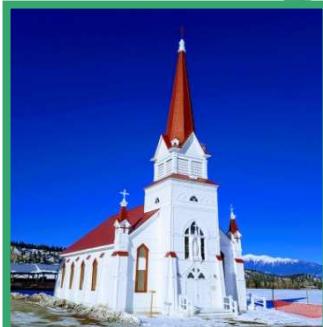


St. Mary's and Christ the Servant



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

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS 2026

Father Rex Mediante Velmonte

St. Mary's Church 45 – 10th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC

Christ the Servant Church 1100 -14th Ave. S. Cranbrook BC V1C 2Y3

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Email: cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org

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

Website: smpcts.wix.com/stmcts

Secretary: Emily Grieve

Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm (Tuesday & Wednesday); 9:30am – 3:30pm (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

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

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

(December 27 & 28)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5pm – Sharlyn Sorge
9am – Gloria Urban & Brian Fletcher
11am – Bev Watson

LECTORGS/READ &ERS:

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 & Keith Regular
9am – Roman Vopat & Clem Vanderhorst
11am – Wayne Price & Grant Brons

GREETERS:

5pm – Vince & Lena Greco
9am – Eldon & Nathalie Harder
11am – Terry & Hilary Segarty

--- SUNDAY COLLECTION ---

December 14, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
	\$4,908	\$4,201	\$707
YEAR-TO- DATE	\$223,262	\$210,230	\$13,032

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



Parish Staff

Fr. Rex M. Velmonte

Roman Vopat
John Pequeno

Emily Guevara

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULES

Monday	Dec. 22	9 AM	STM	Int. David Hansen
Tuesday	Dec. 23	9 AM	STM	Rep. Kathy Fiorentino
WEDNESDAY	Dec. 24	4:30 PM	CTS	Pro Populo (CHRISTMAS EVE)
		7 PM	CTS	Pro Populo
		10 PM	<u>St. Eugene's Church</u>	Pro Populo
THURSDAY	Dec. 25	10 AM	STM	Pro Populo (CHRISTMAS DAY)
Friday	Dec. 26			NO MASS
Saturday	Dec. 27	5 PM	CTS	Rep. Giuseppe Romeo
Sunday	Dec. 28	9 AM	CTS	Pro Populo
		11 AM	STM	Int. Pilar Rodriguez
Monday	Dec. 29	9 AM	STM	Rep. Joe Sacino
Tuesday	Dec. 30	9 AM	STM	Int. Fr Rex Velmonte
Wednesday	Dec. 31	5 PM	STM	Pro Populo (NEW YEAR'S EVE)
Thursday	Jan. 1	10 AM	CTS	Pro Populo (NEW YEAR'S DAY)
Friday	Jan. 2	9 AM	CTS	NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 3	5 PM	CTS	Rep. Mario Scodellaro
Sunday	Jan. 4	9 AM	CTS	Pro Populo
		11 AM	STM	Rep. Luigi & Caterina Pizzino

OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL '25

Diocesan Goal: \$21,300

Amount raised: \$25,781

Parish Goal: \$10,000 (\$4,481)

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

So far, we have about 91 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.

You may 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.

My dear friends,

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, joyful and promising New Year! May the Spirit of love, hope and peace fill your hearts this Christmas and always! Christmas strongly reminds us that God is with us always and wants to be part of our lives.

I'll be away in the Philippines from December 30th to January 16th. Please pray that God will grant me a safe journey and a memorable time with my family and friends.

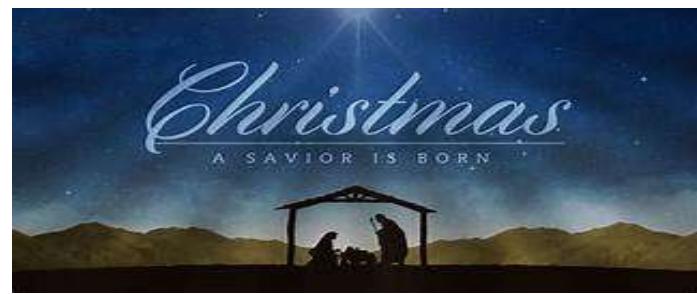
Fr. Julian Studden, a retired priest from Calgary Diocese, will be taking my place. Please warmly welcome him to our parish.

Again, thank you for your warm friendship, untiring love and support to our parish family! I look forward to journeying with you in 2026.

From my family to your families...from my heart to your hearts...a memorable and blessed Merry Christmas! Jesus is the reason for the season. May your life be filled with God this Christmas and always!

Love & Prayers!

Fr. Rex



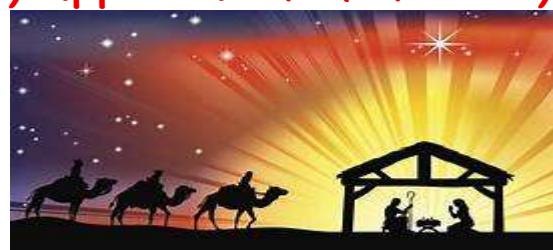
St. Mary's School

Handwritten signatures of people associated with St. Mary's School, including: Helen Bender, Heather May, Taylor Wilson, Daren Little, Paula Veldman, Delores, Michelle Diving, Rex, Jerry, Susan, Mary, Patti, David Smith, Makayla, Vanessa, Farrah, Carmen Hallina, Joshua Farren, and others.

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 and drop the payment in the collection basket...thanks!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped us with decorating our churches! The many hands were very appreciated. God bless you!



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

(January 3 & 4)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5pm – Diane Baher

9am – CWL Mass

11am – K of C Mass

LECTORS/READERS:

5pm – Chelsea Habasonda & Dan Gueguen

9am – CWL Mass

11am – K of C Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

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Holiday Office Hours

Monday, December 22: closed

Tuesday, December 23: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 24: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thursday, December 25: closed

Friday, December 26: closed

Monday, December 29: closed

Tuesday, December 30: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 31: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Thursday, January 1: closed

Friday, January 2: closed

Monday, January 5: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Regular hours resume Tuesday, January 6th

2026 Donation Envelopes are now available at the entrance of Christ the Servant Church.

If you have not yet been assigned an envelope, you can take a blank box. PLEASE PUT YOUR FULL NAME AND ADDRESS ON YOUR FIRST 2026 DONATION, or we will not be able to record your envelope number or issue you a tax receipt!

(Please do not use the envelope until next year)

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.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

We are asking for your donation of *Flowers for Christmas*, especially poinsettias. You may donate them in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone. These flowers help us celebrate the meaning of Christmas. If you're planning to donate, please drop them off at the Church by December 23rd. If either Church is closed, drop the flowers in the parish office and indicate which Church you want.

Thank you and God bless!



Parish Finance and Pastoral Council

Fr. Rex

John Zin

Synne Williams

Michael Murphy

Sherri Fletcher

Barb Giese

Giese

Helen Hammond

Butch Butalid, Praveen Jacob, Scott Blissett, Chelsea Habasonda, Gisele & Ed Frenette, Kerry Stanley, Sherri Hudak, Eldon Harder, Pat Sinclair, Doug Mitchell, Philip Meeks, Ian Kent, Vanessa Fer