

# 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. Pius X :** Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061  
or Denise Stewart 705-6924883  
**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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**13th Ordinary Sunday - July 02, 2023**



**Whoever does not take up their cross and  
follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever  
finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses  
their life for my sake will find it.**

**Matthew 10: 38-39**

We are truly blessed to be  
born in a country which is  
so prosperous and growing...  
We are blessed to be  
free and independent....  
Let us celebrate 1st July  
with our loved ones.

**Happy  
Canada Day to you!**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Friday, July 07**

**09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

**14th Ordinary Sunday**

**Saturday, July 08**

**04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively**

† Harvey Blanchard by A. Blanchard & family

**Sunday, July 09**

**09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish**

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

**11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

† Debbie Carroll by Eleanor Kehoe

**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**

**13th Ordinary Sunday**

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 89**

**Forever I will sing of your steadfast love,  
O Lord.**

**Weekdays Scripture Readings: July 03 to July 09, 2023**

| Day       | Reading                                | Gospel            |
|-----------|--|-------------------|
| Monday    | Ephesians 2. 19-22                     | John 20. 24-29    |
| Tuesday   | Genesis 19. 15-29                      | Matthew 18. 23-27 |
| Wednesday | Genesis 21. 5, 8-20                    | Matthew 8. 28-34  |
| Thursday  | Genesis 22. 1-19                       | Matthew 9. 1-8    |
| Friday    | Genesis 23. 1-4, 19, 24. 1-8, 62-67    | Matthew 9. 9-13   |
| Saturday  | Genesis 27. 1-5, 9-10, 15-29           | Matthew 9. 14-17  |
| Sunday    | Zechariah 9. 9-10 // Romans 8.9, 11-13 | Matthew 11. 25-30 |

Sunday Collection - June 25, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

| Church                       | Envelopes | Loose  | PADP |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------|------|
| St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff | \$ 544    | \$ 82  | \$   |
| St. Pius X, Lively           | \$ 239    | \$ 12  | \$   |
| St. Christopher, Whitefish   | \$ 385    | \$ 235 | \$   |

### The Thirteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the **Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. Jesus tells us that his call is one we can not look back from. But, he consoles us with the words, 'Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'.

This week we celebrate the **Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle**.

The ordinary narrative from **Genesis** offers stories of Abraham's relationship with the Lord

The **Psalms** this week offers praise to God for his mercy and faithfulness to us.

**Matthew's Gospel** follows Jesus on his journeys, constantly teaching his disciples about faithfulness. He heals the sick, calms a violent storm at sea and forgives sins. At the end of the week, he does something extraordinary - he invites the reviled tax collector, Matthew, to be one of his followers. Then he indicates that the old ways of relating to God are gone - that he is the new way, the new wineskin.

**The Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time** begins with a Sunday that offers pastoral comfort to us all. In the **Zechariah** reading, the Lord promises Israel, and us, a savior who 'shall proclaim peace to the nations'. **Matthew's gospel** points to Jesus as the source of that peace, as he affirms his identity as the Son of God. Jesus offers himself as a relief from the burdens of our days, promising 'you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light'.

### Daily Prayer This Week

The gospels offer us encouragement this week because they are so filled with imperfect people struggling to live out their lives.

The invitation to us this week comes from the heart of Jesus to ours: 'Follow me'. How do we open our hearts more fully to that invitation? In our daily prayer we can name the desire we are looking for and ask Jesus for help.

Each morning as we open our eyes to face the day ahead, we can simply ask Jesus for the courage to follow him.

*Lord, give me the strength today to accept your invitation to follow you. Living that invitation each moment will take patience and courage and I ask you for it because I can't supply it for myself. And, Jesus, when I fail and snap at my family or forget to be compassionate with my spouse, grant me the humility to apologize for that. Let me remember how much you love me and let me share that with everyone who comes into my life today.*


In the smallest moments in the background of our day we can remember that desire and offer it to God. As we walk down the street or cook dinner or run an errand we can speak to our Lord as we would to a friend. It doesn't take more time, only more focus.

*Some days it seems like I am being tossed on a boat in the darkness, Jesus. Part of me wants to be saved but another part wants to run from you. I'm not always proud of how I lead my life and sometimes I am afraid to be alone with you. Guide me through this darkness, please.*

At the end of the day, we can take a few moments as we get ready for bed:

*Thank you, dearest Lord, for your presence in my life today. I felt you with me in some of the more difficult moments. Thank you for being there.*





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**13th Ordinary Sunday**

The reading from the Second Book of Kings considers the support a woman gives to the prophet Elisha and her subsequent reward. The verses from Psalm 89 express praise and confidence in God. The passage from Paul's letter to the Romans describes Baptism's transcendence over sin. Today's Gospel considers the difficulties and rewards that await those who have accepted Jesus' mission. Today's readings are a call to the challenges of service with an awareness of the support that the Lord provides.

In the passages preceding today's Gospel, Jesus gives the apostles authority and sends them out. The text that we read today lays out the consequences for these missionaries. We live in a time and place in which being a Christian does seem to have the same consequences that it had in a different time and / or place. In our lifetime, we can recall having experienced only one single significant negative consequence that resulted from us being openly Catholics. In school, we remember learning about the 'Know Nothing Party'. We are called to reflect on places in the world where people experience threats because of their faith today.

We have some difficulties with the ordering of priorities in terms of faith and family at the beginning of today's Gospel. Still the interactions that take place if politics comes up at family gatherings have given me some insight into at least one interpretation of the point that the Gospel may be attempting to make.

If we imagine ourself as a listener to Jesus in the scene of today's Gospel reading, what strikes us is the last sentence. In this setting serving a simple cup of cold water becomes a more challenging task. In this context getting cold, drinkable water means going to a well and bringing up the water from the place where it was clean and cool. This fits into the perspective of the rest of the Gospel where the work of service requires both going out and investing effort.

*Heavenly Father, Taking action in a new direction is not easy. Forgive us for our silent complicity with the suffering inherent in the way that things are. Today's Gospel reminds us of our call to share the Word in both speech and action. Remind us that as a person of privilege we have a responsibility to those who are less fortunate.*