

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

May 17, 2026

Ascension of the Lord



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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. May 16	5:00 PM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Sun. May 17	9:00 AM CMC	Helmer Family R/S
Sun. May 17	11:00 AM SJC	Maria Stelmach & Piorkowski, Lajczak, & Hanula Families—Thanksgiving
Mon. May 18	9:00 AM CMC	NO MASS
Tues. May 19	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions
Wed. May 20	9:00 AM CMC	Doug & Joyce Leibel - 65th Wedding Anniversary - S/I
Thurs. May 21	9:00 AM CMC	Charles Michaud R/S
Friday May 22	9:00 AM CMC	Parishioners Intentions

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

May 16 & 17

Eucharistic Ministers: Janice, Kim, Klara

Lectors: Lisa, Nicole, Bruce, Joyce, Judy, Maureen

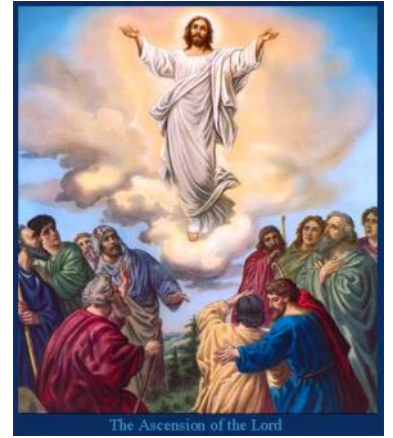
Ushers: Frank, Sheila, Sonia, Bob, Andy, Geri

Counters— May 19—Zdenka, Harold, Klara, Janice

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb, to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.



Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

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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 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 MAY 2026

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

www.livingwithchrist.ca

JOIN US TO SAY FAREWELL TO FATHER JOJO

Fr. Jojo will be returning to India to continue his priestly ministry. Before he goes he will be here to say mass with Fr. Francis on **Wednesday, May 20th at 9:00 am**. Please join us for mass and then for a **Potluck Breakfast** afterwards.

In order to know how many people to prepare for, please sign up on the sheet at the entrance to the church with how many attending and what you can bring.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation in our parish will be on Sunday, May 31st. It will be held in Invermere at 9:00 am and in Radium at 11:00 am. Fr. Francis will be confirming 18 Confirmation Candidates: 11 in Invermere and 7 in Radium.

CONFIRMATION
When he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit!" - John 20:22



Please join us for a reception after both masses to celebrate and congratulate our Confirmation Candidates.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2026

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

Collected to date: \$7430.00.00

We've reached 38% 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 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)*

2ND COLLECTION MAY 16 & 17 POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

The special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works plays a crucial role in supporting the Holy Father's charitable endeavours. This collection serves to gather financial resources that directly aid humanitarian efforts, such as disaster relief, education, and healthcare initiatives.

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC DONATIONS!

- ◆ **INTERAC / E-TRANSFER:** Donations can be sent to:

etranfer.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 10	\$4037.00
Bursary	\$100.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$280.00
Bulletin Advertising	\$100.00
Radium Gift Shop	\$16.00

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS IN OUR PARISH

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**



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AJ Barrow
Youth Ministry

Fr. Kenneth LeBlanc,
Legionaries of Christ

Deacon Rod Atwell
Keynote Speaker

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: \$60/WEEKEND OR \$25/DAY (FREE IF VOLUNTEERING)
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