

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

February 8, 2026

5th 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. February 7 Helmer Family R/S (CMC)

Sun. February 8 Parishioners Intentions(CMC)

Sun. February 8 Siegfried Trescher R/S (SJC)

Mon. February 9 **NO MASS**

Tue. February 10 **NO MASS—Funeral**

Wed. February 11 Gary Schoeder R/S (CMC)

Thur. February 12 Dacar, Bozic, Sterbenc
Families R/S (CMC)

Fri. February 13 **NO MASS—Funeral**

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

February 7 & 8

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joe, Pauline, John

Lectors:

Lisa, Nicole, Lorraine, Fergie, Diane, Judy

Ushers:

Jeanette, Willy, Colin, Mariska, Joey, Maureen

Counters— February 9:

Klara, Sheila, Harold, 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

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DONATIONS!

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♦ 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.



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEBRUARY 11

The veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes arose first in popular devotion and later in the Church's liturgy.

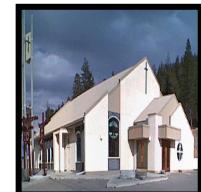
In 1858 Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in a cave at Massabielle, near Lourdes in France. Just four years earlier, in 1854, the Church had declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, so when the "beautiful woman" of Bernadette's visions identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, there was initial skepticism. Although others accompanied Bernadette to the grotto, no one else could see or hear the visions. It did not take very long for an Episcopal Commission, an official inquiry, to state: "We judge that Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, did really appear to Bernadette Soubirous on February 11, 1858, and on certain subsequent days, 18 times in all, in the Grotto of Massabielle, near the town of Lourdes; that this appearance bears every mark of truth and that the belief of the faithful is well-grounded."

A few years later, this date was added to the list of Marian feasts to honour the mysterious beauty of the Immaculate Conception.

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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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FUNERAL

Funeral Services for **Mrs. Vera Lucko** will be on
February 10, 2026 at 11:00am at
Canadian Martyrs Church in Invermere
(Reception to follow)

FUNERAL

Funeral Services for **Mr. Mike Haltman** will be on
February 13, 2026 at 11:00am at
Canadian Martyrs Church in Invermere
(No reception to follow)

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

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2025 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS



The 2025 donation tax receipts are ready to be picked up. They are at the entrance to the church and are in alphabetical order.

If your address has changed, please let the office know at invermere@nelsondiocese.org or by phone at 250-342-6167.

Tax receipts not picked up will be mailed by the end of February.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Pope Leo XIV's message for the 34th World Day of the Sick, which will be celebrated on Wednesday, 11 February 2026, offers a reflection on the theme "**The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain**".

In his message, the Holy Father offers us the following prayer:

*Sweet Mother, do not part from me.
Turn not your eyes away from me.
Walk with me at every moment
and never leave me alone.
You who always protect me
as a true Mother,
obtain for me the blessing of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.*

Please see the link on our website for more information.

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 invermere@nelsondiocese.org

- 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.

GIFTS FOR THE WEEK THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,510.00
Sunday Collection—February 1	\$2513.00
Paint the Churches	\$45.00
Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine	\$25.00

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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