

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

December 28, 2025

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Canadian Martyrs Church (CMC)
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St. Joseph's Church (SJC)
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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: Holy Communion 11:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

Visit our website: www.canadianmartyrs.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. December 27	Leonila Misa R/S (CMC)
Sun. December 28	Parishioners Intentions (CMC)
Sun. December 28	Parishioners Intentions (SJC)
Mon. December 29	NO MASS
Tue. December 30	Deceased family members of Agaton, Misa, Casilagan & Igania
Wed. December 31	5:00 pm (CMC) Living family members of Agaton, Misa, Casilagan & Igania
Thurs. January 1	11:00 am (SJC) Mieczyslaw Piorkowski S/I for Birthday
Fri. January 2	NO MASS
Sat. January 3	Parishioners Intentions (CMC)
Sun. January 4	Russel Recio Misa R/S (CMC)
Sun. January 4	Hanula and Stelmach (SJC) Piorkowski Family S/I
Mon. January 5	NO MASS
Tues. January 6	Rafaela Jaca S/I
Wed. January 7	Ivan Bozic R/S
Thurs. January 8	Willy & Jeanette Agaton S/I Wedding Anniversary
Friday, January 9	Robyn Beliveau S/I

MERRY CHRISTMAS



MINISTERS SCHEDULE

December 27 & 28

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe, Judy, Clara

Lectors: Lisa, Jazel, Lorraine, Harold, Maureen

Ushers: Sheila, Frank, Colin, Sonia, Joey

Counters— Dec. 30: Janice, Norma, Zdenka, Sheila

December 31, 5:00pm Invermere

Eucharistic Minister: Janice

Lectors: Barb, Lorraine

Ushers: Jeanette, Willy

January 1, 11:00 am Radium

Eucharistic Minister: John

Lectors: Judy, Maureen

Ushers: Geri, Andy

January 3 & 4

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe, Pauline, Charmaine

Lectors: Lisa, Nicole, Lorraine, Fergie, Diane, John

Ushers: Jeanette, Willy, Bob, Mariska, Irene, Jane

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering **ENVELOPES FOR 2026** are ready to be **picked up** at the entrance to the church.

Please check your address on the label to make sure it is correct. If it is not correct let the office know. It is very important that we have your correct address.

Email:
invermere@nelsondiocese.org or
call 250-342-6167

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

Our Goal: \$18,000.00

Collected to date: \$19,523.00

We reached our goal!

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generosity toward the Diocesan Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. Your commitment to helping bring this year's goal to a close is appreciated.

We are so blessed to have such a giving community.

CANADIAN MARTYRS & ST. JOSEPH CHAIRPERSONS AND COORDINATORS

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 DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

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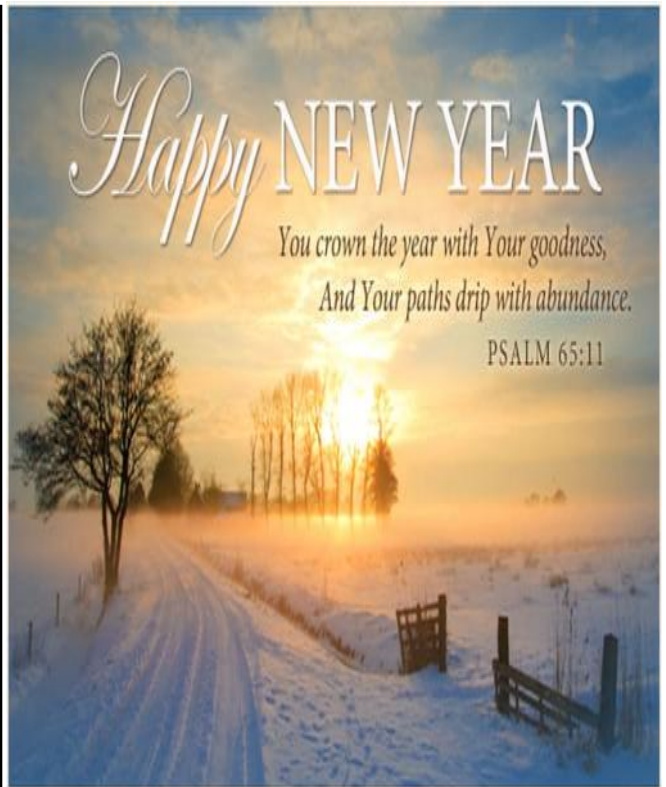
ST. JOSEPH'S GIFT SHOP

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.



GIFTS FOR THE WEEK THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,510.00
Sunday Collection—December 21	\$2460.00
Pilgrimage of Faith	\$471.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Radium Gift Shop	\$110.00



CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DONATIONS!

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Donations can be sent to:

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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.



WINTER 2026 PASTORAL CARE TRAINING SESSION

"God calls us to touch the lives of our aging, lonely, ill, palliative and dying sisters and brothers with accompaniment, kindness and compassion as the hands and face of Christ. In these sessions, you learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ." – Most Reverend Gary Gordon, Bishop of Victoria

The valuable and free Pastoral Care Outreach Training series will be offered online this winter. The training is open to spouse caregivers, family members who care for their loved ones, clergy and religious, care aides and others in the health industry, and anyone who is personally drawn to learn basic tools necessary to accompany those who are in need of the healing ministry of Christ.

Nine sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, **starting on January 24 and running until March 28, 2026** (with no session on March 7). Missed session can be made-up, and a Certificate of Completion is provided to those who complete all nine sessions. Participants will require a phone number and email address, a computer, tablet or smart phone with speakers, microphone and webcam, a reliable Internet connection, and access to Zoom. **Please register through your parish by January 13, 2026.**

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