

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent



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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Nov. 29 Brooks & Tremblay Family R/S

Sun. November 30 Concordia Family S/I

Sun. November 30 Parishioners Intentions

Mon. December 1 NO MASS

Tue. December 2 Thanksgiving S/I

Wed. December 3 Robyn Beliveau S/I

Thurs. December 4 Anne & Clay Givens S/I

Fri. December 5 Mariette Williamson R/S

CANADIAN MARTYRS & ST. JOSEPH CHAIRPERSONS AND COODINATORS

Parish Council Chair, Paul Carriere - Finance Committee
Chair, Walter Romaniuk - Liturgical Committee Chair, Lor-
raine Keess - Religious Education Coordinator, TBA - Pan-
cake Breakfast, Bruce & Joyce Litke - Coffee Fellowship,
Judy Cowan - Safe Environment Coordinator, Paul Carriere -
St. Joseph's Church Coordinator, Andy Broda - Parish Centre
Hall Coordinator, Colin Lawson

MINISTERS SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 29 & 30

Eucharistic Ministers: Janice, Vivian, Charmaine

Lectors: Nicole, Lisa, Judy, Kim, Harold, Maureen

Ushers: Jeanette, Willy, Doug, Milt, Jane, Irene

Counters- December 2: Zdenka, Klara, Sylvie, Harold

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



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to donate toward purchasing flowers to adorn the altar at Christmas, kindly submit your donation by e-transfer at etranfer.cminvermere@nelsondiocese.org or cash. Please indicate that the money is for "FLOWERS".

Thank you!!

LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSAL 2025-2026

2025-2026 Living with Christ **Sunday Missal** will be available to purchase beginning the first weekend in November.

Cost \$5.00

CATHOLIC MOUNTAIN STAR

The Catholic Mountain Star is the Diocesan of Nelson's newspaper.

It is now accepting any news, photos and articles for publication for the coming winter issue: Deadline is January 20, 2026. Please send photos, news and articles to: Catholicmountainstar@nelsondiocese.org

To read the latest issue please go to the link below.

<https://22.files.edl.io/1d2b/11/19/25/190219-e9b5304f-6677-4230-a35d-f91c978cc815.pdf>

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.



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH 2025

Our Goal: \$18,000.00

Collected to date: \$17, 542.04

We reached 97.5% 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>.

For more information on how to give, contact the Pilgrimage of Faith office at the Pastoral Centre at 250-448-2725 ext.240 or email: appeals@nelsondiocese.org or logon to the Nelson Diocese website <https://www.nelsondiocese.org/> and click on the 'Donate Now' button.

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



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 4, 6:30pm

Location: Canadian Martyrs Church

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 NOVEMBER 2025

For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

INVERMERE CHRISTMAS SEASON SET UP

Good Day:

A work bee is planned for Wednesday, December 17 beginning at 10:00am. You are all invited to help, and to bring any others you would like to invite.

The tasks include:

- Setting up the outdoor nativity scene and figures, and plugging in and activating the outdoor Christmas lights
- Setting up the indoor nativity scene/figures and lights in the foyer
- Setting up the Christmas tree at the side of the altar, and decorating the interior of the church

There will be coffee and donuts for everyone in the hall at 10:00am, and we will get started around 10:30.

Please confirm if you are able to attend by contacting the Parish Office at 250-342-6167 or by e-mail at invermere@nelsondiocese.org

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.



PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION REVISIONS

The Canadian Martyrs Parish Council is currently working on updating their Constitution. According to the guidelines in the document, proposed changes can be made after three readings, which take place at the regular meetings of the Parish Council. Parishioners wishing to provide input into these proposed changes are invited to review the document by visiting the parish website at www.canadianmartyrs.ca and clicking on the link on the home page. Input should be emailed to the parish secretary at invermere@nelsondiocese.org prior to the next parish council meeting, which will be held on January 14. Thank you!

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	\$3,510.00
Sunday Collection—November 23	\$4,165.00
Canada Helps	\$19.10
Building Fund	\$40.00
Votive Candles	\$91.85
Missals	\$100.00

ADVENT 2025 ON ZOOM

"Advent isn't about doing more; it's about becoming more like Christ. The world rushes toward Christmas lights and carols—often missing the quiet invitation Advent offers: to wait, to watch, to prepare."

Join us every Thursday, 2:00 p.m., PST, Nov. 29-Dec. 18, as the Nelson Diocese Renewal Service presents 'Illuminate,' a video series from Ave Maria Press. Weekly sessions will include Christian music, videos, sharing and more. Father Nepil, author of the series, will walk us through the mystery of Advent, as we seek the 'light of life,' Jesus Christ, Immanuel.

TOPICS: **Word**—"In the beginning was the Word..." **Light**—"The light shines in the darkness..." **Faith**—"He came as a witness to testify to the light..." **Life**—"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Come, meet and share with others in our diocese, during this wonderful season of expectation and hope.

Link to zoom session for all 4 weeks is below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84947674299?pwd=X4k5t7Wvy6lfXQ3gOi8uZlBnT16h9G.1>

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