

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

Baptism of the Lord (January 11, 2026)

“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Father Rex Mediante 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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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:

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ST. EUGENE MISSION:

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PARISH COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Finance Committee: John Zimmer 250-489-8680

Pastoral Council: Scott Blissett 250-919-9400

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Catholic Women's League (CWL):

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

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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 fletchergm48@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 fletchergm48@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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 17 & 18)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5pm – Diane Baher
9am – Lyle Stuart & Linda Benette
11am – CWL Mass

LECTORS/READERS:

5pm – Angela Semeschuk & Chelsea Habasonda
9am – Scott Sharun & Ann Fercho
11am – CWL Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

5pm – Michael Murphy
9am – Ryan Stambulic, Somto & Chikamso Akabogu
11am – CWL Mass

USHERS:

5pm – Kay Wade & John Zimmer
9am – Orest & Yvonne Federko
11am – CWL Mass

GREETERS:

5pm – Vince & Lina Greco
9am – Theresa Anderberg & Monique Grossman
11am – CWL Mass

STM & CTS CWL DUES for 2026

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

Thank you, God Bless

January 1, 2026

NEW YEAR'S COLLECTION

ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
\$1,694	\$1,500	\$194

January 4, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION

ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
\$5,659	\$4,201	\$1,458

YEAR-TO-DATE

\$3,818	\$4,201	\$1,458
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God loves a cheerful giver and a generous heart.... thank you!

Please put your name and address on collection envelopes, especially if you are using them for the first time. We have had some unregistered envelopes come through collection, and tax receipts cannot be issued for these without a name and address. Thanks!

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Catechism classes are seeking additional catechists. We need a support person or junior leader for our First Communion class, a catechist for Confirmation class, and someone who can substitute when needed. Classes are on

Tuesday from 6-7 pm at Christ the Servant. Please contact Kerry at 250-919-8094 if you can help.

WEEKLY MASS

Monday	Jan 12	9 AM	STM	
Tuesday	Jan 13	9 AM	STM	Int. Yvonne Renaud
Wednesday	Jan 14	9 AM	STM	Int. Myron & Nadine Zacharko
Thursday	Jan 15	9 AM	CTS	Rep. Kathy Fiorentino
Friday	Jan 16	9 AM	CTS	Rep. Gregory & Susan Caws
Saturday	Jan 17	5 PM	CTS	Rep. Vince Sacino
Sunday	Jan 18	9 AM	CTS	PRO POPULO
		11 AM	STM	Int. Juneau Family

Undecorating at St. Mary's Church

Please join us immediately following the 11 am Mass on Sunday, January 11th to remove the Christmas decorations from St. Mary's Church. Thank you for always helping to get this job done quickly! God Bless.

FYI ---- There will be NO MASS on Tuesday, January 6th at Joseph Creek Village & Tuesday, January 13th at the FW Green Home.

There will be Mass at Kootenay Street Village on Tuesday, January 20th.



On behalf of the parish Outreach Ministry, a sincere THANK YOU to our parish community for your generous support of the Annual Christmas Breakfast. This Christmas breakfast has been a long tradition in our parish life, and

again this year it was a blessed event.

Our breakfast was filled with music, laughter and a great sense of joy. St. Mary's School prepared dozens of cookies that we shared with those at the breakfast and those unhoused in our larger community. The Christmas cookies brought joy, some tears and shared memories of growing up! A hearty hot breakfast was enjoyed by over 60 people. St. Mary's School also prepared handmade Christmas cards with Christmas messages of joy and hope.

Your donations of gift cards touched the hearts and souls of many. Additional donations allowed us to purchase cheese and ready-to-eat sausage that were shared both at the breakfast and in the larger unhoused community. Folks living unhoused mentioned how much they appreciated the gift of food and friendship that was offered.

As a parish community, you showed your love of Jesus and for those in need by your faith in action and your generous support. THANK YOU. Catholic Outreach Ministry

Fr. Rex's Birthday Celebration:

Join us Sunday, January 25th, at 5:00 pm in the CTS hall. It's a potluck, so please bring a dish to share!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday, January 12

- RCIA Meeting (7 pm in CTS Hall)

Tuesday, January 13

- Catechism Class (6 - 7 pm)

Wednesday, January 14

- Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help after 9 am Mass in St. Mary's Church

- Prayer Group (7 pm)

Thursday, January 15

-CTS CWL General Meeting (9:30 am)

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

Friday, January 16

- Friday Eucharistic Adoration (after 9 am Mass until 10:30 am)

Can you not keep awake one hour? (Mark 14:37)

Monday, January 19

-Outreach Ministry Breakfast (8 am – 10 am at STM Hall)

- RCIA Meeting (7 pm in CTS Hall)

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

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!



RCIA NEWS:

On Monday, Jan 12, RCIA participants enter the **Catechumenate** phase of their preparation to join the Catholic Church. This journey is not just about attending a "class" but a time of learning to live the Christian way of life, including prayer, worship and service to others.

During this period, the catechumens and candidates (those already baptized in another Christian tradition) will learn Catholic beliefs and teachings. They will continue to develop their prayer lives, become familiar with Catholic forms of prayer and be active participants in the Sunday liturgy. As well, all are encouraged to engage in all aspects of parish life so to experience the Church as a living community.

Each parish member is essential to this journey. Each of us, inside the Church or in the larger community, should be a witness of faith by our words and actions. Keeping those on this Journey of Faith in prayer is a needed spiritual support. A welcoming smile and a friendly Hello when you meet someone new to the faith is a sign of our mutual commitment to the renewal of our faith and our mutual commitment to living out our Baptismal promises.

This entire process is the Church's ancient way of ensuring that new members are fully prepared in mind, body, and soul for full communion. The presence and conversion journey of the catechumens can lead to a renewal of faith and a deeper understanding of Baptismal promises for all existing parishioners.

Faith Night with the Cranbrook Bucks

February 07, 2026

7pm

Come join us, tickets can be bought through your Church at a discounted price.

Adults and Seniors - \$10
Students - \$5
Child 6-12 - \$2
5 & under - Free

Presentation after the game:
Discussion on our Players Faith Journey.

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 30th to January 16th. 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.