

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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Second Advent Sunday - December 10, 2023



Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday, December 14th, 2023 - 6:30 PM
at St. Stanislaus Church, Copper Cliff

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, December 12

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

Wednesday, December 13

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Matthew Boulanger by Bella Dunlop

Thursday, December 14

09:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

No Intentions requested

Friday, December 15

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

Third Advent Sunday

Saturday, December 16

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, December 17

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Frances Chenard by the family

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Henrietta Lachance by Juanita Stencil

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 Advent Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and
grant us your salvation.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 11 to December 17, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10	Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Zechariah 2. 10-13	Luke 1. 39-47
Wednesday	Isaiah 40- 25-31	Matthew 11-28-30
Thursday	Iasiah 41. 13-20	Matthew 11. 11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19	Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48. 1-4; 9-11	Matthew 17. 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 61. 1-2, 10-11 // 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24	John 1. 6-8, 19-28

Sunday Collection - December 03, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 1002	\$ 15	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 610	\$ 22	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 505	\$ 233.50	\$

Second Week of Advent Time

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!' These lines from the prophet are repeated in the **Mark's Gospel** as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, 'One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit'.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. 'Comfort, give comfort to my people', says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, 'They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings'. The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, 'I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'. God promises them that if they follow his teachings, 'Your descendants would be like the sand... their name never cut off or blotted out from my presence'. The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

The Third Sunday of Advent offers us more of the promise. The words used by the prophet **Isaiah** to describe God's vindication are the ones Jesus points to as describing his own mission: 'The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God'.


Second Advent Week - Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, 'What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?' The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am, and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow.

This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, 'there will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!' 'What is desert, barren, dry, life-less in you will come to life!' 'You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary'. 'Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom'.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the mist of our very busy days.



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Anonymous



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Second Week of Advent - Preparing our Hearts and asking for the Grace

We prepare this week by stepping up the longing. We move through this week by naming deeper and more specific desires.

Each morning this week, if even for that brief moment at the side of our beds, we want to light a second inner candle. We want to let it represent ‘a bit more hope’. Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say, ‘*Lord, I place my trust in you*’.

Each day this week, as we encounter times that are rushed, even crazy, we can take that deep breath, and make that profound prayer. Each time we face some darkness, some experience of ‘parched land’ or desert, some place where we feel ‘defeated’ or ‘trapped’, we hear the words, ‘Our God will come to save us!’

The grace we desire for this week is to be able to hear the promise and to invite our God to come into those real places of our lives that dearly need God's coming. We want to be able to say: ‘*Lord, I place my trust in your promise. Please, Lord, rouse your power and come into this place in my life, this relationship, into this deep self-defeating pattern. Please come here and save me*’.

Each night this week we can look back over the day and give thanks for the moments of deep breath, that opened a space for more trust and confidence in God's fidelity to us. No matter how difficult the challenges we are facing - from the growing realization of our personal sinfulness, to any experience of emptiness or powerlessness, even in the face of death itself - we can give thanks for the two candles that faithfully push back the darkness. And, we can give thanks for the graces given us to believe that ‘Our God will come to save us’ because we were given the courageous faith to desire and ask boldly.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.