflect upon the biblical account of the Transfiguration.



Living with Christ, August 2026

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DONATIONS!

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

etransfer.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 Collection, July 26	\$2870.00
Pilgrimage of Faith	\$50.00
Bursary	\$85.00
Stations of the Cross	\$20.00
Paint the Church Fund	\$275.00
Radium Gift Shop	\$21.00



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Keynote Speaker

AJ Barrow
Youth Ministry

Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc
Legionaries of Christ

Registration Fees
REGISTRATION OPEN FROM MAY 15 - JUNE 30
EARLY BIRD RATE (MAY 15-31): \$300/FAMILY. REGULAR RATE: \$325/FAMILY
NON CAMPING DAY RATE: \$200/FAMILY OR \$100/DAY
YOUNG ADULT RATES: \$50/WEEKEND OR \$25/DAY (FREE IF VOLUNTEERING)
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GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT 2026

SAVE the DATE

Gathering in the Spirit 2026
has been permanently moved to
September.

Wed. Sept. 16 to Sat. Sept. 19
Seton House, Kelowna

Presenter: John Connelly
Healing Mass: Thurs., September 17

Cost: Nelson Diocese \$547
Non-Nelson Diocese \$647

REGISTRATION: Begins early July
NEED MORE INFO?

Contact registrar: Loree Renwick
ndccrs@gmail.com

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Let's Celebrate

You are invited to join us for the
30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
of the Most Reverend Gregory J. Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
"IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH"
KELOWNA, BC

Mass 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Let us gather as a Diocesan family to
celebrate God's gift of the priesthood.
Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or
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office
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