

# 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

## Feast of the Epiphany (January 4, 2026)

“...and they knelt down and paid him homage.”

**Father Rex Mediente Velmonte**

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH**

45 – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC

**CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH**

1100 -14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC V1C 2Y3

**Parish Office:** 1100 – 14th Avenue South

**Phone:** 250-426-4266

**Email:** [cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org)

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

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

**Secretary:** Emily Grieve

**Office Hours:** 9 am – 4 pm (Tuesday); 9 am – 2 pm (Wednesday); 9:30 am – 3:30 pm (Thursday & Friday)

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

**Principal:** Vanessa Fer

**Phone:** 250-426-5017

**Website:** <https://www.stmarysschool.ca/>

### ST. EUGENE MISSION:

Dorothy: [dorothyalpine@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyalpine@gmail.com)

### PARISH COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS:

**Finance Committee:** John Zimmer 250-489-8680

**Pastoral Council:** Scott Blissett 250-919-9400

**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

**Maintenance:** Edmund Frenette 250-426-1840

**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

**EK Catholic Connection (18-39):** Ian Kent 778-829-7661

**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](mailto: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](mailto:catechism.cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org)

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Brian & Gerri Fletcher @ 778-517-1319 or email  
[fletchergrm48@gmail.com](mailto:fletchergrm48@gmail.com)

#### For emergencies:

Call 250-426-4266 or email  
[cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org](mailto: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.

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(January 10 & 11)

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

#### LECTORS/READERS:

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

### Snowblower for St. Mary's School:

If anyone is looking to get rid of a  
working snow blower, either as a  
donation to the school or for a  
reasonably low cost, please contact  
St. Mary's School or the Parish Office.  
Thanks, and God Bless!

## --- SUNDAY COLLECTION ---

### December 21, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$4,481	\$4,201	\$280
YEAR-TO- DATE	\$227,743	\$214,431	\$13,312

### December 25, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	\$7,998	\$5,000	\$2,998

### December 28, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$5,518	\$4,201	\$ 1317
YEAR-TO- DATE	\$233,732*	\$218,452*	\$15,280*

**\*Adjusted at year-end for error correction**

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

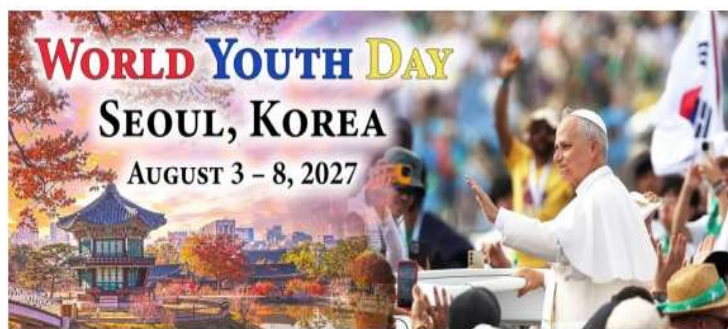
Thank you to Philip Meeks  
for making the beautiful stands  
for the statues of St. Joseph  
and Immaculate Mary.  
May God bless you always!

FYI ---- There will be NO MASS on  
Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at Joseph  
Creek Village & Tuesday, January  
13<sup>th</sup> at the FW Green Home.  
*There will be Mass at Kootenay  
Street Village on Tuesday,  
January 20<sup>th</sup>.*

## WEEKLY MASS

Monday	Jan 5	9 AM	STM	
Tuesday	Jan 6	9 AM	STM	Rep. Kathy Fiorentino
Wednesday	Jan 7	9 AM	STM	Rep. Rob Hogg
Thursday	Jan 8	9 AM	CTS	Rep. Yvonne Speiss
Friday	Jan 9	9 AM	<i>St. Mary's School</i>	Int. Yvonne Renaud
Saturday	Jan 10	5 PM	CTS	Rep. Father Ian Boyd
Sunday	Jan 11	9 AM	CTS	PRO POPULO
		11 AM	STM	Rep. Jonathan Lariousa





## Young Adults of the Diocese of Nelson

World Youth Day 2027 is from  
**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2027 - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2027**  
**in Seoul, Korea**

*\*Dates include both Days in the Diocese and WYD*

Join Pope Leo XIV and hundreds of thousands of young Catholics (18 - 35 years old) from around the world for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage!

*Participants will grow in their faith and their appreciation for the power and presence of Jesus in the Church today.*

Priest Chaplain: Fr. Ferdinand Bayarong

For more information, please contact:  
 Deacon Rod Attwell  
[rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:rod.attwell@nelsondiocese.org)

"Take courage!  
 I have overcome  
 the world."  
 (John 16:33)

## **Our prayers and condolences:**

--- to Norma Blissett and family for the passing away of her mother, Betty Burnside, in Ontario on December 18<sup>th</sup>

--- to Dorothy Andrews and family for the passing away of Jerry on December 19<sup>th</sup>

--- to Lorrie Butler, Eldene Smedstad and their families for the passing away of Sister Mavis DeMan, SA at Greymoor, New York.

May they rest in the peace and love of Christ!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

### **Saturday & Sunday, January 3 & 4**

- Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Blessings

### **Tuesday, January 6**

- STM CWL Executive Meeting (10:15 am)  
 - Catechism Class (6 - 7 pm)

### **Wednesday, January 7**

- Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help after 9 am Mass in St. Mary's Church  
 - Prayer Group (7 pm)

### **Thursday, January 8**

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

## **CTS CWL DUES for 2026**

Please put your dues of \$42 in an envelope marked for CTS CWL. Please put your name on it if you are not paying by cheque.  
 Thank you, God Bless

## **WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO OUR PARISH:**

### **--- PARISH ENVELOPES**

They're available at the entrance of the Church. Don't forget to write your name and address the first time you use it.

### **--- 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](mailto: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!*

## **Sacramental Information**

### **Baptism**

Baptism is the sacrament of new life. It is the entrance gate and foundation of the whole Christian existence; through Baptism, we are received into the Church. It is a sign of faith and conversion, of turning one's life towards Jesus Christ. Baptism brings lifelong growth and maturation in the faith. Parents seeking Baptism for their child should contact Gerri at 778-517-1319 or the Parish Office.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 1520-23). If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Matrimony**

The Church recognizes the importance of the marriage decision and seeks to assist each couple with a period of preparation in which they will grow in an ever-deepening love for each other. Couples seeking marriage should contact Fr. Rex or Gerri Fletcher @ 778-517-1319

### **Holy Orders**

By virtue of our Baptism, all Christians are part of the common priesthood of believers. We are all called to participate in Christ's mission. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, bishops and priests are given a special role in carrying out this mission—they exercise a ministerial priesthood. Deacons also receive a special grace through ordination and are called to assist the ministry of bishops and priests. For more information, see [https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1069785&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1358661](https://www.nelsondiocese.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1069785&type=d&pREC_ID=1358661) or talk to Fr Rex.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Lou McDonald, Giuseppina Marchiori,  
Marilyn Oliver, 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

### **Change in Office Hours**

The office will be open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesdays and 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Wednesdays from January to April 2026.

Fr. Rex is away in the Philippines from December 30<sup>th</sup> to January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that God will grant him a safe journey and a memorable time with friends and family.

Please warmly welcome Fr. Julian Studden to our parish! He will be staying at the rectory and filling in for weekday and weekend Masses until Fr. Rex returns.