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 705-6924883

St. Christopher: Adrienne McIntyre 705-866-2235

Mission Statement:

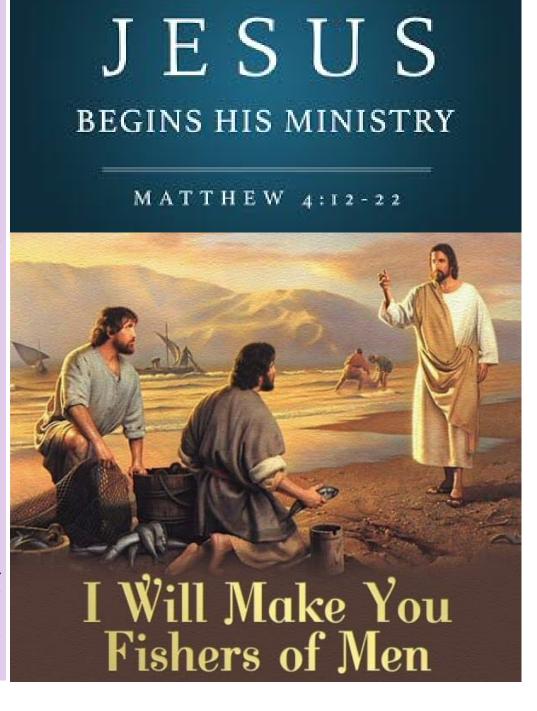
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and a joyous family of God.

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Third Ordinary Sunday - January 22, 2023





Tuesday, January 24
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
No Intentions requested

Wednesday, January 25 10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively For the intentions of St. Pius X Parish

Friday, January 27
09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
† Harro Boeltau by Ursula Wittmer

Fourth Ordinary Sunday
Saturday, January 28

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively† Jeanne G Turcotte by L. Woodlifte

Sunday, January 29

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
† Rita Oreskovich by Brunna Souliere

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

Third Ordinary Sunday
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 27
The Lord is my light and
my salvation.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: January 23 to January 29, 2022

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Hebrews 9. 15; 24-28	Mark 3. 22-30
Tuesday	Hebrews 10.1-10	Mark 16. 15-18
Wednesday	Acts 22. 3-16	Mark 3. 1-6
Thursday	2 Timothy 1. 1-8	Luke 10. 1-9
Friday	Hebrews 10. 32-39	Mark 4. 26-34
Saturday	Hebrews 11. 1-2; 8-19	Mark 4. 35.41
Sunday	Zephaniah 2.3; 3. 12-3 / 1 Corinthians 1. 26-31	Matthew 5. 1-12

Sunday Collection - January 15, 2023			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 660		\$ 48	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 420		\$ 57	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 625		\$ 180	\$	

The Third Week of Ordinary Time

The **Third Sunday of Ordinary Time** brings us to a cycle of **Matthew's gospels** during every Sunday of Ordinary Time this year. This week we see the call of the first disciples as Jesus stops Andrew and his brother, Peter on the beach. 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men'. At once they left their nets and followed him.

Monday is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church. Wednesday is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the apostle with its own special readings. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church.

The first reading this week continues with the **Letter to the Hebrews** which teaches that Jesus is mediator of a new covenant and a priest who 'offered one sacrifice for sins. He took his seat forever at the right hand of God'.

In Mark's Gospel this week, the ever-critical scribes accuse Jesus of being possessed by demons. Jesus responds clearly, 'If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand'. When told his family has arrived to see him, he replies that 'whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'. He tells the imaginative story of the Sower and the seed and after the crowd dispersed, Jesus explains to the disciples that the seed is the word of God, accepted at various levels. He encourages his disciples to show their light: 'Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?' Jesus compares the Kingdom with the tiniest of mustard seeds which grow to 'the largest of plants'. He calms the seas during a storm. His disciples wonder, 'Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?'

On the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Matthew's Gospel gives us the essence of Jesus teaching in the Beatitudes. 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted'.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week is set at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the pictures we get of how challenged and pushed he is prepare us to hear the simple parables he tells us. All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are on the right road and following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust our real mission and that our Lord will be with us through it all.

Each morning this week, we can take a moment, to ask for what we desire. The entire day will be different just by spending 20 seconds sitting at the edge of the bed saying, 'Lord, I want to keep my eyes open today. Whatever comes at me today, I want to stay in touch with you. Thank you'. Another morning I may be aware of a big decision I have to execute that day or a conflict I am planning to face, and I might pray, 'Okay, Lord, this is the day. This is how I live out my relationship with you. Be with me and give me what I need. Keep reminding me I can't do it without you'.

Each day will offer a different brief moment of connection with our Lord, but each will ground the day. Then it is so very easy, while in the shower or walking down a hall, for just brief moments here and there in the background of our day, to stay in touch with our Lord. These guides can help keep us focused on the nourishing Word which interacts with our daily life. Every day can seem like a living Parable of the Sower. There is seed being scattered all around us and we can see and experience our degrees of receptivity. And while we are doing the best we can, all day, every day, in a variety of things, we can be consoled by the Lord's smile reminding us that the Kingdom is like a mustard seed. The real graces come from very small seeds, the smallest of efforts that make a big difference. Most of all, when things get rough, during any day, we can pause and take a breath and ask him to calm the wind and sea in our hearts.

Every night we can thank him for his presence and ground our growing relationship with him.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 4:12-23

What should it mean to follow Jesus? This question looms over this Sunday's readings.

The most straightforward answer comes in today's gospel text from Matthew. Jesus calls, and Peter, Andrew, James, and John respond. Not grudgingly, not eventually, but 'immediately'! They leave their fishing, they leave their father, and they're on their way. Matthew's gospel has been called a 'training manual for disciples', and shortly after today's text Jesus will deliver the Sermon on the Mount, perhaps the greatest manifesto of discipleship in all of the gospels. But it is not first and foremost Christ's teachings, but rather Christ's personal call, that animates these first disciples to leave the shores of Galilee and embark on The Way.

We should not forget that whatever the immediacy of their response, the disciples do not leave their flaws, misunderstandings, or humanity behind. Nor does the second generation of believers. To dispel any illusions you may have about the assumed idealism of the early Christian community, read Paul's letters to the Corinthians. The scandals, in-fighting, and polarization in first-century Corinth could match anything we see in today's news headlines!

In this light, St. Paul's exhortation today speaks through the ages, for division and rivalry are never markers of the Spirit. Likewise, we Catholics should not 'belong to Pope Benedict' or 'belong to Pope Francis', for we ultimately belong to Christ. May our church communities strive to exemplify the unity in diversity that Paul labored so mightily to bring about in Corinth.

Information:

Mother Teresa Movie: Shown in Sudbury at Silver City Cinemas on Sunday, January 22nd at 4 pm and Monday, January 23rd at 7 pm.