

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

First Sunday of Advent (November 30, 2025)

“Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”

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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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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ST. EUGENE MISSION:

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PARISH COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Pastoral Council:

Finance Committee: John Zimmer 250-489-8680

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Maintenance:

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

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Knights of Columbus: Eldon Harder 250-919-7554

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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.

Second Sunday of Advent

(December 6 & 7)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5pm – Diane Baher

9am – K of C Mass

11am – Filipino Mass

LECTORS/READERS:

5pm – Chelsea Habasonda & Dan Gueguen

9am – K of C Mass

11am – Filipino Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

5pm – Michael Murphy

9am – Ryan Stambulic, Somto & Chikamso Akabogu

11am – Filipino Mass

USHERS:

5pm – Kay Wade & Keith Regular

9am – K of C Mass

11am – Filipino Mass

GREETERS:

5pm – Vince & Lina Greco

9am – K of C Mass

11am – Filipino Mass

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!

WELCOME TO ADVENT SEASON!!!

--- SUNDAY COLLECTION ---

November 16, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$3,868	\$4,201	-\$333
YEAR-TO- DATE	\$209,737	\$197,627	\$12,110

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

Monday	Dec 1	9 AM	STM	Rep. Vince Petho, Jr.
Tuesday	Dec 2	9 AM	STM	Int. Flo Reid
		10:30 AM	Joseph Creek Village	Fr. Frank Franz
Wednesday	Dec 3	9 AM	STM	Rep. Rob Hogg
Thursday	Dec 4	9:30 AM	CTS	Int. LTH Tours
Friday	Dec 5	9 AM	CTS	Rep. Kathy Fiorentino
Saturday	Dec 6	5 PM	CTS	Int. Marion Schindel
Sunday	Dec 7	9 AM	CTS	PRO POPULO
		11 AM	STM	Rep. Rosa & Donato Graziano

OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL '25

Diocesan Goal: \$21,300

Amount raised: \$22,068

Parish Goal: \$10,000 (\$768)

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

So far, we have about 73 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!

WELCOME TO OUR RCIA CANDIDATES

This Sunday, during the 11:00 am Mass at St. Mary's, candidates who already share our Christian faith through Baptism will celebrate the *Rite of Welcome*, and those who are yet to be Baptized will celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance* as they mark this moment of following God's call to live their Christian faith and complete their initiation within the Catholic community. At the Easter Vigil, they will all come into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please continue to prayerfully support our candidates, their sponsors, and the RCIA team.

2025-2026 CANDIDATES:

**Chizo, Edie, Janie, Carrie, Caleb,
Preston, Jeanne, Dave, Rick, Gavin,
Lex, Sean, Sarah, Faith**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, November 30

- **RCIA:** Rite of Welcome/ Acceptance (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!

Monday, December 1

- RCIA Meeting (7 pm in CTS Hall)

Tuesday, December 2

- Mass @ Joseph Creek Village (10:30 am)

- Catechism Class (6 - 7 pm)

Wednesday, December 3

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

- Prayer Group (7 pm)

Thursday, December 4

- **Parish Advent Penance Service** (6:30 pm @ CTS). Come home and be reconciled!

Friday, December 5

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

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

Saturday & Sunday, December 6 & 7

- Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Blessings

- Parish Pastoral Council & Finance

Committee Christmas Party (5:00 pm @ CTS Hall)

Saturday, December 13

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

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!



Cultural Xmas! Banquet

Venue: Christ the Servant Church Hall.
Date: Saturday, 13th December
Time: 5:45pm

ADULTS \$30
Kids \$15
Kids under 6 - free

Tickets for sale after Weekend Masses

One Complementary Drink!

FOOD MENU


Grilled Chicken


Jollof Rice


Bread Roll


Salad


Moi Moi



Father Christmas will be delivering gifts to the children!

For more information, contact
Eldon Harder @ 250-919-7554

Scam Email Alert

As the giving season approaches, a friendly reminder not to respond to any email requests for money or gift cards from the Bishop or any priest from our Diocese. When in doubt, please contact the Parish Office. Thanks!

Office of the Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Forgive my long absence in communicating with you, but there have been a few setbacks over the weeks.

I am happy to report that I have one, possibly two, interventions left, starting this Friday. If all goes well, I should be on my way to recovery. If not, there will be another bridge to cross, with God's help.

Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes. They have assisted me greatly. I still count on them in the days ahead.

May God bless you all for your kindness.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,



* Gregory J Bittman
Bishop of Nelson

We are starting a **YOUTH GROUP** for Christ the Servant & St. Mary's Churches. Any youth between the ages of 12 & 17 who want to join will meet at St. Mary's School on Friday, December 5th, from 7 - 8:30 pm. Please bring indoor footwear as we will be playing some type of sport in the gym. C yah der!

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




64th ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

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PRIZES

1st Prize	2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD
2nd Prize	\$25,000
3rd Prize	\$10,000
4th Prize	\$5,000
5th to 14th	\$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
 Chances are 1 in 410,000 (total tickets for sale) to win a grand prize. Actual odds depend on number of tickets sold. 19+ to play.
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 Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.