

St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Parish 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
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St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
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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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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!



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	Isaiah 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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