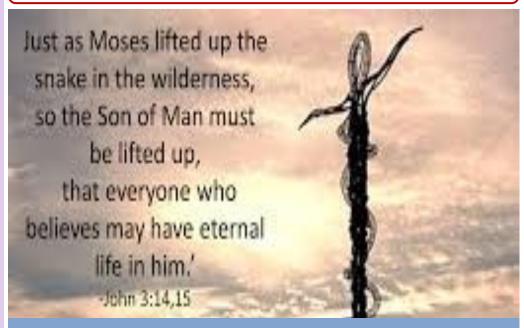
# St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

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# Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 10, 2024



For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

# ~John 3:16~

**Lenten Penitential Service** Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM St. Stanislaus Church, Copper Cliff

## **Stations of the Cross**

St. Christopher, Whitefish - Tuesday after 10 AM Mass St. Pius X, Lively - Wednesday after 10 AM Mass St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff - Friday after 9:30 AM Mass

**Parish Priest : Rev. Father Arulkumar** 

> **Parish Secretary : Fave 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 : Fave Wafer 705-682-3207 or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596 St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061

or Denise Stewart 705-6924883

**St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre** 705-866-2235

#### **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 **Čod**.

### Liturgy - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Mass Intentions

Thursday, March 14 Lenten Penitential Service 06:30 PM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

Friday, March 15 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff No Intensions requested

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 16

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively
† Emile Villeneuve by Sheila Makela Sunday, March 17

**09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish** For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff† Jack Kehoe by Eleanor Kehoe

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137:1-2 Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember you!

| Day       | Reading                             | Gospel                |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday    | Isaiah 65.17-21                     | John 4.43-54          |
| Tuesday   | Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12                  | John 5.1-16           |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 49.8-15                      | John 5.16-30          |
| Thursday  | Exodus 32.7-14                      | John 5.18,31-47++     |
| Friday    | Wisdom 2.1a, 12-22                  | John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Saturday  | Jeremiah 11.18-20                   | John 7.40-53          |
| Sunday    | Jeremiah 31.31-34++ / Hebrews 5.7-9 | John 12.20-33         |

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 11 to March 17, 2024

Page 3 **Parish News** - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher Sunday Collection - March 03, 2024 **Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!** Church PADP **Envelopes** Loose \$ 100.00 \$ St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff **\$ 717.00** St. Pius X, Lively \$ 585.00 \$ 76.00 \$ \$ 370.00 \$ 95.00 \$ St. Christopher, Whitefish

# **Fourth Week of Lent**

The **Fourth Sunday of Lent** we read Jesus' words to Nicodemus in the **Fourth Gospel**. Jesus will be lifted up on the cross to heal us from the power of sin and death. This gospel, which is written like a trial, tells us the verdict. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life'.

Our gospels this week are all from **John's Gospel**. After two days of healing stories, the opposition against Jesus builds. In Cana, in Galilee, Jesus heals the son of a royal official. Back down in Jerusalem, he heals a man who was sick for 38 years, incurring the wrath of his enemies because he did it on the Sabbath. Because of this, and because he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus says his opponents do not want to come to him for life. He calls God his father and says, 'I have testimony greater than John's'. Unafraid of his opponents, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast and openly tells people that he has come from God. They did not arrest him then, 'for his hour had not yet come'. Thinking they know where Jesus is from (in both senses: where he lived now and his origin in heaven), his enemies insist that Jesus can't be a prophet: 'Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee'.

On the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, we will use **John's Gospel**. Jesus says that the 'hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'. However, he describes this glory in a surprising way, which explains who he is for us and who we are called to be: 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit'. 'Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be'.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Registration forms for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation** and **First Communion** will be available after each Mass weekend. The children in **grades two, three** and **four are eligible**.

St. James School students will receive the forms at school and will return them to the school by March 22, 2024.

Other registration forms may be returned to the Parish office or placed in the collection basket on March 23/24, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted.

If the child was baptized in a parish other than St. Christopher, St. Pius X or St. Stanislaus a recent copy of the baptismal certificate must be submitted with the registration form.

If there are questions and / or concerns, please contact the Parish office.

**FAREWELL PARTY FOR FATHER ARULKUMAR** Starts at 4:30 PM Sunday April 14, 2024 Please call the office for tickets and details - Thank You



## **Daily Prayer This Week**

The gospels this week make it very clear, toward the end of the week, that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The keys are openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more

integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. But it is not a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

# From St. Pius X Church - Stations of the Cross - Friday March 22, 2024 Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM followed by Soup