

# CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent



**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

**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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. December 6	Helmer Family S/I
Sun. December 7	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. December 7	Peregrine Prayer List
Mon. December 8	NO MASS
Tue. December 9	Peter Sulak R/S
Wed. December 10	Deceased Family Members of Binotto & Piva Families
Thurs. December 11	Giorgina Binotto Thanksgiving
Fri. December 12	Garry Schroeder R/S

**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

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 6 & 7

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe, Pauline, Andy  
**Lectors:** Lisa, Nicole, Lorraine, Fergie, Diane, John  
**Ushers:** Sheila, Frank, Colin, Bob, Jane, Irene  
**Counters– Dec. 9:** Harold, Sheila, Sylvie, Janice

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

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

5:00 pm (Children's Mass)

7:00 pm CMC - INVERMERE

9:00 pm SJC - RADIUM

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

9:00 am CMC - INVERMERE

11:00 am SJC - RADIUM

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

5:00 pm CMC - INVERMERE

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

11:00 am SJC - RADIUM

## CALLING ALL YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 5:00 PM

Every year our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass in Invermere is a "Children's Mass". We would like our youth to volunteer for positions during mass. Volunteer positions include:

1st Reader  
2nd Reader  
Greeters  
Ushers

If you have a youth in your home or you know of a youth who might be interested in being a very important part of this special Christmas Eve Mass please email:

[invermere@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:invermere@nelsondiocese.org)  
or call 250-342-6167

## LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSAL 2025-2026

2025-2026 Living with Christ **Sunday Missal** are available to purchase at the entrance to the church.

**Cost \$5.00**



## FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



If you would like to donate toward purchasing flowers to adorn the altar at Christmas, kindly submit your donation by e-transfer at [etranfer.cminvermere@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etranfer.cminvermere@nelsondiocese.org) or cash. Please indicate that the money is for "FLOWERS".

Thank you!!

## PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

**Our Goal: \$18,000.00**

**Collected to date: \$17,942.00**

**We reached 99% 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 etransfer to: [etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or online via Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360>.

For more information on how to give, contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at 250 -448-2725 ext.240 or email: [appeals@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:appeals@nelsondiocese.org) or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

**When we exceed our goal the extra money raised will be returned to our Parish account.**



## 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 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.

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

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE & CONFESSION

To prepare ourselves for Christmas, Penitential Services and Confession will be held throughout the East Kootenay Deanery

### Golden

Wednesday, December 10 - 5:00pm

### Kimberley

Monday, December 15 - 7:00pm

### Creston

Tuesday, December 16 - 6:30pm

### Sparwood

Wednesday, December 17 - 6:30pm

### Invermere

Friday, December 19 - 6:30pm

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION INFORMATION

If your child/children are ready for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation in 2026 please register at the office.

First Reconciliation and First Communion: Children aged 7 and up are invited to register.

Confirmation: Youth aged 12 and up are invited to register.

All classes will be online using Catholic Online School.

To start the online course please email the office at [invermere@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:invermere@nelsondiocese.org) or call 250-342-6167. All youth must be registered before beginning the online course.



## URGENT USHERS AND ALTAR SERVERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need **Ushers** for Christmas Day Masses at 9:00 am in Invermere and 11:00 am in Radium.

We are also looking for **Altar Servers**.

If you are interested, please email [invermere@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:invermere@nelsondiocese.org) or phone 250-342-6167

## 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—November 30	\$3016.00
Building Fund	\$275.00
POF	\$400.00
Stations of the Cross	\$100.00
Radium Gift Shop	\$55.00

## CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DONATIONS!

### ♦ INTERAC / E-TRANSFER

Donations can be sent to:

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



## PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION REVISIONS

The Canadian Martyrs Parish Council is currently working on updating their Constitution.

According to the guidelines in the document, proposed changes can be made after three readings, which take place at the regular meetings of the Parish Council.

Parishioners wishing to provide input into these proposed changes are invited to review the document by visiting the parish website at [www.canadianmartyrs.ca](http://www.canadianmartyrs.ca) and clicking on the link on the home page. Input should be emailed to the office at [invermere@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:invermere@nelsondiocese.org) prior to January 14. Thank you!

## INVERMERE CHRISTMAS SET UP

A work bee is planned for Wednesday, December 17 beginning at 10:00am. You are all invited to help, and to bring any others you would like to invite.

- Setting up the outdoor nativity scene and figures, and plugging in and activating the outdoor Christmas lights
- Setting up the indoor nativity scene/ figures and lights in the foyer
- Setting up the Christmas tree at the side of the altar, and decorating the interior of the church

There will be coffee and donuts for everyone in the hall at 10:00am, and we will get started around 10:30am.

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