

# 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

## GAUDETE SUNDAY (December 14, 2025)

“Go and tell John what you hear and see.”

**Father Rex Mediente 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

**Email:** [cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org](mailto:cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org)

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

**Website:** <https://stmcts.wixsite.com/stmcts>

**Secretary:** Emily Grieve

**Office Hours:** 9 am – 3 pm (Tuesday & 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):**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:catechism.cranbrook@nelsondiocese.org)

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

Brian & Gerri Fletcher @ 778-517-1319 or email  
[fletchergrm48@gmail.com](mailto:fletchergrm48@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.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

(December 20 & 21)

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5pm – Diane Baher

9am – Lyle Stuart & Linda Benette

11am – CWL Mass

#### LECTORS/READERS:

5pm – Angela Semeschuk & Chelsea Habasoda

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

### 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!

## --- SUNDAY COLLECTION ---

December 7, 2025

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$4,171	\$4,201	-\$30
YEAR-TO- DATE	\$218,354	\$206,029	\$12,325

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

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)

## WEEKLY MASS

Monday	Dec 15	9 AM	STM	Int. Tiffany Velmonte
Tuesday	Dec 16	9 AM	STM	Rep. Kathy Fiorentino
		10:30 AM	Kootenay Street Village	Int. Dennis Velmonte
Wednesday	Dec 17	9 AM	STM	Int. Angela & Peter Wonitowy
Thursday	Dec 18	9 AM	CTS	Rep. Serafina Bascio
Friday	Dec 19	9AM	St. Mary's School	Int. Rev. Fr. Excel Saycon
Saturday	Dec 20	5 PM	CTS	Rep. Dolly & Angelo Picco
Sunday	Dec 21	9 AM	CTS	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
		11 AM	STM	Rep. Sister Alice Romanchuk



## OUR PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH APPEAL '25

**Diocesan Goal: \$21,300**

**Amount raised: \$23,781**

**Parish Goal: \$10,000 (\$2,481)**

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

So far, we have about 90 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](mailto: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!



Office of the Bishop

**December 11, 2025**

Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and peace in the Lord!

Praise be to God I am back in Kelowna. As you know my Advisory Team is taking care of the Diocesan affairs while I recover.

I want to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support. At this time while I recover, although I would love to see all of you, I have to take time to rest and regain my strength. You won't be able to see me in the hospital as I have restricted access in order to allow time for my complete recovery. Please know that I will be in contact with you as soon as my strength returns.

Please contact the Diocesan office for any questions you may have.

Also, please continue to pray and offer novenas and Masses that I quickly regain my ability to walk and that the feeding tube is removed soon.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus our Lord,

✠ Gregory J Bittman  
Bishop of Nelson

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### **Saturday, December 13**

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

### **Monday, December 15**

- Outreach Ministry Christmas Party (8:30-10:30 am)

- RCIA Meeting (7 pm in CTS Hall)

### **Tuesday, December 16**

- Catechism Class (6 - 7 pm)

- Kimberley Parish Confession (7 pm)

### **Wednesday, December 17**

- Prayer Group (7 pm)

### **Thursday, December 18**

- Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sponsored by K of C at CTS Sanctuary 7 pm



### **Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue**

Chalice, a Catholic, Canadian charity, invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given.

To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit <https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue/>

## **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!



## WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY TO OUR PARISH:

### **--- 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!*

## **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

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>. If either Church is closed, drop the flowers in the parish office and indicate which Church you want.

Thank you and God bless!

If anyone is going to be driving from Kelowna to Cranbrook and would be willing to pick up a package from Loaves and Fishes, please contact Fr. Rex or the Parish Office. Thanks!

## **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



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## 64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY APPEAL

Click here  For Council 1406

WIN \$100,000 in prizes including a  
2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD Grand Prize

### PRIZES

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2025 Ford Maverick XLT AWD
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$25,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$10,000
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	\$5,000
5 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,000 each! --> Early Bird Draws



### 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.  
Problem Gambling Help Line 1-888-795-6111 www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca Know your limit. Play within it.  
Winners are responsible for cost associated with delivery/claiming of prizes.