

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

January 18, 2026

2nd 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

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. January 17 Parishioners Intentions (CMC)

Sun. January 18 Helmer Family R/S (CMC)

Sun. January 18 St. Peregrine Prayer List (SJC)

Mon. January 19 **NO MASS**

Tue. January 20 Paul Sterbenc R/S

Wed. January 21 Apolonio dela Cruz Jr. R/S

Thur. January 22 Susan Keess R/S

Fri. January 23 Robyn Beliveau S/I

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

January 17 & 18

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne, Judy, Klara

Lectors: Nicole, Lisa, Anita, Lorraine, Maureen, John

Ushers: Jeanette, Willy, Doug, Colin, Andy, Geri

Counters– January 20: Janice, Klara, Sheila, Zdenka

PSALM 39:8,9

**HERE I AM, LORD
I COME TO DO YOUR WILL**

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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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS - JANUARY 12

Marguerite is often referred to as the 'Mother of the Colony' for her contributions to the establishment of Ville-Marie, the place we know today as Montreal.

Born in France in 1620, Marguerite crossed the Atlantic in 1653 to join in the colonizing efforts begun by Monsieur de Maisonneuve. Her mandate was to develop educational opportunities for aboriginal children and for the families of the French settlers in Ville-Marie.

Marguerite received the help of Jeanne Mance, founder of the Hotel-Dieu Hospital. Other women joined her and the group formed an institute of un-cloistered sisters, the Congregation of Notre-Dame. Marguerite and her companions took on many roles, including teaching, introducing vocational courses for youth and assisting couples preparing for marriage. She resisted Church pressure to change her community to a cloistered one and lived to see her order's rule confirmed in 1698. Marguerite was well loved. She died in 1700 at the age of 80 and was declared a saint on October 31, 1982. In 1997, archaeologists uncovered the foundation of the chapel Marguerite built in Ville-Marie 325 years earlier. Marguerite is a patron saint of poor people.

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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 JANUARY 2026

For Prayer with the Word of God: Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel: John 1.29-34

Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

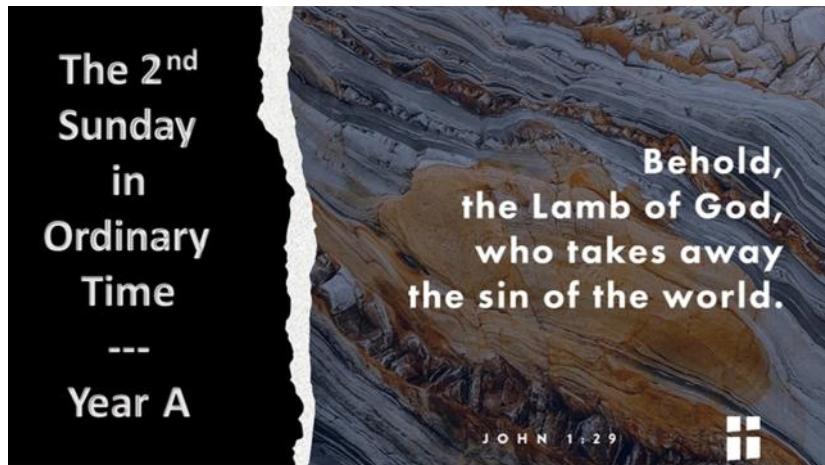
In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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GIFTS FOR THE WEEK THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,510.00
Sunday Collection—January 11	\$4149.00

COFFEE TIME!!

Sunday, January 18
Canadian Martyrs Church
Invermere

Please join us this Sunday after the 9am mass for a coffee and a visit with your fellow parishioners.



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.



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.





This program helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness through a retreat.

This retreat program is facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ.

The next retreat in Canada is **March 2026 in Kelowna, British Columbia.**

For more information please email grieftogramkelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

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 or call 250-342-6167.

All youth must be registered before beginning the online course.



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