

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
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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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Second Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2023



Listen to Him!

Matthew 17:1-9

Daylight Saving Time ends on
Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2:00 AM
Change your Clocks before bed on Saturday

During Lent - Stations of the Cross
St. Pius X - Wednesday after 10 AM Mass
St. Stanislaus - Friday after 9:30 AM Mass
St. Christopher - Friday at 7:00 PM

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Wednesday, March 08

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Joan & Sylvie Regimbal by the Regimbal family

Thursday, March 09

09:30 AM - St. James School, Lively

No Intentions requested

Friday, March 10

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 11

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Walter Marcolinii by the family

Sunday, March 12

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Emily & Bruno Barisas by the family

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

In St. Stanislaus Church:

This week the Sanctuary lamp is lit in loving memory of Bud Carmichael.

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33

**Let your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in you.**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 06 to March 12, 2023

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. 11-32
Sunday	Exodus 17. 3-7 / Romans 5. 1-2, 5-8	John 5. 5-42

Sunday Collection - February 26, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 675	\$ 24.50	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 591	\$ 34	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 585	\$ 132	\$

The Second Week of Lent

The **Second Sunday of Lent** offers us **Matthew's Gospel** of the Transfiguration. When the stammering disciples are overwhelmed at the reality of who Jesus really is they 'were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and do not be afraid'.

The second week of Lent begins with Jesus telling us: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you'. All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. 'Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted'. Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, 'whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant'. Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead'. Then Jesus tells the scribes and religious leaders the parable about the farmer whose servants were abused by his tenants. Finally, they killed his own son. Jesus concludes, 'the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit'. While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus the Pharisees complain, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So Jesus tells them the wonderful and beloved parable of the Prodigal Son.

For the **Third Sunday of Lent** we read of the Samaritan woman who encounters Jesus at the well. He offers her life-giving waters and then shows her how intimately he understands her. She runs back to town to spread her news: 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could he be the Messiah?'

Daily Prayer This Week

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself? Are we like the Pharisees or the older son who resents the Father's prodigal love for all sinners?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, we can take only a few moments to ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, 'Dear Lord, help me today'. As we brush our teeth, shower and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: 'Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord'. Or we might get even more concrete, 'Lord, Chris is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see her today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry with her, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love'.

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief 'background' moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of 'contemplation in action' will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.



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- St. Pope John Paul II
Anonymous**



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Second Sunday of Lent - Matthew 17:1-9 - Transfiguration

The first reading from Genesis shares the good example of Abraham, who was known as Abram before God covenanted with him. God called to Abram, asking him to leave his home and to follow Him. Then He gave Abram a little insight about the purpose for that journey. Abram did not have all the details he might have wanted. But the call from God was sufficient. He obeyed by following him in faith, not only right then but for many years afterward as he waited for a promised child, which did not come until he and his wife Sarah were very old.

Perseverance matters on a journey with God. Sometimes we need encouragement along the way, as this journey is not always a peaceful walk through green pastures and beside still waters. Sometimes storms rage around us. Paul's letter to Timothy exhorts us to bear up under burdens with strength that the Lord will supply. The Psalm for today reminds us that our Lord keeps an eye on us, His delivering power is near, and His kindness and mercy are trustworthy.

Matthew's gospel presents the Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus invited his closest disciples - Peter, James, and John - to witness a mysterious meeting with Moses and Elijah. Jesus had shown his disciples something about who he was and what kind of life he was bringing to us. Romano Guardini writes, 'The Transfiguration is the summer lightning of the coming Resurrection. Also of our own resurrection, for we too are to partake of that transfigured life. To be saved means to share in the life of Christ. We too shall rise again, and our bodies will be transformed by the spirit, which itself is transformed by God' (The Lord, p. 276).

Through our life journey, we will encounter mysteries that we do not understand. Some will involve pain, hardship, or injustice. We may be tempted to reach conclusions about them, perhaps even complaining or grumbling. But like Peter, James, and John, listening, trusting, and waiting may prove the better course. Let us not forget that God is trustworthy and good. In His good pleasure, the meaning and purpose behind these mysteries may be revealed to us, perhaps as we gain wisdom and walk further with God.