

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

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**12th Ordinary Sunday - June 21, 2020**



Parish Priest :

**Rev. Father Arulkumar**

D. O. S : **Ethel Fraser**  
**Whitefish Lake First Nation**

Parish Secretary :

**Faye Wafer**

Office Hours :

**Tuesday to Friday**  
**12:00 PM to 4:00 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**

**Friday : 9:00 AM to 9:15 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](mailto:ststans@eastlink.ca)

**Before 12:00 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**  
**or Denise Stewart 705-692-4883**

**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.

**Re-Opening Churches for Sunday Celebrations:**

**St. Stanislaus: Sunday 21, 2020 - 11.00 AM**

**St. Pius X: Saturday 27, 2020 - 4.30 PM**

**St. Christopher: Sunday 28 - 9.00 AM**

**Note: The parishioners are strongly advised  
to attend their own Parish due to the  
seating capacity of the Church. Thank you.**

**You can reach the Office by Phone only**

**Tuesday to Thursday - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Friday - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**



### Tuesday, June 23

**09:30 AM Mass**

† Lionel Gauthier by Debbie Pyette

### Wednesday, June 24

**09:30 AM Mass**

† Ken Kay by Marjorie Marcolini

### Thursday, June 25

**09:30 A:M Mass**

† Bev Lafleur by Dan & Kristine Denomme

### Friday, June 26

**09:30 AM Mass**

† Jack Hodgins by Barb Koritko & family

### 13th Ordinary Sunday

#### Saturday, June 27

**04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively**

† Bev Lafleur by St. Pius X Choir

#### Sunday, June 28

**09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish**

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

**11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

† Vincent Gionet by Oscar Gionet

The Rosary is recited before  
**Saturday and Sunday Mass.**

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests  
is held each Tuesday at 9:15 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.

### 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**

**12th Ordinary Sunday**  
**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 69**  
**Lord, in your steadfast love,**  
**answer me.**

### Weekdays Scripture Readings: June 22 to June 28, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15, 18	Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday	2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36	Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:1-6 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Luke 1:57-66, 80
Thursday	2 Kings 24:8-17	Matthew 7:21-29
Friday	2 Kings :25:1-12	Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday	Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19	Matthew 8:5-17
Sunday	2 Kings 4:8-12, 14-16      Romans 6:3-4, 8-11	Matthew 10:37-42

### 12th Ordinary Sunday - Matthew 10:26-33 - By Fr. Gaetano Piccolo

*How much is my life really worth? And who cares?* These are the questions that trouble our hearts during times of disappointment, when we feel defeated and misunderstood. Life is an unavoidable battle and we have no choice but to pick a side. Thus, as much as he would have liked to bring peace, Jesus caused tensions and conflicts with his message. And yet it is also true that at the climax of the injustice against him, he refused to defend himself.

Jesus speaks to his disciples with clarity, foretelling of the conflicts they will run into. This passage from the Gospel of Matthew is a part of **the message of Jesus to his disciples as he sends them out on their mission**. They could be the words by which we are invited to live out each day. Every day we find ourselves confronted by conflicts and opposition, every day we are called to choose what side we want to be on.

It's not by accident that Jesus links together **a series of conflicts** that his disciples will have to face. Some think of **concealing themselves**; they think that it is possible to keep what they truly think hidden in their hearts. These are those who hide in the **darkness**, deceiving themselves by thinking that their actions go unseen.

To these people, Jesus foretells of the **light**: there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. The disciples of Jesus ought to live in such a way that they never fear the light. In the rules for discernment, Ignatius of Loyola translates these words of Jesus into some practical advice which was very useful in his time:

*Thirteenth Rule: Likewise, the devil acts as a licentious suitor that wants to be secret and not revealed. For, as the licentious man who, speaking for an evil purpose, solicits a daughter of a good father or a wife of a good husband, wants his words and persuasions to be secret, and the contrary displeases him much, when the daughter reveals to her father or the wife to her husband his licentious words and depraved intention, because he easily gathers that he will not be able to succeed with the undertaking begun: in the same way, when the enemy of human nature brings his wiles and persuasions to the just soul, he wants and desires that they be received and kept in secret; but when one reveals them to his good Confessor or to another spiritual person that knows his deceits and evil ends, it is very grievous to him, because he gathers, from his manifest deceits being discovered, that he will not be able to succeed with his wickedness begun (Spiritual Exercises, 326).*

**The disciple that confronts the conflicts of daily life can't help getting injured or wrapped up in them**, just like the traveller that must cross through a forest of brambles can't help but get scratched. And yet there is something more profound that remains untouched. **Though the body may show visible signs of battle, there is an inner core that belongs to God alone and remains pure. For this reason Jesus contrasts the exteriority of the body and the interiority of the soul.**

This is how, as Ignatius continues, one can **truly attain humility**: not through our own efforts that lead to a false humility - for the desire of the will to be humble only increases our vanity - but by accepting humiliations, that is accepting not being recognized or rewarded when we deserve it: *I want and choose... humiliations with Christ humiliated rather than honors; and to desire to be rated as worthless and a fool for Christ, who first was held as such, rather than wise or prudent in this world (Spiritual Exercises, 167).*

And yet, despite the loving care of God, **the sparrows falls to the ground and the disciple is killed**. It is then that we ask ourselves what our life is worth and if God really cares. Perhaps it is not the reality of defeat or failure that determines the value of our life but how faithful we were to Christ, accepting our impotence. Even in our powerlessness and defeat, Jesus puts forward another opposition: one can *acknowledge* Christ or *deny* him, you can stay or you can go. Mary stood firm at the foot of the Cross despite her powerlessness.

Many times the only thing life asks of us is this: to stand firm despite our powerlessness because it is precisely in that moment that it is possible to recognize - not only with the head, but also with the heart - that the smallest sparrow is in the hands of God. Standing firm despite being powerless is certainly the greatest act of faith.

#### Questions for personal reflection:

*If the secrets of your heart were revealed publicly, would you have anything to fear?*

*How do you react when you are unable to do good despite your efforts?*





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