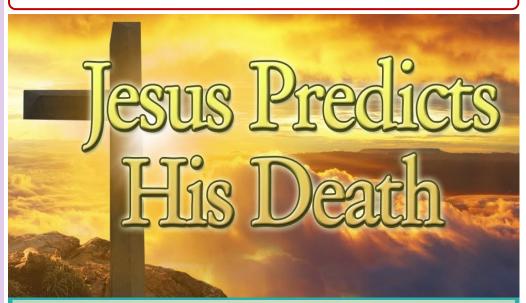
St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2024



THE MAN WHO LOVES HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT. WHILE THE MAN WHO HATES HIS LIFE IN THIS WOTELD WILL KEEP IT FOR ETETZNAL LIFE.

JOHN 17:75

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Spiritual Bouquet for Faye Wafer

On the occasion of Fave Wafer's retirement as office administrator, parishioners are invited to offer her a Spiritual Bouquet. After weekend Masses on March 16/17 and March 23/24 sign-up sheets will be available at the entrances of the churches.

Suggested offerings are prayers, rosary, novena, Mass etc. No name is necessary.

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

Wednesday, March 20 10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively † Sylvie Regimbal and Parents by C. Regimbal & family

Thursday, March 21 10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively No Intentions requested

Friday, March 22 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff No Intensions requested

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Saturday, March 23
04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively
† Martin Maloney by Sudbury District School Board

Sunday, March 24 09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish † Tony Sokolowski, Pauline & Sam Kobuziak by Pat & Darwin Brunne

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 51 Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Day	Reading	Gospel			
Monday	Daniel 13.1-9, 15-17	John 8.1-11			
Tuesday	2 Samuel 7.4-5a, 12-14a	Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24a			
Wednesday	Daniel 3.13-20, 24	John 8.31-42			
Thursday	Genesis 17.3-9	John 8.51-59			
Friday	Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13++	John 10.31-42			
Saturday	Ezekiel 37.21-28	John 11.45-56			
Sunday	Issaah 50.4-7 / Philippians 2.6-11	Mark 14.1 - 15.47			

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 18 to March 24, 2024

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Sunday Collection - March 10, 2024			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!			
Church	Envelo	opes	Loose	PADP		
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 785.00		\$ 80.00	\$ 805.00		
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 565.00		\$ 62.00	\$ 930.00		
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 290.00		\$ 140.00	\$ 645.00		

Fifth Week of Lent

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."

The first readings this week prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but well worth reading, story of Susanna, which ends in "blessing God who saves those who hope in him." The bronze serpent on a pole reminds us of Jesus' saving cross. Three young men refuse to commit idolatry and show us how God protects "the servants who trusted in him." God entered a covenant with Abraham. In the midst of his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, "For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" God promises to unite the people in an everlasting covenant.

Our gospels are again from the Fourth Gospel. Presented with a woman caught in adultery Jesus

replies, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Reminding us of the bronze serpent and his death, Jesus says, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM." To the children of Abraham and to us Jesus declares, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "Whoever keeps my word will never see death. ... Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." They heard what they thought was blasphemy and tried to stone him. Jesus simply told the truth, because, "the Father is in me and I am in the Father." After the raising of Lazarus, the plans were set to destroy Jesus. The high priest says the prophetic words, "it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish."

On **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** we make our way into **Holy Week**. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole **Passion**, this year from **Mark's Gospel**

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2024

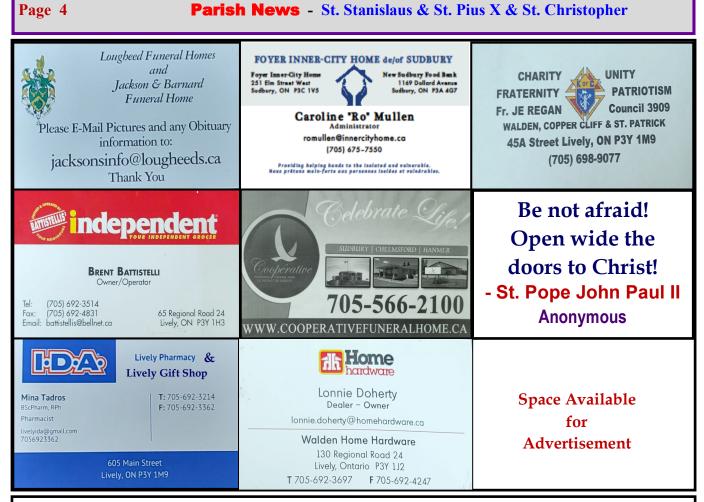
Registration forms for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation** and **First Communion** will be available after each Mass weekend. The children in **grades two, three** and **four are eligible**.

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.



Daily Prayer This Week

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts in more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to tract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude realizing this was all for me.

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

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