

# CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

July 12, 2026

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**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

**No Weekday Masses for July 13-17**

### 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

**Mt. Nelson: Communion Service:** 2:00pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time/Place	Intention
Sat. July 11	5:00 PM CMC	Sister Rita S/I (Sisters of Mission Service 75th Anniversary)
Sun. July 12	9:00 AM CMC	Helmer Family S/I
Sun. July 12	11:00 AM SJC	Parishioners Intentions
Mon. July 13	9:00 AM CMC	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues. July 14	9:00 AM CMC	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed. July 15	9:00 AM CMC	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thurs. July 16	9:00 AM CMC	<b>NO MASS</b>
Fri. July 17	9:00 AM CMC	<b>NO MASS</b>

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE: July 11 & 12

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Janice/Vivian/Charmaine  
**Lectors:** Nicole/Lisa/Jazel/Arielle/Maureen/Diane  
**Ushers:** Sheila/Frank/Sonia/Colin/Serena/Mila  
**Counters**– July 14: Janice/Harold/Klara/Norma

## PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

Our Goal: **\$19,600.00**

Collected to date: **\$10,274.00**

We've reached **52.4%** 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 e-transfer to: [etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:etranfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org) or online via Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/24360> or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

If we exceed our goal, the extra money raised will be returned to our Parish account.

*The theme for this year's appeal is  
A Journey toward a mansion of many rooms.  
"In my Father's house there are many dwelling  
places." (John 14.2)*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley has invited our church to host a "Sundays in the Gardens – Where Friends Meet Friends". It will take place at the Columbia House Healing Gardens on

**Sunday, July 19 from 10:30 am to 1pm.**

If you can volunteer to visit with the residents it would be greatly appreciated. Paul has graciously donated his time to play music for this event.

Please email the office at [invermere@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:invermere@nelsondiocese.org) or call 250-342-6167 if you are able to volunteer

## DIOCESE OF NELSON WEBSITE SURVEY

The Diocese of Nelson is in the process of updating their website ([www.nelsondiocese.org](http://www.nelsondiocese.org)).

In order to meet the needs of website users they would like anybody who uses the website or who would like to see a better website to please complete a survey.

**To complete the survey click on the QR code.**



## 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 COODINATORS

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](mailto:invermere@nelsondiocese.org).

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2026

*For respect for human life:* Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday, **July 12** after the **9:00 am mass in Invermere**.



Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help support our parish.

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-23

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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## GIFTS FOR THE WEEK—THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,800.00
Sunday, July 5	\$2935.00
Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine	\$246.00
Pilgrimage of Faith	\$1301.00

## SCHEDULE WHILE FR. FRANCIS IS ON VACATION

There will be **NO SATURDAY MASSES** on July 18th, 25th, August 1st, & 8th, 2026.

Weekday Masses will be cancelled from July 13 to August 14, 2026.

Fr. **PAUL IRUMBA (Pastor in Golden)** will be serving Mass on **Sundays** at 9:00am in Invermere and 11:00 am in Radium on July 19th, 26th, August 2nd, & 9th, 2026.

## 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 [invermere@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:invermere@nelsondiocese.org)

1. **Altar Servers:** training will be provided.
2. **Ushers and Lectors:** Both these positions are needed for the smooth functioning of the Mass.
3. **Cantors, Musicians and Singers:** willing to lead or strengthen the singing or music during either Saturday or Sunday Masses.

## 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

## JUBILEE OF ST. FRANCIS IN REVELSTOKE

Pope Leo proclaimed a special Jubilee Year in honour of St. Francis of Assisi at the beginning of January 2026. It will end 10 January 2027. You are invited to celebrate this Jubilee year by visiting St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Revelstoke, which Bishop Greg designated as a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee.

Below are the conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence for those who participate devoutly in this extraordinary Jubilee.

**Conditions for receiving the Indulgence** (for oneself or for the deceased)

- **Sacramental confession** to be in God's grace (in the eight days before or after);
  - Participation in Mass and **Eucharistic Communion**;
  - **To visit** in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world, where one renews one's profession of faith, through the recitation of the **Creed**, to reaffirm one's Christian identity;
  - The recitation of the **Lord's Prayer**, to reaffirm the dignity of children of God, received in Baptism;
- To pray for the **intentions of the Holy Father**, to reaffirm belonging to the Church, whose foundation and visible centre of unity is the Roman Pontiff;

Decree:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2026/01/16/260116c.html>

Wonderful list of resources to assist you:

<https://catholic-link.org/special-year-of-st-francis-of-assisi-indulgence-catholic-guide-catholic-resources/>

OFM Announcement

<https://ofm.org/en/pope-leo-xiv-proclaims-franciscan-jubilee-year-for-the.html>



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