St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher Parish Priest :

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16th Ordinary Sunday - July 18, 2021



REST FOR A WHILE



Mark 6:30-34

Rev. Father Arulkumar

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 705-6924883

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.



Tuesday, July 20

09:30 AM - **Mass** No intention Requested

Wednesday, July 21 09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Friday, July 23

09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

17th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, July 24

04:30 PM Mass † Donat & Blanche Tremblay by Wilf & Flora

Sunday, July 25

9:00 AM Mass † Elsie Greuel by Tom & Marianne Scharf

11:00 AM Mass

† Arrigo Moleno by Presello Family
For the People entrusted to the Pastor
Note: The times of weekdays celebrations are
given so that the parishioners are prayerfully
unite themselves in their homes.

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

16th Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: July 19 to July 25, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Exodus 14. 5-18	Matthew 12. 38-42
Tuesday	Exodus 14. 21; 15. 1, 20-21++	Matthew 12.46, 48-50++
Wednesday	Exodus 16. 1-5, 9-15	Matthew 13. 1-9
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5.14-17	John 20. 1, 11-18
Friday	Exodus 20. 1–17	Matthew 13. 18-23
Saturday	Exodus 24. 3-8	Matthew 13. 24-30
Sunday	2 Kings 4.42-44 Ephesians 4. 1-6	John 6. 1-15

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16th Week in Ordinary Time

On the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we read from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah that God himself will shepherd his people and that a descendant of David will rule with wisdom and justice. Mark's Gospel paints a picture of Jesus trying to gather together his disciples for a rest but the people kept coming to them: 'his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things'.

Thursday is the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene.

The daily readings continue our second week from the **Book of Exodus** continuing the story of God's faithful deliverance of the people from slavery in Egypt. Pharaoh has a change of heart and chases the fleeing Israelites. Moses tells them to 'Fear not! Stand your ground, and you will see the victory the Lord will win for you today'. With Moses' outstretched arm, they pass through the sea on dry land, while their pursuers drown. Still the people grumble against God in the desert and God gives them manna to eat, with Moses saying, 'This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat'. Then God comes to the people in smoke and fire. He summons Moses and gives him the Ten Commandments and Moses shares them with the people in a covenant ceremony, sprinkling the blood of sacrificed bulls on the altar, saying, 'This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you'.

In **Matthew's Gospel** this week some people come up and ask Jesus for a sign. He answers mysteriously by saying that the only sign they will receive is the sign of Jonah the prophet, whose preaching brought about conversion. His family comes looking for Jesus and he again asks the mystifying question about who is really a relative, an intimate, with him. His answer is that all of us who do the will of his Father. Then we hear the parable of the sower. It is important for us not to be discouraged because all of the seed doesn't find its way to good soil. Jesus encourages us to be sowers of the Word. He will guarantee a rich harvest. To understand his parables is Jesus' gift to us. Finally, we hear the parable about the weeds in the field again.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time begins five weeks of Sunday reflections on Chapter 6 of John's Gospel on Jesus as the Bread of Life. This Sunday is the miracle of the five barley loaves and two fishes. 'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted'.

Daily Prayer This Week

These weekly guides offer us an opportunity to practice being 'contemplatives in action'. For us busy people, it is possible to pray - 'to lift our minds and hearts to God' - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

Every morning this week, we can begin our day with a brief conversation with our Lord that expresses a desire that comes from within us and is shaped by the scriptures this week. We might say, 'O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow'. I may pray: 'Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today'. Or we might ask, 'Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the closeness you offer me as I do so'. Perhaps, we can pray, 'Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my children. Help me to trust that even though not everything I say or do will seem to work, you will take care of them and allow my efforts to be fruitful'. Throughout each day, we can repeat and refine these desires and prayers in our hearts. Each thing we do, each person we relate to, each request that is made of us will help us say this or that expression of gratitude or request for grace.

The practice comes in having this ongoing conversation and connection with our Lord in the background of our day - in the brief in between times: in the shower, while getting dressed, on the way to work, while walking to a meeting, during a meeting, while shopping, as we transition from any part of our day to the next. It all comes together as we take a brief bit of time at night, before we go to bed, to say thanks for the graces we have received, for the opportunity to feel connected and know that we are not alone throughout the day. Sometimes, we'll ask the same thing for several days. At times, we'll notice a pattern in what we are asking for and what we experience ourselves as receiving. In this very simple way, with just a little focus and practice, we will find a pearl of great value - a growing relationship with our Lord that transforms our spirits in the midst of our busy lives.

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