

St. Mary's and Christ the Servant



St. Eugene Church –
St. Mary's Reserve
Est. 1897



St. Mary's Church –
Cranbrook
Est. 1898



St. Peter's Church –
Moyie
Est. 1904



Christ the Servant
Church – Cranbrook
Est. 1975

Second Sunday of Advent (December 7, 2025)

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Father Rex Mediente Velmonte

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

45 – 10th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC

CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH

1100 -14th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC V1C 2Y3

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Phone: 250-426-4266

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Facebook Page: St. Mary's Christ the Servant Cranbrook Catholic Church

Website: <https://stmcts.wixsite.com/stmcts>

Secretary: Emily Grieve

Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm (Tuesday & Wednesday); 9:30 am – 3:30 pm (Thursday & Friday)

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

Principal: Vanessa Fer

Phone: 250-426-5017

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ST. EUGENE MISSION:

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PARISH COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Pastoral Council:

Finance Committee: John Zimmer 250-489-8680

EK Catholic Connection (18-39): Nero 587-586-3312

Maintenance:

St. Mary's: Edmund Frenette 250-426-1840

Christ the Servant:

Knights of Columbus: Eldon Harder 250-919-7554

Catholic Women's League (CWL):

St. Mary's: Sherri Hudak 250-421-8261

Christ the Servant: Helen Hammond 250-919-0163

Outreach Ministry: Gisele 250-426-1840/Pat 250-489-8110

Prayer Group: Lynne Williams 250-489-1702

Ministry to the Sick: Doug 250-489-3623/Philip 604-787-5320

Adoration Chapel: Doug Mitchell 250-489-3623

CND Associates: Gerri Fletcher 778-517-1319

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

CTS - Saturday (4:15 – 4:45 pm)

STM - Tuesday (9:30 – 10 am)

Sacrament of Baptism/Marriage:

Brian & Gerri Fletcher @ 778-517-1319 or email
fletchergrm48@gmail.com

Sacrament of the Sick:

If you or a family member is sick, hospitalized or facing death and wish to have a priest visit, please call the parish office.

Religious Education:

Kerry Stanley @ 250-919-8094 or email
catechism.cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Brian & Gerri Fletcher @ 778-517-1319 or email
fletchergrm48@gmail.com

For emergencies:

Call 250-426-4266 or email
cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

Our great hope is that each
Mass will increase in our hearts
LOVE for Jesus, His Gospel
and for one another.

Third Sunday of Advent (December 13 & 14)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5pm – Sharlyn Sorge
9am – Scott Blissett & Doug Mitchell
11am – Mark Paron

LECTORS/READERS:

5pm – Michael Murphy & Benedict Makali
9am – Ann Akabogu & Nicole Juneau
11am – Norma Blissett & Mena Pocha

ALTAR SERVERS:

5pm – Diane Baher
9am – Ember Fer, Keto & Chinelo Okeke
11am – Gisele Frenette

USHERS:

5pm – Ron Thom & Ed Frenette
9am – Paul & Clem Vanderhorst
11am – Andrew Luxton & Dan Oicle

GREETERS:

5pm – Sharlyn Sorge
9am – Orest & Yvonne Federko
11am – Allan & Alice Ewankow

ATTENTION:

We are looking for volunteers to shovel the snow at both churches, Christ the Servant and/or St. Mary's Church. If no one volunteers, then we have to hire people to do the shovelling. If you're able to help, please talk to Fr. Rex or call him at 250-485-8036. The more volunteers, the better and less work. Please pray and consider this needed ministry to our parish. Thank you and God bless!

--- SUNDAY COLLECTION ---

November 30, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$4,446	\$4,201	\$245
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$214,183	\$201,828	\$12,355

God loves a cheerful giver and
a generous heart...thank you!



THE PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM IS HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL **CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**, FROM 8:30-10:30 AT ST. MARY'S HALL.

We are asking parishioners for donations of gift cards for the local grocery stores (Safeway, Save-On, Super Store and Walmart) that can be given out to those who attend our Christmas Breakfast. Maximum amount suggested is \$25.00. **Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or put in the collection on Sundays prior to December 15.**

We know that these are challenging times for many. Please know that your support for those who live on the margins in our community is a witness to the dignity of each person and a visible sign of our FAITH IN ACTION.

THANK YOU

Advent 2025

The CCCB is pleased to announce that the Journey through Advent video series, which includes reflections on the readings for each Sunday in Advent, is now available. Please visit:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

Let's take some time away from the busyness of the season to reflect and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ our Saviour!



WEEKLY MASS

NO MASS				
Monday-Friday	Dec 8 - 12			
Saturday	Dec 13	5 PM	CTS	Rep. Emilia, Antonio & Ralph Trozzo
Sunday	Dec 14	9 AM	CTS	PRO POPULO
		11 AM	STM	Rep. Vince Sacino

OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL '25

Diocesan Goal: \$21,300

Amount raised: \$23,681

Parish Goal: \$10,000 (\$2,381)

We must fulfill our Diocesan goal before funds can be raised for our Parish goal.

So far, we have about 89 families/households participating. This year, we will use our parish's portion from the Appeal to put a sign in front of Christ the Servant to make it more accessible, especially to our visitors who add to the vibrancy and life of our parish family.

*Note: Due to the mail strike, please donate via e-transfer to: etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org
Scan the QR code for credit card donations, or you can address cheques to St. Mary's/Christ the Servant Parish.*



Thank you for your
generosity!

MEN'S GRIEF

A 12-week Bereavement Support Group (BSG) for men in grief is running for the next 11 weeks.

Deaths of loved ones over 3 months ago need recognition. The group, facilitated by two experienced facilitators, is being hosted in a home environment. There is no cost to the individuals in grief. Previous participants in the past BSGs have found it very beneficial. If any males are interested, please call Brian Clifford at 250-919-4087



Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue

Chalice, a Catholic, Canadian charity, invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given.

To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit <https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue/>

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday & Sunday, December 6 & 7

- Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Blessings
- Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee Christmas Party (5:00 pm @ CTS Hall)

Monday, December 8

- RCIA Meeting (7 pm in CTS Hall)

Tuesday, December 9

- K of C Meeting (7 pm)
- Catechism Class (6 - 7 pm)

Wednesday, December 10

- Prayer Group (7 pm)

Thursday, December 11

- Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Sponsored by K of C at CTS Sanctuary 7 pm

Saturday, December 13

- **K of C Cultural Christmas Dinner** (6 pm @ CTS Hall)

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

Office of the Chancellor

December 2, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I'm happy to share with you that Bishop Gregory's recovery is going very well.

He has had his second procedure and is very much himself again. He will remain in Vancouver for a short time, but should soon return to Kelowna to complete his recovery.

He has requested two specific prayers to aid his return to Kelowna:

1. That his appetite returns so he is able to receive the nourishment he requires to regain his strength.
2. That he regains his strength quickly in order to return to all of you and the diocese.

He thanks all of you for your continued prayers, novenas, mass intentions and petitions to God, and asks that you please continue to pray for his full recovery. He continues to hold all of you in prayer and to ask God's blessing on you for all of your love and support.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ our Hope,

Very Rev. Cerlouie F. Jimenez, Chancellor

2025-2026 MISSALS are FOR SALE

for \$5 each. They're located outside the parish office at CTS. Or take the one from the pews and put the money in an envelope, write Sunday Missal and drop it in the collection basket... thanks!

WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO OUR PARISH:

--- PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

Fill out the form that is available at Christ the Servant office. Please bring with you a VOID cheque.

--- E-TRANSFER

etransfer.stmcranbrook@nelsondiocese.org

No password is required. In the message, include your parish envelope # (if you're using one) and how the donation is to be directed.

--- QR Code

Scan the QR Code to support our parish. It will take you to our Canada Helps page, a secure donation partner. A receipt will be issued immediately.



*Thank you for your continued generosity
to the financial needs of our parish. God bless!*

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

We are asking for your donation of *Flowers for Christmas*, especially poinsettias. You may donate them in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone. These flowers help us celebrate the meaning of Christmas. If you're planning to donate, please drop them off at the Church by December 23rd. If either Church is closed, drop the flowers in the parish office and indicate which Church you want.

Thank you and God bless!

2026 Donation Envelopes are now available at the entrance of Christ the Servant Church.

If you have not yet been assigned an envelope, you can take a blank box. PLEASE PUT YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS ON YOUR FIRST 2026 DONATION, or we will not be able to record your envelope number or issue you a tax receipt!
(Please do not use the envelope until next year)

Great News!

There's now a family of 7 renting the rectory in St. Mary's Church. Let's warmly welcome them. May our loving bless and protect them!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Lou McDonald, Jerry Andrews, Marilyn Oliver, Shyann Thomas, Lorraine Ferguson, Laurie Sharp, Mary McCann, Flo Tomicki, Steve Higgins, Gerry Parker, Fr Jim Ratcliffe, Kayla Killoran, Wayne Thomas, Eric Thomas, Shania Thomas, Marilyn McClinchey, Michael Ortynski, Ed Maurier, Elizabeth Lafaut, Patricia Fitzgerald, Wendy Killoran, Xavier Reyes, Gloria Carriere, Margaret Kennedy, Brian Smith, Olivia P, Tiffany Velmonte Arcaya, Maria Ammaturo, Flo Reid

Please pray for those who are sick in our community and in our parish family, especially those who live with chronic illnesses. May God's infinite love heal and strengthen them.

New to the Parish? Change of Address?

Please fill in the form to register or change your address. Place in the collection or return to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- ☐ Please send the bulletin by email
☐ New Parishioner
☐ Envelope Needed



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64th ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

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PRIZES	
1 st Prize	2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD
2 nd Prize	\$25,000
3 rd Prize	\$10,000
4 th Prize	\$5,000
5 th to 14 th	\$1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws

TICKETS
1 for \$5
10 for \$25
50 for \$50



BUY TODAY for Council 1406

Sales Oct 1, 2025 to Dec 13, 2025, 8pm
Early Bird Draws

Oct 6 (2x\$1000), Oct 20 (2x\$1000), Nov 3 (2x\$1000)
Nov 17 (2x\$1000), Dec 25 (2x\$1000)
Main Draw Saturday December 13, 2025, 8:01pm

An annual charity appeal of the Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation
WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES BETTER
Thank you for your Support!

For general inquiries call 604-216-7272 Raffle Event Licence #: 164447
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