

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
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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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24th Ordinary Sunday - September 17, 2023



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Wednesday, September 20

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Lena Besner by Leo Pevato

Thursday, September 21

10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

† Daughter Laura by Yvette Beland

Friday, September 22

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

25th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, September 23

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, September 24

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Franco Presello by Adele Presello

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

24th Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103

**The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow
to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: September 18 to September 24, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	1 Timothy 2. 1-7	Luke 7. 1-10
Tuesday	1 Timothy 3. 1-13	Luke 7. 11-17
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3. 14-16	Luke 7. 31-35
Thursday	Ephesians 4. 1-7, 11-13	Matthew 9. 9-13
Friday	1 Timothy 6.2-12	Luke 8. 1-3
Saturday	1 Timothy 6. 13-16	Luke 8. 4-15
Sunday	Isaiah 55. 6-9 // Philippians 1. 20-24, 27	Matthew 20. 1-16

Sunday Collection - September 10, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 1185	\$ 20	\$ 805
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 710	\$ 42	\$ 780
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 685	\$ 82	\$ 665

24th Week of Ordinary Time

For the **Twenty-Fourth week in Ordinary Time** we are invited to reflect on how we forgive. Peter asks Jesus 'how often' we must forgive, asking the extent of Jesus' call for mercy. The parable of the forgiven servant who can't forgive is meant to give us clear guidance for our lives as followers of Jesus: if we are forgiven, we must forgive others.

This week we celebrate the **Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs** and the **Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist**, as well as the **Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**.

We continue reading from Paul's **First Letter to Timothy**. It begins this week with the great prayer for our leaders. He then says how bishops and deacons should behave. He urges Timothy to be especially caring for the youth. Paul warns Timothy of the troubles of riches. Finally, Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful.

In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus praises the faith of the Roman centurion who understands Jesus' power to heal. Jesus then raises from the dead the son of the widow of Nain. In response to constant criticism from religious authorities, Jesus compares the critics to children taunting their playmates. We read of the woman who entered a dinner Jesus was attending and wept over his feet, washing them with her tears, showing what real love is. Luke, who highlights the role of women in his gospel, tells us of women who accompanied Jesus and his disciples. Finally, Jesus gives us the Parable of the Sower and its interpretation about how temptations and shallow roots can prevent the Word from growing in us or how 'the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life' can choke the Word.

For the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we receive the powerful parable about the landlord who represents God's way of caring for us. Though workers go out into his vineyard at various times of the day, he pays them all the same. When they grumble, he simply explains that he desires to be generous. How this can change our view of God and our own sense of justice?

24th Ordinary Week - Daily Prayer This Week


Who among us hasn't wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.

These days, the news stories are centered on war and conflict, and on financial collapse centered on greed. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week's readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God's love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free.

We could ask the Lord this week to help us assess what we really need. Do riches become a trouble for us? Do anxieties and the pleasures of life choke my reception of the Word? Can we ask for the desire to walk through our days with trust in Jesus' power to heal, to bring what is dead to life? Each of us can make this daily desire request and reflection very concrete. And, as we prepare for the weekend, we can begin reflecting on how happy I am that God is merciful and generous, even toward those that I don't think 'deserve' it.

As we begin each day with a desire, we can end each day with gratitude for what we received.



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Forgive others and God will forgive you - By Pope Francis (March 10, 2015)

In order to ask forgiveness from God, we must follow the teaching of the 'Our Father': we must repent sincerely for our sins, knowing that God always forgives, and just as willingly forgive others. This was the centerpiece of Pope Francis' remarks to the faithful following the readings of the day at Mass in the chapel of the Santa Marta residence in the Vatican.

Focusing primarily on the reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:21-35), in which the Lord counsels His disciples to forgive 'seventy times seven' times, i.e. always and without stint, the Holy Father addressed the close connection between God's forgiveness of our sins and our forgiveness of others.

Drawing on the Old Testament reading from the prophet Daniel, which tells of Azariah's appeal to God for clemency, which he makes on behalf of the people, acknowledged as sinful and in need of pardon for having abandoned the way of the Lord. Azariah does not ask God simply to excuse, or to overlook, the sinfulness of the people, but to forgive them:

'Asking forgiveness is another thing: it's not the same as simply saying, 'excuse me'. Did I make a mistake? 'Sorry, I made a mistake. But, 'I have sinned!' - that is different: the one has nothing to do with the other. Sin is not a simple mistake. Sin is idolatry: it is to worship the idol, the idol of pride, vanity, money, 'my self', my own 'well-being'. So many idols do we have: and for this, Azariah does not apologize: he asks forgiveness'.

Forgiveness must be asked sincerely, whole-heartedly - and forgiveness must be given whole-heartedly to those, who have injured us. The Pope recalled the action of the servant in the Gospel reading, who, having been forgiven a great debt by his master, yet fails to show such generosity of spirit to a fellow. The Holy Father explained that the dynamics of forgiveness are those, which Jesus teaches us in the Our Father: 'Jesus teaches us to pray to the Father in this way: 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors'. If I am not able to forgive, then I am not able to ask for forgiveness. 'But, Father, I confess, I go to confession'. 'And what do you do before you confess?' 'Well, I think of the things I did wrong'. 'Alright' 'Then I ask the Lord for forgiveness and promise not to do those things again'. 'Okay...and then go to the priest? Before you do, however, you're missing something: have you forgiven those who have hurt you?'

In sum, Pope Francis said that the forgiveness God will give you requires the forgiveness that you give to others: 'This is what Jesus teaches us about forgiveness: first, asking forgiveness is not a simple apology, it is to be aware of the sin, of the idolatry that I have committed, of the many idolatries; second, God always forgives, always - but He asks me to forgive (others). If I do not forgive, in a sense, I close the door to God's forgiveness. 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors'.