

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
or Denise Stewart 705-692-4883
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 God.

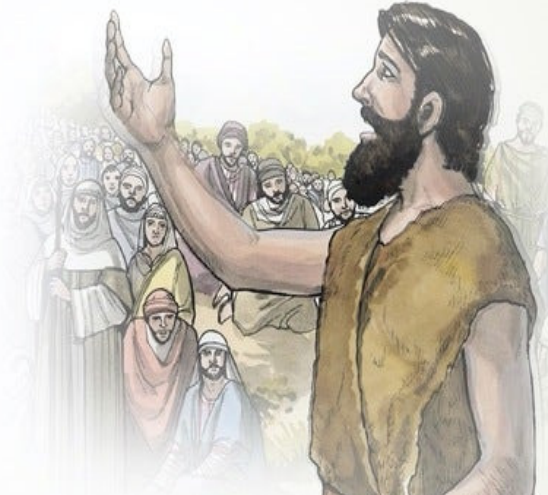
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Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

Repent,
for the
kingdom
of heaven
is at hand



Matthew 3:1-12

**Get Ready for the
Kingdom!**

Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 - 6:30 PM
at St. Stanislaus Church, Copper Cliff

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, December 6

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Nathan Heerschap by family

Wednesday, December 7

10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

For the intentions of St. Pius X

Thursday, December 8

09:30 AM - St. James School, Lively

No intention Requested

Friday, December 09

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parish

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 10

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Rita & Mac McBain by Cecelia Jamison

Sunday, December 11

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Frances Chenard by Juliette Boisvert

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 72

**In his days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound forever.**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 5 to December 11, 2022

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10	Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40. 1-11	Matthew 18. 12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40. 25-31	Matthew 11. 28-30
Thursday	Genesis 3. 9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12	Luke 1. 26-38
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19	Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4, 9-11	Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 35. 1-6, 10	Matthew 11. 2-11

Sunday Collection - November 26 / 27, 2022

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 545	\$ 36.50	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 387	\$ 15	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 670	\$ 125	\$

Second Week of Advent

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear **Isaiah** write of peace and prosperity that will come when the 'root of Jesse' blossoms. 'Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them'. **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths'.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church**. Thursday is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** with its own special readings.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. 'Comfort, give comfort to my people', says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in, the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, 'They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings'. He offers support: 'I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'. The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, 'I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go'. The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

The gospels this week, taken from various evangelists, show Jesus as the fulfillment of the liberation promised. Jesus heals the paralytic. He tends to the lost sheep of his flock. He comforts us who labor and are burdened. Jesus teaches a true wisdom.

The **Third Sunday of Advent** repeats an Isaiah reading from earlier in the week, filled with promise, healing and a hope for our longing: 'Then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.... They will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee'. In **Matthew's Gospel**, John the Baptist hears of Jesus' work and sends a message to his cousin: 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?' Jesus replies that his work speaks for itself. 'The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them'.

Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, 'What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?' The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, 'There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!' or 'What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!' We can hear, 'You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary'. 'Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom'.

