

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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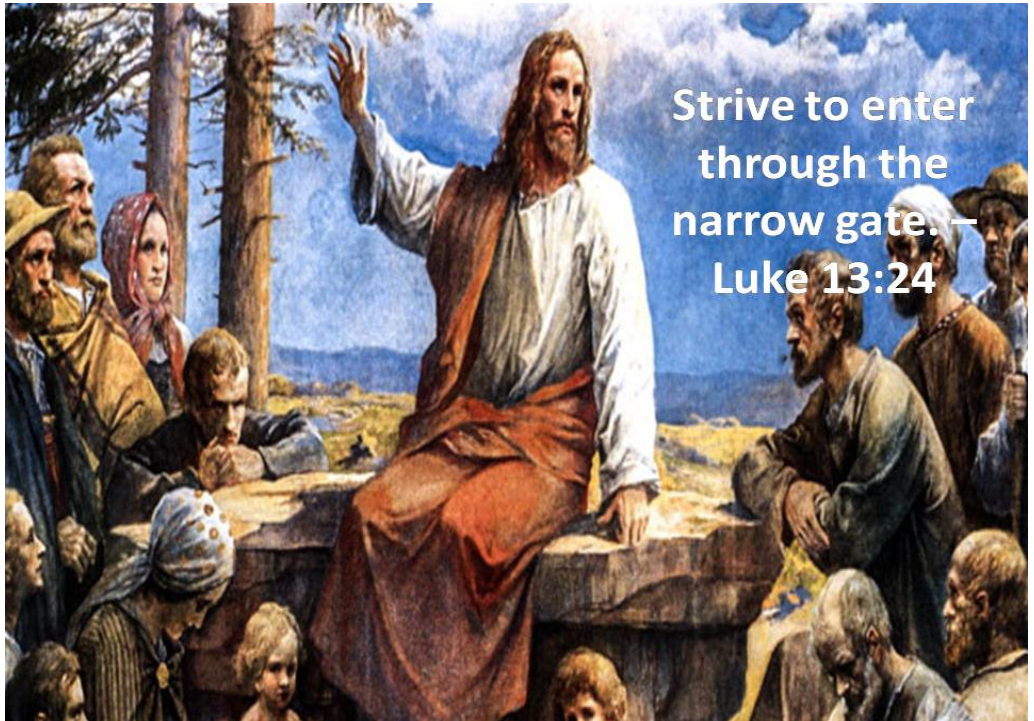
Mission Statement :

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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21st Ordinary Sunday - August 21, 2022



Strive to enter
through the
narrow gate. —
Luke 13:24

Jesus and the Narrow Door
Luke 13:22-30

Are you In or Out?

Luke 13.22-30

Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK

22nd Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, August 27

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

Sheila & Eero Makela 50th Wed. Ann. by
K.Seiler

Sunday, August 28

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Lionel Gauthier by Hugette Gauthier

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 10:15 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

21st Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 117

**Go into all the world and proclaim
the good news.**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 22 to August 28, 2022

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	2 Thessalonians 1:1-15, 11-12	Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17	Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	Revelation 21:9-14 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle	John 1:45-51
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:17-25	Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday	Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 / Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday Collection - August 13 / 14, 2022

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 633	\$	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 535	\$	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 500	\$ 150	\$

21st Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time** Jesus cautions us about the difficulty of the Christian life, saying many will be unable to 'enter through the narrow gate'. Jesus indicates it is those we do not expect who will be the first in the Kingdom: 'Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last'.

Monday is the **Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Wednesday is the **Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**, with its own special readings, and Saturday the **Memorial of Saint Monica**.

For the first reading we begin with a few selections from the **Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians** and then we move to readings from the **First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians** for the next several weeks.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes stories of Jesus strongly challenging the Pharisees. He saw how they made people's lives so difficult by their insistence on the rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith. He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message: 'Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!' His criticism grows stronger: 'On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing'. Jesus teaches about preparation: 'Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come'. In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again, 'Stay awake'. Saturday's gospel is the dramatic story of the three servants who are given resources by their master and rewarded or punished for what they did with the resources they had.

Sunday is the **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We are encouraged to embrace humility. The first reading from the **Book of Sirach** says it simply: 'Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God'. In **Luke's gospel** is a beloved story of Jesus saying, 'do not recline at table in the place of honor' at a banquet. 'For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted'.

Daily Prayer This Week

Like physical exercises which build strength and stamina, these exercises for finding intimacy with God in our everyday lives involve practice. Nobody ever got good at soccer or baseball, running or dancing without careful practice that becomes a habit, a way of life. And, no one even attempts such a regimen without great desire. The same is true with having a better relationship with our Lord. It takes great desire to sustain a routine of reflection and affective, intimate conversation. Such prayerful focus and connectedness takes discipline, but it quickly becomes natural. And, the rewards are phenomenal.

We can practice this week by asking ourselves some deep questions in the background of our life each day. Beginning each day by briefly expressing a desire to be more self-aware and transparent with our Lord, we can ask ourselves some probing questions.

In what ways am I a hypocrite? How do I use a double standard - harsher on others than I am on myself? How do I like to appear as a religious person, but actually lack mercy and deeds of charity? Am I a good steward of the gifts with which God has entrusted me?

As I grow in the ability to reflect throughout the day, I might try to recognize my inner spirit, my attitudes, the ways I respond. It is a way of staying alert and places me with my Lord in conversation, in the background as I make decisions, as I experience my reactions to events and people. Sometimes, I might just be saying 'Thank you, Lord', expressing gratitude for what I've been given. At other times, that will quickly turn to a reflection on how I will be a good steward of those gifts. Hearing the readings this week, I might want to monitor how my fears or my laziness might prevent me from being bold about using the gifts the Lord has given me to build up the Kingdom in my world.

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