

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

June 7, 2026

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Canadian Martyrs Church (CMC)
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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

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

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. June 6	5:00 PM CMC	Anna R/S
Sun. June 7	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. June 7	11:00 AM SJC	Helmer Family R/S
Mon. June 8	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. June 9	9:00 AM CMC	Lucrecio dela Cruz R/S
Wed. June 10	9:00 AM CMC	Joan McCarthy S/I for healing
Thurs. June 11	9:00 AM CMC	Al & Gisele Schreiner S/I
Friday June 12	9:00 AM CMC	Edward Boutin R/S

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

June 6 & 7

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe/Kim/Andy

Lectors: Lisa/Sylvie/Vivian/Jazel/Diane/Maureen

Ushers: Jeanette/Willy/Colin/Bob/Jane/Irene

Counters— June 9: Janice/Sylvie/Sheila/Harold

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

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

Collected to date: **\$8973.00**

We've reached 45% 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)*

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John's Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as "signs" through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God's saving action toward the Israelites.

Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

Jesus' words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.

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 JUNE 2026

For the values of sports: Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH!

"The Coffee Committee at Canadian Martyrs Church in Invermere extends a basket full of Thank You's to everyone who contributed to the success of the Coffee and Goodies sessions after the First Communion and Confirmation masses at Canadian Martyrs. Thank You for the donations of baked goods and for your help in setting up and cleaning up. Our combined efforts helped to make these events very special for our young parishioners."



Thank you to Invermere Bakery for donating another delicious and beautiful cake to celebrate Confirmation.

St. Joseph's Church in Radium would like to extend many thanks to Mountainside Groceries in Radium, AG Foods in Invermere, Big Horn Café in Radium and all the parents who donated food for confirmation this past Sunday. A beautiful feast was had by all.

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. **Cash Counters:** This position meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am. It takes approximately one hour.
4. **Cantors, Musicians and Singers:** willing to lead or strengthen the singing or music during either Saturday or Sunday Masses.
5. **Pancake Breakfast Volunteers:** Once a month from May to September.



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM
Location: Canadian Martyrs Church

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 10, at 5:00pm
Location: Canadian Martyrs Church

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, May 31	\$2550.00
Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine	\$111.00
Paint the Churches	\$417.00

VOCATION LIVE-IN

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of July 4-5 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC.

Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome.

For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email rector.minors@sck.ca

You can also visit our website at canadianmartyrs.ca to see the full poster.



OKANAGAN CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMP
September 11-13, 2026
Camp Winfield, Lake Country

BIRD'S AND BREAKFAST
POOL AND WATERSLIDE
CAMPFIRE AND SOCIAL
TEEN, TWEEN, AND YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMMING
SATURDAY NIGHT MASS
TALENT SHOW

Deacon Rod Attwell
Keynote Speaker

AJ Barrow
Youth Ministry

Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc,
Legionaries of Christ

Registration Fees
REGISTRATION OPEN FROM MAY 15 - JUNE 30
EARLY BIRD RATE (MAY 15-31): \$300/FAMILY. REGULAR RATE: \$325/FAMILY
NON CAMPING DAY RATE: \$200/FAMILY OR \$100/DAY
YOUNG ADULT RATES: \$50/WEEKEND OR \$25/DAY (FREE IF VOLUNTEERING)
REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.OKANAGANCATHOLIC.CA

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30TH ANNIVERSARY

Let's Celebrate

You are invited to join us for the 30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of the Most Reverend Gregory J. Bittman Bishop of Nelson

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
"IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH"
KELOWNA, BC


Mass 5:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Let us gather as a Diocesan family to celebrate God's gift of the priesthood. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or click [here](#)

If you require assistance, visit your parish office

For hard copy tickets, visit Loaves & Fishes

\$20/person



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