

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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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.

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First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022



Mat. 24:42

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, November 29

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Nellie Langdon by Albert & Edna Hamilton

Wednesday, November 30

10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

Suffering of all humanity by a parishioner

Thursday, December 01

10:00 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

For Matthew Woodliffe by Loretta Woodliffe

Friday, December 02

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intention of St. Stanislaus Parish

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 03

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Harvey Blanchard by Wilf & Flora Tremblay

Sunday, December 04

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† George Proulx by Bertha Proulx & Martha Thibeault

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

First Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 122

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

In St. Stanislaus Church:
This week the Sanctuary lamp is lit in loving
memory of Robert Carmichael.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: November 28 to December 4, 2022

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 4. 2-6	Matthew 8. 5-11, 13
Tuesday	Isaiah 11. 1-10	Luke 10: 21-24
Wednesday	Romans 10. 9-18	Matthew 4. 18-22
Thursday	Isaiah 26. 1-6	Matthew 7. 21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29. 17-24	Matthew 9-27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30. 19-21, 13-26	Matthew 9. 35;10. 1;5, 6-8
Sunday	Isaiah 11. 1-10 / Romans 15. 4-9	Matthew 3. 1-12

Sunday Collection - November 19 / 20, 2022

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 420	\$ 5	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 400	\$ 10	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 270	\$ 199	\$

First Week of Advent

The **First Sunday of Advent** begins a new liturgical year and the beginning of a season filled with the riches of our scripture readings. For the next few weeks, as we focus on **Isaiah**, we read of the promise of peace offered to the people of God: 'They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks'. **Matthew's gospel** is the story of Noah and a caution from Jesus to prepare 'for an hour you do not expect'.

Wednesday is the **Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle**, with its own special readings. Saturday is the Memorial of the great Jesuit missionary, **Saint Francis Xavier, S.J.**

Unlike most of the liturgical year, the focus during the first part of Advent is on the first readings, this week from **the Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. 'One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again'. He promises 'luster and glory' for the people: 'and the fruit of the earth will be honor and splendor for the survivors of Israel'. Even though the family lines of King David and his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: 'On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom'. The prophet tells of feasting and security: 'On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines' and 'A strong city have we; he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us'. Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: 'On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ...' 'On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people'.

The gospels for these weeks are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.


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'.

Daily Prayer This Week

It seems like a contradiction, but it becomes easy to stay focused during Advent. There are many distractions at this time of the year, we seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of parties and social events. But, the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time to reflect this week on how much God promises us.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will 'find joy in the Lord'. And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, 'the Lord binds up the wounds of his people'.

All of this preparation can happen in the simplest way, before the first Christmas decoration goes up. And, for each moment of each day that we encounter a place that we desire, that we long for our Lord's coming, we can express our thanksgiving. Each night we might pray: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? (Ps. 27)



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Beginning Advent:

What are the key first steps to enter into Advent?

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, 'Come, Lord, Jesus'. We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, 'Come into my life. I trust you don't mind if it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don't fear you can't find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give'. Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, 'Come, Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us join again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now'. And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for Christmas' message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent's gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God's will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.

The Two Parts of Advent:

Part 1: up until December 16

While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent, the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day. After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior. So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfillment or connection with the gospel.

Part 2: December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel. So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.