

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

July 19, 2026

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Canadian Martyrs Church (CMC)
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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 20-24

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time/Place	Intention
Sat. July 18	5:00 PM CMC	NO MASS
Sun. July 19	9:00 AM CMC	Edmund Jaca S/I
Sun. July 19	11:00 AM SJC	Concordia Family S/I for Thanksgiving
Mon. July 20	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. July 21	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Wed. July 22	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Thurs. July 23	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Fri. July 24	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS

MINISTERS SCHEDULE:

July 19

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim/Klara

Lectors: Joyce/Anita/Harold/Diane

Ushers: Doug/Bob/Joey/Maureen

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 etransfer to: 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)*

THANK YOU

A barbecue has been found for the Rectory.
Thank you very much for the generous donation.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY (JULY 26, 2026)

"I will never forget you"

Sunday, July 26, 2026 marks the sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Established by Pope Francis, this day is celebrated annually on the Sunday nearest the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. This year, the date coincides with the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne.

"I will never forget you" (Isaiah 4.15) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for this day, which aims to emphasize how God's love for each person never fails, even in the fragility of old age. Taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the chosen verse is intended to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and the elderly, especially those who live in solitude or feel forgotten. At the same time, it is a call to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognizing them as a precious presence and a blessing.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is an important opportunity for forging relationships between young and old, helping them to recognize their mutual dependence and desire to be respected and cherished. May the young seize this opportunity to reach out to the elderly, visiting them and supporting them by praying with them and for them. And may the elderly and grandparents be encouraged, knowing that even though bodies weaken, we all remain precious in the yes of God.

CCCB Office for Family and Life

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.

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.

www.livingwithchrist.ca

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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

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

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

GIFTS FOR THE WEEK—THANK YOU!

Budgeted weekly average expenses	\$3,800.00
Sunday, July 12	\$2733.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$481.00
Radium Gift Shop	140.00
Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine	\$98.84

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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