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

Parish Priest: Rev. Father Arulkumar

Parish Secretary:

Fave 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: Fave 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:

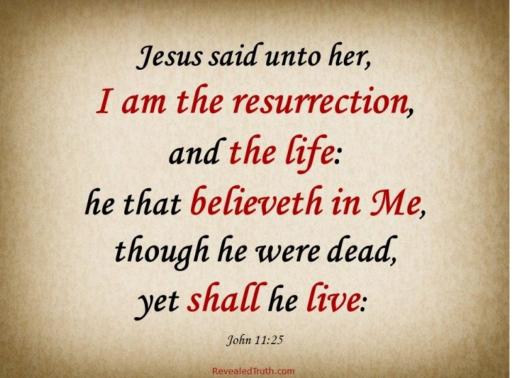
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2023







Tuesday, March 28
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
No Intentions requested

Wednesday, March 29
10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively
For the intentions of St. Pius Y, Parishi

For the intentions of St.Pius X Parishioners

Thursday, March 30 10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively No Intentions requested

Friday, March 31
09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 01 04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively † Linda Dugas by Andre Dugas

Sunday, April 02

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish Lisette Martin by Adrienne McIntyre

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff For the People entrusted to the Pastor

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 130
With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 27 to April 2, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Daniel 13. 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64	John 8. 1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21. 4-9	John 8. 21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3. 13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95	John 8. 31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17. 3-9	John 8. 51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13	John 10. 31-42
Saturday	Eekiel 37. 21-28	John 11– 45-57
Sunday	Isaiah 50. 4-7 / Philippians 2. 6-11	Matthew 26. 14 –27.66

Sunday Collection - March 19, 2023			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 534		\$ 124	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 585		\$ 31	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 280		\$ 195	\$	

The Fifth Week of Lent

The **Fifth Sunday of Lent** brings us closer toward the Passion and death of Jesus. In **John's Gospel**, we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. Jesus was not there when his dear friend, Lazarus died, but after meeting with Lazarus' grief-stricken sisters and weeping himself, he stood at the door of the tomb and called, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go'.

The first readings prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but wonderful story of Susanna, who trusted in God. The bronze serpent on a pole reminds us of Jesus' saving cross. Three young men refuse to commit idolatry and show us how God protects 'the servants who trusted in him'. God enters a covenant with Abraham. Despite his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, 'For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!' God promises the people of Israel 'a covenant of peace'.

Our gospels are again from the John's Gospel, also known as the Fourth Gospel. On Monday, Jesus is presented with a woman caught in adultery. Reminding us of the bronze serpent and his death, Jesus says, 'When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM'. To the children of Abraham and to us Jesus declares, 'If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free'. 'Whoever keeps my word will never see death.... Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM'. They heard what they thought was blasphemy and tried to stone him. Jesus simply told the truth, because, 'the Father is in me and I am in the Father'. After the raising of Lazarus, the plans were set to destroy Jesus. The high priest says the prophetic words, 'it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish'.

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 Matthew's Gospel.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going on in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent.

The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat 'at war' with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me.

It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.



Registration for Reconciliation and First Communion 2023

Registration forms for the sacraments of <u>Reconciliation</u> and <u>First Communion</u> will be available after each Mass.

The children in GRADE TWO are eligible for these sacraments, as well as any child in grades three or four who did not receive the sacraments.

St. James School students will receive the forms at school and will return them to the school by April 5, 2023.

Other registration forms may be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at any of the three parishes on April 01 / 02, 2023.

Late registrations will not be accepted.

If the child was baptized in a parish other than St. Christopher, St. Pius X and St. Stanislaus a recent copy of the baptismal certificate must be submitted with the registration form. If there are questions and / or concerns, please contact the Parish Office.