

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

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

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
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Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we
strive to bring ourselves closer to God
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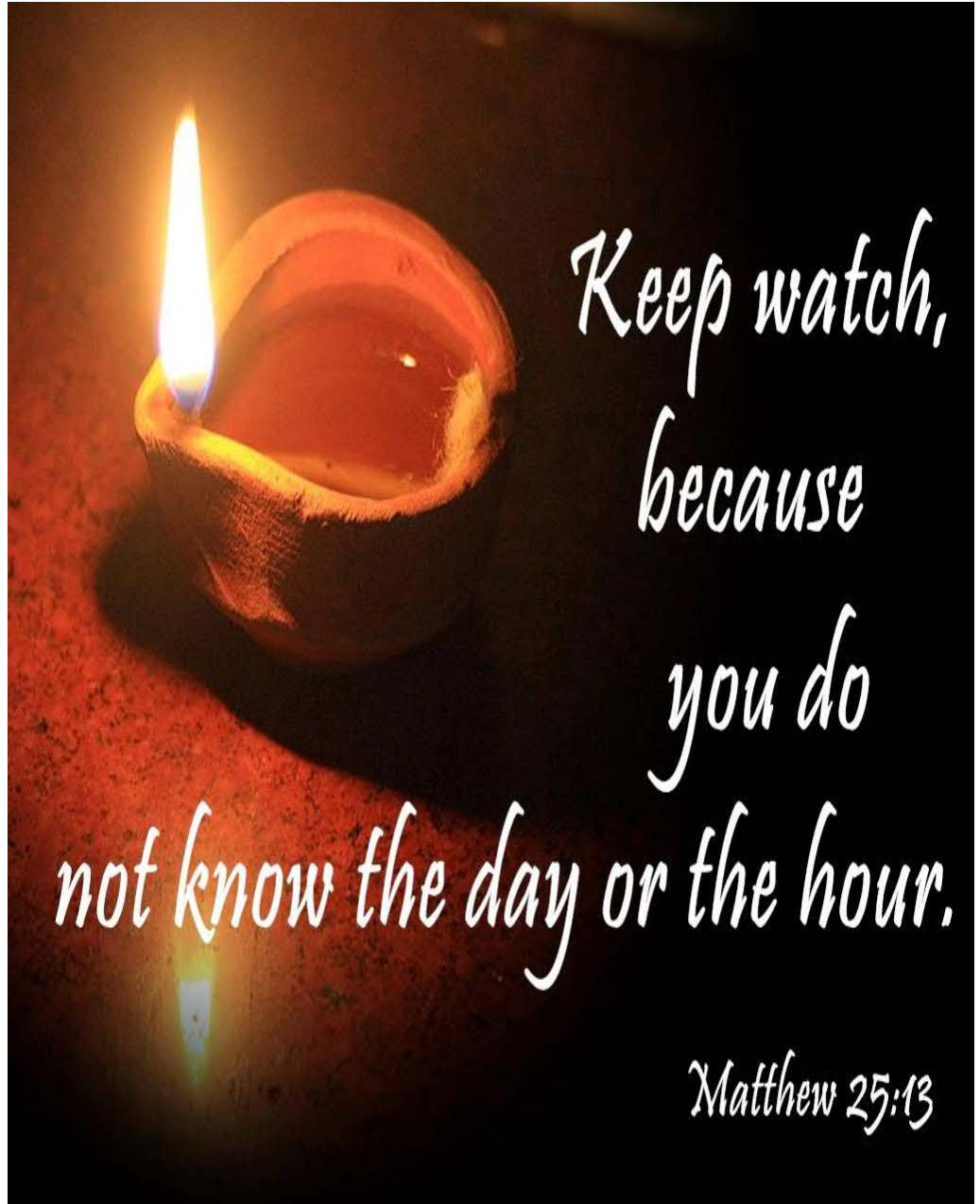
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32nd Ordinary Sunday - Nov. 08, 2020



*Keep watch,
because
you do
not know the day or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

You can reach the Office by Phone only
Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM
Thank you!

Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 10

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention

Wednesday, November 11

09:30 AM - Mass

No intentions

Thursday, November 12

09:30 A:M - Mass

No intention

Friday, November 13

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention

33rd Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, November 14

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Walter Marcolini by the Family

Sunday, November 15

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Fern Lee by Margaret & Givilio Bartolucci

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 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

32nd Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 63

My soul thirsts for you,
O Lord my God.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: November 09 to November 15, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12	John 2:3-22
Tuesday	Titus 2:1-8, 11-14	Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Titus 3:1-7	Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Philemon 7-20	Luke 17:20-25
Friday	2 John 4-9	Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	3 John 5-8	Luke 18:1-8
Sunday	Proverb 31:10-13, 16-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6	Matthew 25:14-30

32nd Ordinary Sunday - Virgins and Vigilance (Matthew 25:1-13)

A first-century Jewish wedding began after nightfall. The bridesmaids, after spending time with the bride, would go out to meet the bridegroom. Since it was dark, they would carry some sort of light, either an oil lamp or a torch made of oil-soaked rags. They would then escort the bridegroom to the bride. The wedding party then made their way through the village, usually taking a long and meandering route in order to share their joy with as many of the townspeople as possible. They eventually went to the bridegroom's home, where a great banquet awaited all of the family members and guests.

The parable of the ten virgins takes place within this festive and joyful context, yet the final message is a sober exhortation to be properly prepared. The virgins are apparently the bridesmaids who were to escort the bridegroom (along with his bride) to his home and the banquet. They awaited the arrival of the bridegroom, but he was *'long delayed'*. **Why? No reason is given, but *the focus is not on the reason for the delay, but on the preparedness of the virgins.***

It is striking that all of the virgins *'became drowsy and fell asleep'*, but that half of them, upon awaking, needed oil. Those five desperately demanded that the five wise virgins share some of the oil they had brought along in case there was a delay. However, if the wise virgins shared the oil, the fuel would be quickly consumed and they would risk meeting the bridegroom without the expected and welcome light.

On another level, the refusal of the wise virgins makes even more sense. The ten virgins are commonly understood to represent disciples of Jesus the Bridegroom. *'These five and five virgins are all Christian souls together'*, wrote St. Augustine, who said they are souls who *'have the Catholic faith and seem to have good works in the church of God'*. **The oil signifies good works**, an interpretation drawn from the connection made by Jesus between the lamp that shines before men and good works (Matt 5:15-16). Augustine, referring to St. Paul's great reflection on love in 1 Corinthians 13, said the oil signifies charity, 'the gift of God'. There is no contradiction between the two, because our good works are nothing without love (cf., 1 Cor 13:1-3). The wise virgins couldn't give their oil to the foolish virgins because **no one can borrow the good works of others to make up for the good works they've failed to do. Each person must**, Paul wrote, *'work out (their) own salvation with fear and trembling'* (Phil 2:12).

Augustine further identified the drowsiness and sleep of the virgins with death. This makes sense because chapters 24 and 25 of Matthew's Gospel are focused on the last things, including final judgment (see Matt 24:3, 13; 25:31ff). In fact, the moment of death is the moment of judgment. *'Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death'*, states the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, **'in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ...'** Further, in the words of St. John of the Cross: *'At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love'* (par 1022).

Because the five wise virgins were perfected in good works and charity, they 'were ready' and so 'went into the wedding feast with him'. And then the door was locked. The cry of the foolish virgins - 'Lord, Lord...!' - brings further into focus the meaning of true discipleship, for it echoes Jesus' earlier statement from the Sermon on the Mount: 'Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven' (Matt 7:21).

In light of this, Jesus said, we must stay awake - that is, be spiritually vigilant and mindful the Bridegroom will indeed come. For now, we live in a *'time of waiting and watching'* (CCC, 672).

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