

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. January 31 Paul & Don R/S (CMC)

Sun. February 1 Mariette Williamson R/S (CMC)

Sun. February 1 Parishioners Intentions (SJC)

Mon. February 2 **NO MASS**

Tue. February 3 Harvey Moran R/S (CMC)

Wed. February 4 Vera Lucko R/S (CMC)

Thur. February 5 Francis & Lesly Avenido S/I CMC)

Fri. February 6 Robyn Beliveau S/I (CMC)

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

January 31 & February 1

Eucharistic Ministers:

Janice, Pauline, Charmaine

Lectors:

Anthony, Lisa, Anita, Jazel, Harold, Maureen

Ushers:

Sheila, Frank, Milt, Doug, Irene, Jane

Counters– February 3:

Zdenka, Harold, Klara, Janice

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

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2

According to Mosaic law, a new mother was considered unclean for 40 days after she had given birth. At the end of that period, she would enter the temple with her child, bringing an offering of either a lamb and a dove or pigeon, or two doves or pigeons, to be cleansed by prayers. Today's feast commemorates Mary's symbolic submission to that process, and also to the presentation of Jesus in the temple. The presentation stands at the fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.



Most powerfull Father,
Christ your Son became man for us,
and was presented in the Temple.
May He free our hearts from sin and
bring us into your presence.
Amen

The observance of this feast began in 4th-century Jerusalem, and was celebrated in Rome by the 5th century. It is a feast of both Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin. In the Eastern Church, it was called The Meeting of Jesus and Mary with Simeon and Anna, representatives of the Old Covenant.

In the Middle Ages, a tradition began of blessing candles and holding a procession of light on this day. As a result, this feast is also known as Candlemas: Christ our light as come to us.

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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 COORDINATORS

Parish Council Chair, Paul Carriere - Finance Committee Chair, Walter Romaniuk - Liturgical Committee Chair, Lorraine Keess - Religious Education Coordinator, TBA - Pancake Breakfast, Bruce & Joyce Little - 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 FEBRUARY 2026

For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

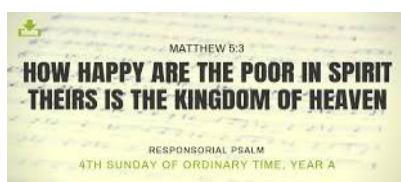


We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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GIFTS FOR THE WEEK THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,510.00
Sunday Collection—January 25	\$1605.00
Paint the Churches	\$742.00
Votive Candles Radium	\$46.80
Radium Gift Shop	\$95.00

SACRAMENT GENERAL ORIENTATION & MEETING

There will be a general orientation and meeting on **Wednesday, February 4, at 4:00 pm at Canadian Martyrs Church in Invermere.**

Everyone registered for a Sacrament is required to attend along with their parents/guardians. Fr. Francis will be going over some very important information.

Pizza will be served following the meeting

Please RSVP to invermere@nelsondiocese.org as soon as possible.



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 250-342-6167 or email at

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- Altar Servers:** training will be provided
- Ushers and Lectors:** Both these positions are needed for the smooth functioning of the Mass.
- Cash Counters:** This position meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. It takes approximately one hour.
- Cantors, Musicians and Singers:** willing to lead or strengthen the singing or music during either Saturday or Sunday Masses.



DEANERY YOUTH STATION OF THE CROSS

The Diocesan Youth Ministry is pleased to invite our Pastors and Parish Community to come together for the **Deanery Youth Stations of the Cross**, a meaningful Lenten devotion that will help prepare our young people to enter more deeply into the Paschal mystery of Christ

The Stations of the Cross is a powerful prayer experience that invites our youth to walk with Jesus on His journey to Calvary, to reflect on His great love, and to grow in faith as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. Through prayer, reflection, and fellowship, we hope to offer our young people a truly meditative and grace-filled experience.

To foster unity and collaboration, we encourage youth groups from the different parishes within each deanery to work together in preparing and participating in this devotion. The proposal for this gathering is at 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Below is the proposed schedule for each deanery:

March 7 – West Kootenay | St Rita Parish, Castlegar
March 14 – East Kootenay | St. Joseph Church, Radium
March 21 – South Okanagan | St. Ann Church, Penticton
March 29 – North Okanagan | Seton House of Prayer

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