

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
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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Second Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2020



You can reach the Office by Phone only
Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM
Thank you!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, March 2

09:30 AM -
No Mass

Wednesday, March 3

09:30 AM -
No Mass

Thursday, March 4

09:30 A:M -
No Mass

Friday, March 5

09:30 AM -
No Mass

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 6

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively
For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, March 7

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish
†Ed Zeleiski by Frances & John Chenard

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
†Jack Kehoe by Kehoe Family

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 116

**I will walk before the Lord, in the land
of the living.**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 1 to March 7, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Daniel 9.3, 4-10	Luke 6. 36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 1. 10, 16-20, 27-28, 31	Matthew 23. 1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18. 18-20	Matthew 20. 17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17. 5-10	Luke 16. 19-31
Friday	Genesis 37. 3-4, 12-13, 17-28	Matthew 21. 33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15, 18-20	Luke 15.1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Exodus 20. 1-17 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25	John 2. 13-25

All through my life today's first reading from Genesis has confused me. *God put Abraham to the test.* That line would stop me cold. I would wonder how the God I knew to be loving and gracious would want to test me. Through my childhood and young adult years my image of God was that of a benevolent parent. And just as I could not imagine my parents ever testing me to prove my love for them, I could not understand why would God test me. Then when I became a mother I could not imagine a test that would require my being prepared to sacrifice one of my daughters. That test seemed one I would certainly fail. Yet at the same time I knew I had much to learn from this reading.

So today, this second Sunday of Lent, I am facing my confusion so I can hear what God is saying to me. As I spend time with the readings, I remember that The Principle and Foundation of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises helps us enter deeper into a relationship with God. Jacqueline Syrup *Bergan* and Sister Marie *Schwano* offer this interpretation of the Principle and Foundation:

*Lord my God, when Your love spilled over into creation You thought of
me.
I am from love, of love, for love.
Let my heart, O God always recognize, cherish and enjoy Your goodness
in all creation.
Direct all that is me toward your praise.
Teach me reverence for every person, for all things.
Energize me in your service.*

*Lord God may nothing ever distract me for Your love...
neither health nor sickness, wealth nor poverty, honor nor dishonor, long
life nor short life.
May I never seek nor choose to be other than You intend or wish. Amen*

Suddenly the clouds of my confusion clear as I am invited to explore what is distracting me from God's love. This is not a test of my willingness to sacrifice my daughters but a call for me to focus on what brings me closer to God and how I can turn away from what leads me away from God.

As Spring approaches, it is easy for me to think about ways to celebrate the goodness of God's creation. My walks on the local trail help me feel God's love through the beauty of nature. It is more challenging to explore the patterns of disordered attachments that lead me away from God. I pray for the grace to help me become aware of what I am clinging to in my life that is getting in the way of my relationship with God. This awareness can lead me to a stance of indifference, of freedom.

I pray to God to help me be willing to sacrifice my distractions. Help me to live a good life but not to cling to the security of that life at all cost. Help me to be generous with my love and attention to others and not to cling to fulfilling my own needs first. Help me to bring joy to others but not cling to a need to be the center of other's attention.

As we hear today in the letter to the Romans: *If God is for us, who can be against?*

