

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 705-692-4883
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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Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 27, 2022



Registration for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion 2022

Registration forms for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion is available at each Church and in the Parish Office.

The children in Grades Two, Three and Four are eligible for these sacraments. St. James students, who received the forms at school, will return them to the school by April 8, 2022. Other registration forms may be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at any of the three parishes on April 9/10, 2022. Late registrations will not be accepted.

If the child was baptized in a parish other than St. Christopher, St. Pius X and 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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Wednesday, March 30

10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

For family members by Claude Regimbal

Thursday, March 31

10:00 AM - St. James School, Lively

Friday, April 01

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

Ryan Kirkwood by Jennifer Kirkwood

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 02

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Lucette Richards-Langteigne by S. Makela

Sunday, April 03

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Dan Lisi by Bill Blanchard & family

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 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 34

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 28 to April 3, 2022

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 65:17-21	John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12	John 5:1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15	John 5:16-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14	John 5:18, 31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2:1, 12-22	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20	John 7:40-53
Sunday	Isaiah 43:16-21 / Philippians 3:8-14	John 8:1-11

Sunday Collection - March 19 / 20, 2022

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 590	\$	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 1845	\$	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 410	\$ 140	\$

The Fourth Week of Lent

For the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** we read the powerful story of the Prodigal Son from **Luke's Gospel**. The younger son, who asks for his inheritance and spends it all, returns and asks to be a servant at his father's house. Instead he is welcomed home with open arms by his father who was filled with compassion, ran to his son and forgave him. The older son is jealous and will not share in the happiness but the father says to 'celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found'.

Our gospels this week are all from **John's Gospel**. After two days of healing stories, the opposition against Jesus builds. In Cana, in Galilee, Jesus heals the son of a royal official. Back down in Jerusalem, he heals a man who was sick for 38 years, incurring the wrath of his enemies because he did it on the Sabbath. Because of this, and because he called God his Father, they now plot a way to kill him. Jesus says his opponents do not want to come to him for life. He calls God his father and says, 'I have testimony greater than John's'. Unafraid of his opponents, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for a feast and openly tells people that he has come from God. They did not arrest him then, 'for his hour had not yet come'. Thinking they know where Jesus is from (in both senses: where he lived now and his origin in heaven), his enemies insist that Jesus can't be a prophet: 'Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee'.

On the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**, **John's gospel** brings us the story of the woman accused of adultery. Religious leaders bring a woman to Jesus challenging him: 'Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' Jesus responded only, 'Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her'. The crowd quietly dispersed. Jesus seeing there is no one left to accuse the woman says gently, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more'.

Daily Prayer This Week

The gospels this week make it very clear toward the end of the week that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of 'recognition', or self-understanding. But it is *not* a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It *is* grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

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