

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (February 15, 2026)
“I have not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill.”

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

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

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.

1st Sunday in Lent (February 21 & 22)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5pm – Sharlyn Sorge
9am – Gloria Urban & Brian Fletcher
11am – Gisele Frenette

LECTORS/READERS:

5pm – Maria Ngoma & Diane Baher
9am – Linda Benette & Teresa Knight
11am – Anna-Marie Scavo & Doreen Brons

ALTAR SERVERS:

5pm – Philip Meeks
9am – Ember Fer, Keto & Chinelo Okeke
11am – Mark Paron

USHERS:

5pm – Ron Thom & Michael Murphy
9am – Roman Vopat & Thomas Murphy
11am – Wayne Price & Grant Brons

GREETERS:

5pm – Michael Murphy & Benedict Makali
9am – Eldon & Natalie Harder
11am – Terry & Hilary Segarty

PRAY FOR OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

as they prepare for Easter:

Chizo Onukogu, Carrie Phillips, Jeanne
Acton, Dave Stewart, Rick Maillot, Lex
Dupley, Sean & Sarah Kennedy, Faith
Mulenga Chama, Janie Pilosio, Edie Green,
Gavin Rexin, Preston Czernicki

February 8, 2026

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$4,552	\$4,269	\$283
YEAR-TO- DATE	\$28,779	\$25,614	\$3,165

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



**St. Mary's
CWL
Friendship
Tea**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Join us for a special event and treat
yourself and your friends to a
delicious luncheon, a raffle, a bake
table, and more!

\$10 per person
(Gluten-free options available)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL
45 10th Ave. S. Cranbrook, BC
(in the basement)

2025 Tax Receipts will be available
for pick-up after all weekend
masses or during office hours.

WEEKLY MASS

Monday	Feb 16	10 AM	CTS	Mass & Anointing of the Sick
Tuesday	Feb 17	9 AM	STM	Rep. Roy Reid
		10:30 AM	Kootenay Street Village	Int. Sister Barbara
<u>ASH</u>	Feb 18	9 AM	STM	Rep. Father Jim Ratcliffe
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		7 PM	CTS	Rep. Ivo & Jacoba Vanderhorst
Thursday	Feb 19	9 AM	CTS	Int. Nicole Juneau
Friday	Feb 20	9 AM	CTS	Rep. Betty Burnside
Saturday	Feb 21	5 PM	CTS	Rep. Gavina Sopera
Sunday	Feb 22	9 AM	CTS	PRO POPULO
		11 AM	STM	Rep. Ramona Lister

Prayer Group - Lent 2026

Join our parish on a transformative journey with Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe's Lenten video series, *Witness*. Walk the road to Calvary alongside those who witnessed Christ's Passion firsthand—from Mary Magdalene to Pontius Pilate, the Good Thief to Barabbas.

Journey with The People of Unity Prayer Group. Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Feb. 25 and March 4- 25, for 5 delightful evenings of music, weekly Lenten videos, small group discussion, and more.

Through weekly focus on key virtues like repentance, trust, compassion, **humility**, courage, and sacrifice, you'll explore the choices, failures, and moments of grace of these biblical figures—saints and sinners, friends and enemies, the faithful and the afraid.

The weekly sessions stand alone, but for those who wish for a daily guide, *Witness: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation*, may be downloaded: amazon.ca for \$9.99

"Because in the end, the story of the Passion is not only about what happened to him—it's about what is happening to us. Lent invites us to step onto the dusty roads of Jerusalem, to stand in the courtyard, to kneel at the foot of the Cross, and to watch the stone roll away. And in doing so, it invites us to let the miracle of redemption unfold again in our own lives."

—Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP

For more: www.avemariapress.com/pages/witness-resources

MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be a Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Monday, February 16th @ 10 am in Christ the Servant Church. Anyone who is sick in mind, body, and spirit can receive the Sacrament.

If you know someone who needs a ride, please call the parish office.

If you're able to help us in picking up and driving parishioners who need a ride, please call the parish office.

A reception will follow in the hall. Please bring some sweets to share.

Let's warmly welcome Brent & Rebecca children of Sarah & Sean Kennedy, to our parish family. May God keep them always in His love and make the lives of their parents shining examples of faith to these children.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Monday, February 16

- Mass & Anointing of the Sick (10 am @ CTS)

Tuesday, February 17

- Catechism Class (6 - 7 pm)

Thursday, February 19

- STM CWL Meeting (1 pm in the hall)

- Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sponsored by K of C at CTS Sanctuary 7 pm

Friday, February 20

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

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

- Stations of the Cross (Parish Pastoral Council --- 7 pm @ STM)

SUNDAY, February 22

- RCIA: Rite of Election (9 am @ CTS)

- **First Communion & Confirmation**

Candidates: Renewal of Baptismal Promises & Prayer Companions (11 am STM)

- **STM Luncheon after 11 am Mass in the Hall**

Come & join us. We kindly ask that everyone bring something to share.

Coffee & tea will be provided.

Let's build our parish family together.

May God bless you!

Prayer Partners - You're Invited!

Please join us on February 22, 11 am at St. Mary's to meet the First Communion or Catechism student you've been praying for as they renew their Baptismal Promise. A reception will follow during the monthly potluck.

BROTHER KNIGHTS NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for more Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Ushers, Greeters, and Gift Bearers for our Monthly K of C Mass.

Please call Rick Hoeg, Chancellor (K of C Council #1406). Leave your name and number, and he'll get back to you.

The Knights would like to give a big Thank You to the Nigerian community for hosting our Christmas Banquet!

WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY? *It is the day Lent begins. It occurs 40 days before Good Friday.*

WHY IS IT CALLED ASH WEDNESDAY?

Actually, Ash Wednesday is its colloquial name. Its official name is the Day of Ashes. It is called Ash Wednesday because, being forty days before Good Friday, it always falls on a Wednesday, and it is called Ash Wednesday because on that day at Church, the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

WHY DO THEY HAVE THEIR FOREHEADS

MARKED WITH A CROSS?

--- Because in the Bible a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership. By having their foreheads marked with the sign of the cross, this symbolizes that the person belongs to Jesus Christ, who died on a Cross. This is the imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism, when he is delivered from sin.

--- Because ashes are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance. In Biblical times, the custom was to fast, wear a sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes, and put on dust and ashes on one's head. While we no longer normally wear sackcloth or sit in dust and ashes, the customs of fasting and putting on ashes on one's forehead as a sign of mourning and penance have survived to this day. These are the two key distinctive of Lent. In fact, Ash Wednesday is the day not only for putting ashes on one's head, but also a day of fasting.

FASTING:

Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving, and to save money to give to the poor.

ABSTINENCE:

Catholics ages 14 and older, abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Colleen Dureski, Sherri Hudak, Lou McDonald, Gabrielle Faith, Giuseppina Marchiori, Marilyn Oliver, Laurie Sharp, Mary McCann, Flo Tomicki, Steve Higgins, Gerry Parker, 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, Oscar Bearinger, 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

PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 15th, after 9 am
Mass in CTS Hall.

All proceeds go to St. Mary's School
\$10 per person
\$20 per family

If you want to donate more to the school, there will be someone to help you out at the breakfast, or call the school office at 250-426-5017.

