

St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Parish Priest :
Rev. Father Arulkumar

Parish Secretary :
Faye Wafer

Office Hours :
Tuesday to Thursday
10 AM to 2 PM

Sunday Masses :
St. Pius X - Lively
Saturday : 4:30 PM
St. Christopher - Whitefish
Sunday : 9:00 AM
St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff
Sunday : 11:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation :
St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff
Sunday : 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM
St. Pius X - Lively
Saturday : 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM
St. Christopher - Whitefish
Sunday : 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM

Baptism :
Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
Please make arrangements one month in
advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages :
Please make marriage arrangements
9 months in advance by contacting the
Parish office. Saturday weddings are
scheduled at 1:00 PM.

Other Sacraments :
Contact Parish Office

Bulletin Announcements :
Email yours to
ststans@eastlink.ca
Before 12 PM Wednesday

Prayer line :
St. Stanislaus : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207
or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596
St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
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St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre
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Mission Statement :
By our Baptism, we are committed to
celebrate the presence of Christ in Word
and Sacrament and are continually
called to build our lives in the image of
Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we
strive to bring ourselves closer to God
and to each other, by building a strong
community of believers and a joyous
family of God.

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28th Ordinary Sunday - October 15, 2023

The Parable of the Wedding Feast



FOR MANY ARE
CALLED, BUT
FEW ARE
CHOSEN.

- Matthew 22:14

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, October 17

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Don & Mary Davidson by C. Regimbal

Thursday, October 19

09:30 AM - St. James School, Lively

No Intentions requested

Friday, October 20

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

29th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, October 21

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Maurice & Jackie Dumas by Dumas family

Sunday, October 22

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Barry Jamieson by Albert Nesseth

The Rosary is recited before
Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests
is held each Tuesday at 10:45 AM
at St. Christopher's Church, Whitefish.

A Prayer Line is available for parishioners.
Anyone wishing to pray for a
special Intention, for someone who is ill,
having surgery, for the deceased, or
any other intention may contact
the Prayer Line or the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Offering Masses is a long standing
tradition in the Catholic Church.

An Individual may ask a priest to offer a
Mass for several reasons.

For example, in Thanksgiving, for the
intentions of another person (such as on a
Birthday or an Anniversary), for someone
who is sick or for the repose of the soul of
someone who has died.

Call the Parish Office: 705-682-4683

28th Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: October 16 to October 22, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Romans 1.1-7	Luke 11.29-32
Tuesday	Romans 1. 16-25	Luke 11.37-41
Wednesday	2 Timothy 4. 9-17	Luke 10.1-9
Thursday	Romans 3. 21-30	Luke 11. 47-54
Friday	Romans 4. 1-8	Luke 12.1-7
Saturday	Romans 4. 13, 16-18	Luke 12. 8-12
Sunday	Isaiah 45. 1, 4-6 // 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-5	Matthew 22.15-21

Sunday Collection - October 08, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 819	\$ 58	\$ 805
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 485	\$ 26	\$ 780
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 470	\$ 157	\$ 645

28th Week of Ordinary Time

In the **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we hear the story from **Matthew** about the King who gave a banquet for his son and invited many guests. It is a powerful story about rejecting Jesus' own invitation and about God's universal invitation to a new group of 'chosen' people.

This week we celebrate the Memorial of **Saint Ignatius of Antioch**, the **Feast of St. Luke**, and the Memorial of the North American Martyrs, the Jesuit **Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions**.

We begin reading Paul's **Letter to the Romans** for our first reading this week. After a powerful introduction, Paul writes this community in Rome about God's righteousness (mercy or kindness) and justification (making us holy or one with God) which comes to us, not through the law but through faith in Jesus.

Each day we move through **Luke's gospel** as people gather around Jesus. He declines to give a sign other than the sign of Jonah. At a Pharisee's house Jesus calls for authenticity: '**give alms and everything will be clean for you**'. He challenges the religious practices of the Pharisees which miss the heart of fidelity to God and mercy toward others. Jesus tries to get them to see that, while they honor the prophets, they are no better than their ancestors who ignored and killed the prophets. Instead of hearing him, the religious leaders plot to trap Jesus. Warning his disciples about imitating religious hypocrisy, Jesus tells them not to be afraid, even of death, but to only fear losing their souls. Acknowledging Jesus is enough to save us. When we make our defense of our faith and way of life, the Holy Spirit will teach us what to say.


On the **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we see **Matthew's gospel** tell us of the Pharisee plot to set a trap for Jesus. This time they use politics to see if he will offend either Rome or the people. Should they pay Rome's census tax? Jesus pushes the challenge back to them: '**Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God**'. What is it they must repay to God that is God's? Their trust in Jesus - God's gift to them.

28th Ordinary Week - Daily Prayer This Week

From Sunday to Sunday there is so much here for us about authenticity. Jesus invites us to simplicity - to let go of the things that bind us and '**come, follow me**'. He wants to take us beyond obedience to the law or acts of piety. These are not bad in themselves, but they can hold a particular vulnerability to in-authenticity or hypocrisy, unless they are rooted in deep reliance upon God and faith in Jesus as our Savior. Mere cleanliness on the outside or placing burdens on people's shoulders leaves us still far away from an experience of God's love that overflows into love and mercy for others.

This week, let's wake up each day and ask God for the grace to be more authentic. While putting on our slippers, standing next to the bed for just 30 seconds, let's give this special focus to our day. While washing up or getting dressed, on the way to work, while doing laundry or walking down the hall to a meeting, saying a brief grace before even a quick meal, we can remind ourselves of this desire in our hearts. Choosing humility is simply choosing honesty in very small ways. Throughout our days, each of us can find words to express to God our desire to be more honest and transparent with ourselves and with others. '**Lord, let me be just who I am today. I know that in your eyes I'm a loved sinner. In grateful humility, don't let me be harsh or judgmental with my family, with friends or co-workers. Let me give up bragging, shading the truth, any kind of falsehood. I want to abstain today from even thoughts that take me down a road of cheating on my relationships, my commitments and my relationship with you**'.

This is all about focus and choosing to place our attention on our relationship with Jesus in the most ordinary moments of our day. As we end each day, we can give thanks that our desire was given to us - that whenever we open our hearts, our God is always there, ready to bless our desires.



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doors to Christ!
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28th Ordinary Week - Reflection

In today's readings, the theme of invitation draws us into the freedom that Jesus offers us. The first reading from Isaiah promises the beleaguered people of Israel that not only will their lives be filled with food and comfort but **'the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face'**. This offered the hope that Israel would someday be able to say to God, **'let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!'** Psalm 23 is universally beloved with God as our shepherd, carrying us with gentle love, guiding us through green valleys and refreshing waters. It paints a picture of a life with God where **'only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life'**. Paul's letter to his close friends in the Philippian community is a counterpoint to the abundance of the Isaiah reading. Here, Paul assures them that he knows **'how to live in humble circumstances'**. He writes that he has learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. And in a poignant personal note he adds, **'Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress'**. His secret for bearing any suffering is his faith that **'my God will fully supply'** whatever we need, **'in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus'**.

In Matthew's Gospel we hear the parable of the king who gave a wedding feast for his son but his invitations were spurned. When he extended the invitation to the people in the streets, **'they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests'**. But one of the guests did not dress in a wedding garment - perhaps as insulting to the host as today coming to a wedding in a bathing suit. When he refuses to answer questions about his dress, the king orders, **'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth'**.

I couldn't help thinking that this king's response to his guest was a parallel to the way Jesus cares for us and invites us through the story of Lazarus. His beloved friend had died and Jesus stood in the doorway of the tomb comforting Lazarus' sisters. Then he called, **'Lazarus, come out!'** and Lazarus responded immediately to Jesus' invitation. He came out from the tomb.

Where the king in today's gospel ordered the guest's hand and feet be bound and he be cast into the darkness, with wailing and grinding of teeth, Jesus does the opposite with Lazarus - and with us. He calls for Lazarus to have his hands and feet unbound from the burial cloths and to come out of the darkness of the tomb into the light with Jesus. Rather than a wailing in the darkness, Lazarus was met with the rejoicing cries of his sisters and all of those who loved him as he came to life again.

Jesus invites us to that summoning back to life, the invitation to unbind ourselves from the things that tie us up. Today we can become aware of how much God longs for a deeper relationship with us, one where we realize that God is not in our minds, but deeply settled in our hearts, just waiting for us to notice. And if we really take the time today to listen, we will hear Jesus say deep in our hearts, **'Untie him and let him go. Untie her and let her go'**.