

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

August 9, 2026

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



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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 10-14

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 8	5:00 PM CMC	NO MASS
Sun. August 9	9:00 AM CMC	Paula Garcia S/I
Sun. August 9	11:00 AM SJC	Parishioners Intentions
Mon. August 10	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. August 11	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Wed. August 12	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Thurs. August 13	2:00 PM CMC	NO MASS
Fri. August 14	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS

MINISTERS SCHEDULE: August 9

Eucharistic Ministers: Judy/Charmaine

Lectors: Jazel/Judy/Mila/Maureen

Ushers: Colin/Sonia/Jane/France

Counters– August 11: Janice/Zdenka/Norma/Harold

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

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

Collected to date: \$11,520.00

We've reached 58.8% 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)*

THANK YOU FATHER PAUL

We are deeply grateful for Fr. Paul John Iumba

Fr. Paul travelled here for the past 4 weeks from Golden so that we were able to celebrate mass on Sundays while Fr. Francis has been on vacation. Not only did he travel for Sunday mass but he also celebrated a baptism and a funeral during that time. He even celebrated mass in the dark on August 2 to a full house.

Words don't seem to be enough but
Thank you, thank you.

Also thank you to the Sacred Heart Parish in Golden for being flexible and moving their regular Sunday mass to 3:00pm in order to accommodate our needs here at Canadian Martyrs Parish.

Sunday, August 9 is the last Sunday that Fr. Paul will be here with us.

We welcome Fr. Francis back as of
Saturday, August 15th when
Saturday mass in Invermere will resume.

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 14.22-33

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in [Chapter 8](#) of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with [last week's Gospel](#) about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

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SCHEDULE WHILE FR. FRANCIS IS ON VACATION

There will be **NO SATURDAY MASS** on August 8th, 2026

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

Fr. PAUL IRUMBA will be serving Mass on **Sunday, August 9** at 9:00am in Invermere and 11:00 am in Radium

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

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, August 2	\$3924.00
Pilgrimage of Faith	\$1196.00
Paint The Churches	\$75.00



OKANAGAN CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMP
September 11-13, 2026
Camp Winfield, Lake Country

**BBQ'S AND BREAKFAST
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CAMPFIRE AND SOCIAL
TEEN, TWEEN, AND YOUNG ADULT
PROGRAMMING
SATURDAY NIGHT MASS
TALENT SHOW**

Deacon Rod Artwell
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
click [here](#)
If you require assistance, visit your parish
office
For hard copy tickets, visit Loaves & Fishes
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