

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
or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596
St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
or Denise Stewart 705-692-4883
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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Palm Sunday - March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY *of the* PASSION *of the* LORD



Spiritual Bouquet for Faye Wafer

On the occasion of **Faye Wafer's** retirement as office administrator, parishioners are invited to offer her a Spiritual Bouquet.

After weekend Masses on **March 16/17** and **March 23/24** sign-up sheets will be available at the entrances of the churches.

Suggested offerings are **prayers, rosary, novena, Mass** etc.
No name is necessary.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, March 26

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

No Intentions requested

Holy Thursday, March 28

09:30 AM - St. James School, Lively

07:00 PM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

After the Mass the Most Blessed Sacrament
will be exposed till 9:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29

St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

2:30 PM Divine Mercy Novena & Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30

07:00 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Easter Sunday, March 31

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

Chad Denomme by Ron & Julie Denomme

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Lena Desotti by Eleanore 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

Palm Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22

My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 25 to March 31, 2024

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 42:1-7	John 12:1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49:1-6	John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50:4-9	Matthew 26:14-26
Thursday	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-15
Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 / Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Genesis 1:1-2:2 / Romans 6:3-11	Mark 16:1-8
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 5:6-8	John 20:1-18

Sunday Collection - March 17, 2024

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 587.00	\$ 130.00	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 785.00	\$ 72.00	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 1010.00	\$ 135.00	\$

Beginning of Holy Week

On **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** we make our way into **Holy Week**. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole **Passion**, this year from **Mark's Gospel**.

The next three days - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - are the final days of Lent. The first readings are from the **Suffering Servant Songs** of **Isaiah**. Though originally sung about Israel, God's servant, and perhaps a specific servant, they clearly spoke to the early Christian community about Jesus and his mission.

Monday and Tuesday's gospels are from **John's Gospel**. The anointing at Bethany - at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus - has taken place at a wonderful celebration of Lazarus' return to life and a fine thanksgiving to Jesus. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with the precious oil that reminds us of his burial. Then, at the Last Supper (skipping over the reading we will use on Holy Thursday about the washing of feet) Jesus identifies his betrayer. Finally, Jesus talks with Peter who professes his loyalty to Jesus who predicts Peter would deny him three times later that night.

Wednesday's Gospel is the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, from **Matthew's** perspective. We can feel the tension and pressure Jesus is under. There is a sadness at hearing the arrangement Judas makes - 30 pieces of silver - to deliver Jesus into the hands of his enemies.


Holy Triduum

On **Holy Thursday** we hear a reading from the **Book of Exodus** which describes the Passover celebration. Paul, in his **First Letter to the Corinthians**, gives us the earliest account we have of the Last Supper - probably written relatively soon after the event. Then, we have the unique view of the Last Supper from **John's Gospel**. Instead of the traditional narrative, we see Jesus washing his disciples' feet. On this Thursday night, in the only liturgy allowed in a church on this day - so that as many people as possible might participate - we act out the foot washing that Jesus gave us as an example, in fact, as a mandate.

Out of profound respect for this day on which our salvation was won, there is no Eucharist on **Good Friday**. The liturgy begins with a Liturgy of the Word. **Isaiah 52-53** contains the last of the Suffering Servant songs. With the eyes of faith, it describes what Jesus became. The **Letter to the Hebrews** proclaims the good news of this day. The gospel is the **Passion** from **John's Gospel**.

There is no liturgy at all on **Holy Saturday**. We spend this day in "the in-between place" - between the remembering the death of our Lord and celebrating his Resurrection. The **Easter Vigil Liturgy**, which is celebrated after sunset, is a full celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The Liturgy of the Word has a series of eleven readings to choose from. The idea is that we remain in vigil this night, reviewing the story of our salvation - from the story of Creation, to the great story of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt, through a number of the prophets, culminating in **Paul's Letter to the Romans** - "Are you not aware that we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death?" The readings begin in the dark, and are then read by the light of the Easter Candle. Then the lights come on, bells are rung as we sing the Gloria. The gospel story of the Resurrection is then proclaimed in the full light, with Easter joy.

During the day on **Easter Sunday**, we read from the **Acts of the Apostles** to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The **Letter to the Colossians** reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The gospel is from **John's Gospel** and give us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.



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Daily Prayer This Week

Even if our work or circumstances require us to be quite busy and involved in many secular things on these three days, we can stay focused in the background of our inner consciousness. The central mystery of our salvation is that, in Jesus, God entered our world completely, experiencing all that we experience, and suffering temptation, loss, grief, humiliation and even an unjust death on a cross.

Holy Thursday is a day to wake up and ask for the grace to grow in some sense of the gift of the Eucharist for us. The Eucharist is the memorial of how Jesus was taken, blessed, broken and given for us, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. And he tells us that this is a mandate, a mission for us - to follow his example and to wash each others' feet, i.e., to allow ourselves to be taken, blessed, broken and given in love for others. We could reflect today on how I resist his washing my feet - how I resist his intimate love for me. And, we can reflect upon our mission gratefully. For those of us who will celebrate tonight, let this be a day of reflective preparation to enter into this Eucharist and come away with a renewed sense of the meaning of love. "Where there is love, God is present."

On **Good Friday** we can spend the day with an inner quiet. We can practice this as a day of fast to heighten our awareness of the sacrifice of Jesus. Let our veneration of the cross be full of intimacy and personal gratitude - beyond where words can take us - for God's mercy and love.

Holy Saturday is a solemn day to ask for the grace to imagine Jesus lying in the tomb, in death. It is from this death - the same death we will all experience - that Jesus is raised. We cannot feel the deepest joy of Easter without spending some time reflecting on this good news. We can pause in background moments to give thanks for the gift of mercy and life we have been given. The Easter Vigil liturgy is the fullest celebration of the Resurrection and a renewal of our sense of Baptism. If we are unable to celebrate the Vigil, we might go to bed this night, thanking God for what the dawn brings: our opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, who draws us to the fullness of life with him.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR FATHER ARULKUMAR
Starts at 4:30 PM Sunday April 14, 2024