

# 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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 18, 2026)

“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

### Father Rex Mediante 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

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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:

**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 [fletchergm48@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:catechism.cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org)

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

Brian & Gerri Fletcher @ 778-517-1319 or email [fletchergm48@gmail.com](mailto:fletchergm48@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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 24 & 25)

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

#### LECTORS/READERS:

5pm – Angela Semeschuk  
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

Our prayers and condolences to the family of Roger Brunelle, who passed away on January 13<sup>th</sup>. May he rest in the peace and love of Christ! A Memorial Mass will be held on *Thursday, January 22nd, at 11:00 am at Christ the Servant* with a reception to follow in the hall.

### January 1, 2026

#### NEW YEAR'S COLLECTION

ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
\$3,214	\$1,500	\$1,714

### January 11, 2026

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
\$4,844	\$4,201	\$643

#### YEAR-TO-DATE

\$10,503	\$8,402	\$2,101
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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!

### **Fr. Rex's Birthday Celebration:**

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



### **WEEKLY MASS**

<b>Monday</b>	Jan 19	9 AM	STM	Int. Jerry Imhoff
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jan 20	9 AM	STM	Rep. Adelina Zilli
		10:30 AM	Kootenay Street Village	Rep. Matthew Stern
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jan 21	9 AM	STM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thursday</b>	Jan 22	9 AM	CTS	Rep. Kathy Fiorentino
<b>Friday</b>	Jan 23	9 AM	CTS	Rep. Irene Bertoia
<b>Saturday</b>	Jan 24	5 PM	CTS	Rep. Kathy Fiorentino
<b>Sunday</b>	Jan 25	9 AM	CTS	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
		11 AM	STM	Rep. Kathy Fiorentino

## **2026 LENTEN REFLECTION EVENINGS**

**Feb. 25 – March 25, WEDNESDAYS 7 PM.**

The people of Unity Prayer Group will again be offering Lenten Reflection Evenings, and the whole parish is welcome to attend. The purpose of offering this annual program is to build friendships, parish unity, and grow personal faith. This year, we will be offering a program called WITNESS by Ave Maria Press. We will "walk the road to Calvary with those who witnessed the Passion (of our Lord) firsthand." The five evenings consist of song, video, discussion and prayer. There is a journal *option* for daily/weekly study. The *print* journal price is around \$20. There is no cost to attend the evenings.

**If you would like a *print* journal, email or message**

**Lynne Williams by Monday, Jan. 19.**

[lynnedwilliams50@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnedwilliams50@hotmail.com) or 250 464 5048

You do not need to attend the program to order a *print* journal, and digital journals may be downloaded from Ave Maria Press closer to Lent. The program may also be done from home, but we truly believe that attending in person, if you are able, will provide the richest experience.

– Romans 15:13 – *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Blessings for new life, peace, joy and hope in 2026.

## **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.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

### **Monday, January 19**

- Outreach Ministry Breakfast (8 am – 10 am at STM Hall)
- RCIA Meeting (7 pm in CTS Hall)

### **Tuesday, January 20**

- Catechism Class (6 - 7 pm)

### **Wednesday, January 21**

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

### **Thursday, January 22**

- Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Sponsored by K of C at CTS Sanctuary 7 pm
- Parish Council Meeting (7 pm @ CTS)

### **Friday, January 23**

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

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

### **Sunday, January 25**

- Fr. Rex's birthday celebration (5 pm @ CTS Hall), please bring a dish to share!

## **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!*

#### 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.

#### 2026 PEOPLE OF UNITY PRAYER GROUP UPDATES AND INFORMATION

**Wednesdays, 7- 8:30 p.m., Christ the Servant Church**  
**All are welcome**

Every week, we begin with Praise and Worship Music. Song selections are interspersed with quiet reflection, scripture readings, etc. Following Praise and Worship, there is often a teaching and small group discussion time. We conclude with intercessory prayer for parish, diocesan, personal needs, etc.

**January 21 – 2026 Start-up – Personal Prayer Evening –**  
After Praise and Worship and a teaching on Prayer Ministry, a prayer team will pray for your prayer request(s). Confidentiality is assured.

**January 28 –** Come watch a powerful **Conversion Video** of a young, very active protestant woman from a mega church, soul searching, as she decides to convert to Catholicism. Her journey and choices underline for us the true value of our faith, which some of us, over time, have forgotten about or have taken for granted.

**Feb. 4 –** no Prayer Group

**Feb.11 –** handout Print Journals, topic TBA

**Feb.18 –** Ash Wed., no Prayer Group

**Feb. 25 – March 25 – LENTEN REFLECTION EVENINGS**

**March 29 – April 5 –** Holy Week and Easter - no Prayer Group