St. Stanislaus & St. Pius XParish Priest :Rev. Father Arulkumar

D. O. S : Ethel Fraser Whitefish Lake First Nation 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

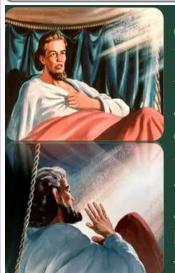
St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre 705-866-2235

Mission Statement :

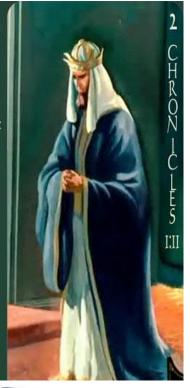
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and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

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17th Ordinary Sunday - July 26, 2020



GOD SAID TO SOLOMON Because you had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth or honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life, but have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge that you may rule My people over whom I have made you king.....



What Do You Want? ^{1 Kings 3:4-15}

Welcome Back!

The parishioners are strongly advised to attend their own Parish due to the seating capacity of the Church. You can reach the Office by Phone only Tuesday to Thursday - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM Thank you!

Liturgy - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher



Tuesday, July 28

09:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, July 29 09:30 AM Mass

Thursday, July 30 09:30 A:M Mass

Friday, July 31 09:30 AM Mass † Eileen Stonley By CWL St. Stanislaus

18th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, August 01 04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively † Russel Hass By Cecilia & John Jamieson

Sunday, August 02 09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff † Gail Niro By Peter, Chris & Tiffany 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.

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

17th Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 119 Lord, how I love your law!

Weekdays Scripture Readings: July 27 to August 02, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Jeremiah 13:1-11	Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14:17-22	Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 - St. Martha	John 20:1, 11-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 18:1-6	Matthew 13:47-52
Friday	Jeremiah 26:1-9	Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday	Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24 - St. Alphonse Liguori	Matthew 14:1-12
Sunday	1Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35, 37-39	Matthew 14:13-21

17th Ordinary Sunday - Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus concludes a long series of parables about the reign of God in today's Gospel. He was praising the wise men and women who have listened carefully, understood and responded to his message.

Today we are called to listen, understand and respond to God's message in our daily life.

Imagine, God appears in our dream by night and asking us, 'what I should give you?'

What could be our request! Is it about our wealth or health! What do we ask from God!

I think that we will be in great confusion about what do we ask from God!

In today's first reading we heard that the same question was asked to the young King Solomon. He was not confused because he opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life and doing God's will. That is why King Solomon was not asking either wealth or health or even the victory over his enemies but he asked of God an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong. Yahweh was pleased with his request and granted him a wise and discerning heart which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells, *only by God's grace* we could be the part of God's kingdom. *Human wisdom does not help* to understand God's will and plan.

We need God's grace to listen, understand and respond to *God's message in our daily life* and thus we could be part of God's kingdom.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that God's Kingdom is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or costly pearl. It involves a total commitment.

The Kingdom of God is *God's reign* in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society and in our world. Only those who are willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom, *will be rewarded*. It is very important to secure our eternal salvation.

How to secure our eternal salvation and enter into God's kingdom?

1. We should live every moment of our life by *doing the will of God*.

Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, status or pleasure. Often, we are locked into regrets over the past or focused too much on the future. As a result, we miss the present life. Thus, the really valuable pearl of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven is never found.

We need to always remember that *Heaven is within the reach of all of us* who try to do the will of God. Let us remember that...

Whenever we fight against discrimination,

Whenever we *trust* completely in God,

Whenever our selflessness conquers selfishness,

Whenever our love overcomes sin and our Faith overcomes suffering,

Whenever we *render* humble service to others,

We are doing the will of God as it is done in Heaven.

Hence, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still on earth.

The pearl of great price in this life is also found *in our human relationships*: a happy family, good friends and **people** who love and accept us. We need to **be careful about selfishness** which will destroy our human relationships.

2. We need to *take all precautions* to keep our greatest treasure safe.

By allowing God to have total control over our life we could keep our treasure safe. We may not blame anyone for anything instead we forgive them. Thus we could have a good relationship with God and our fellow brothers and sisters.

3. A lesson in *tolerance* and *compassionate* understanding.

Today's parable reminds us that **the kingdom is** *a mixed body* **of saints** and **sinners**, **weeds** and **bad fish**. **But Jesus reminds us** that *the final judgment* resulting in reward or punishment is God's work.

Thus, we must *learn to be patient, compassionate* and *understanding* the requirements of *the Gospel* and *the Kingdom*.

Let us humbly admit the fact that there are only a very few of us who are not a mixture of good and evil. Let us admit as St. Paul did, '*I am what I am* with the grace of God'.

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