

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

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**20th Ordinary Sunday - August 16, 2020**

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

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**Before 12:00 PM Wednesday**

Prayer line :

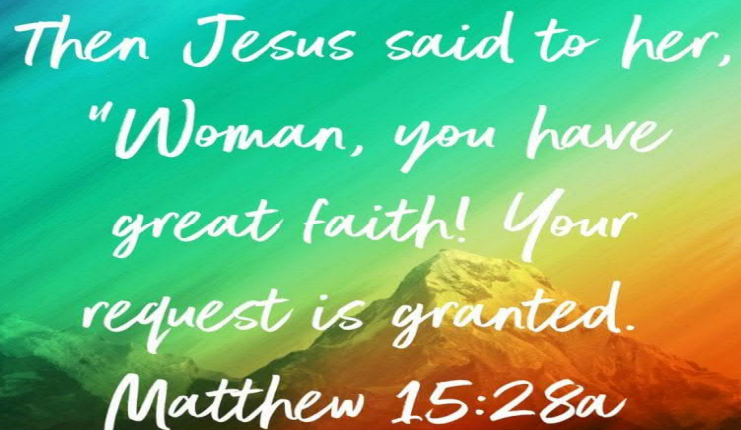
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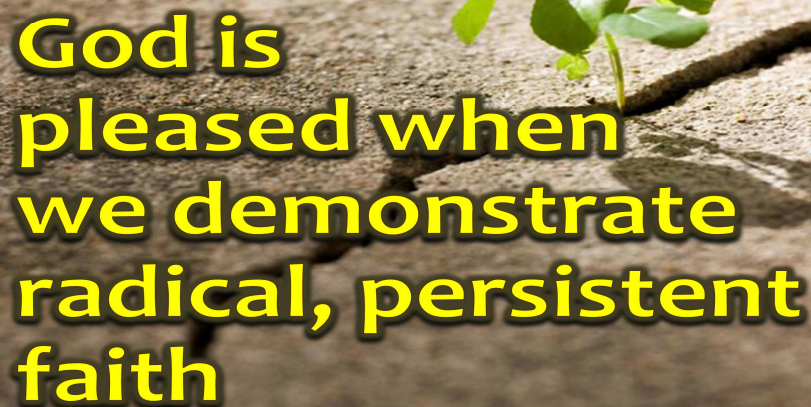
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Mission Statement :

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.



Then Jesus said to her,  
"Woman, you have  
great faith! Your  
request is granted."  
Matthew 15:28a



**God is  
pleased when  
we demonstrate  
radical, persistent  
faith**

**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, August 18

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention

### Wednesday, August 19

09:30 AM

† Theresa Seguin By Marlene & Mike Fahey

### Thursday, August 20

09:30 A:M - Mass

No intention

### Friday, August 21

09:30 AM

† Theresa Seguin By Mary Ross

### 21st Ordinary Sunday

#### Saturday, August 22

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Aline Rinta By Sheila Makela

#### Sunday, August 23

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Elena Calvano By Anne Schijns

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

### 20th Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God,  
let all the peoples praise you!

### Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 17 to August 23, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Exekiel 24:15-24	Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ezekiel 28:1-10	Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:1-11	Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:23-28 - St. Bernard	Matthew 22:1-14
Friday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday	Ezekiel 43:1-7 - The Queenship of Mary	Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday	Isaiah 22:15, 19-23      Romans 11:33-36	Matthew 16:13-20

**20th Ordinary Sunday - Matthew 15:21-28 - By Pope Francis**

Today's Gospel presents us a unique example of faith in Jesus' encounter with a Canaanite woman, a foreigner to the Jews. Jesus is walking toward the cities of Tyre and Sidon, northwest of Galilee. It is here that the woman begs Jesus to heal her daughter, who is tormented by a devil. Jesus, at first, seems not to hear this cry of pain.

Jesus' seeming indifference does not discourage this mother, who persists in her invocation. This woman's inner strength enables her to overcome every obstacle. In her maternal love and in her faith that Jesus can grant her request.

**This makes me think of the strength of women.**

Heartrending love for her daughter causes the woman to cry, '*Sir, Son of David, take pity on me*'. And **her untiring faith in Jesus allows her not to become discouraged** even in the face of his initial rejection; thus the woman 'knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me''. **In the end, before such persistence, Jesus was nearly astonished, by the faith of a pagan woman.** Therefore, he agrees, saying: '**Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted**'.

**Jesus points to this humble woman as a model of unwavering faith. Her persistence is incentive for us not to become discouraged**, not to despair **when we are burdened by life's difficult trials**. The Lord does not turn away in the face of our needs and, if at times he seems insensitive to our requests for help, it is in order to put to the test and to strengthen our faith. We must continue to cry out like this woman, '*Lord, help me! Lord, help me!*'. This is the courage needed in prayer.

**Today's Gospel story helps us to understand that we all need to grow in faith and fortify our trust in Jesus.** It can help us to find our way, when we have lost the compass of our journey; when the road no longer seems flat but rough and arduous, when it is hard to be faithful to our commitments.

**It is important to nourish our faith every day, by carefully listening to the Word of God,** with the celebration of the Sacraments, with *personal prayer* as a 'cry' to him 'Lord, help me!' and with *concrete acts of charity toward our neighbour*.

**Let us entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so that he may help us to persevere in faith.** The Spirit instills courage in the heart of believers. He gives our life. He helps us to overcome skepticism toward God and indifference toward our brothers and sisters.

Let us invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom we contemplate in her glorious Assumption into Heaven in body and soul, so that she may help us proclaim and witness with our lives to the joy of having encountered the Lord.

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