

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

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Third Ordinary Sunday - January 24, 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

ststans@eastlink.ca

Before 12:00 PM Wednesday

Prayer line :

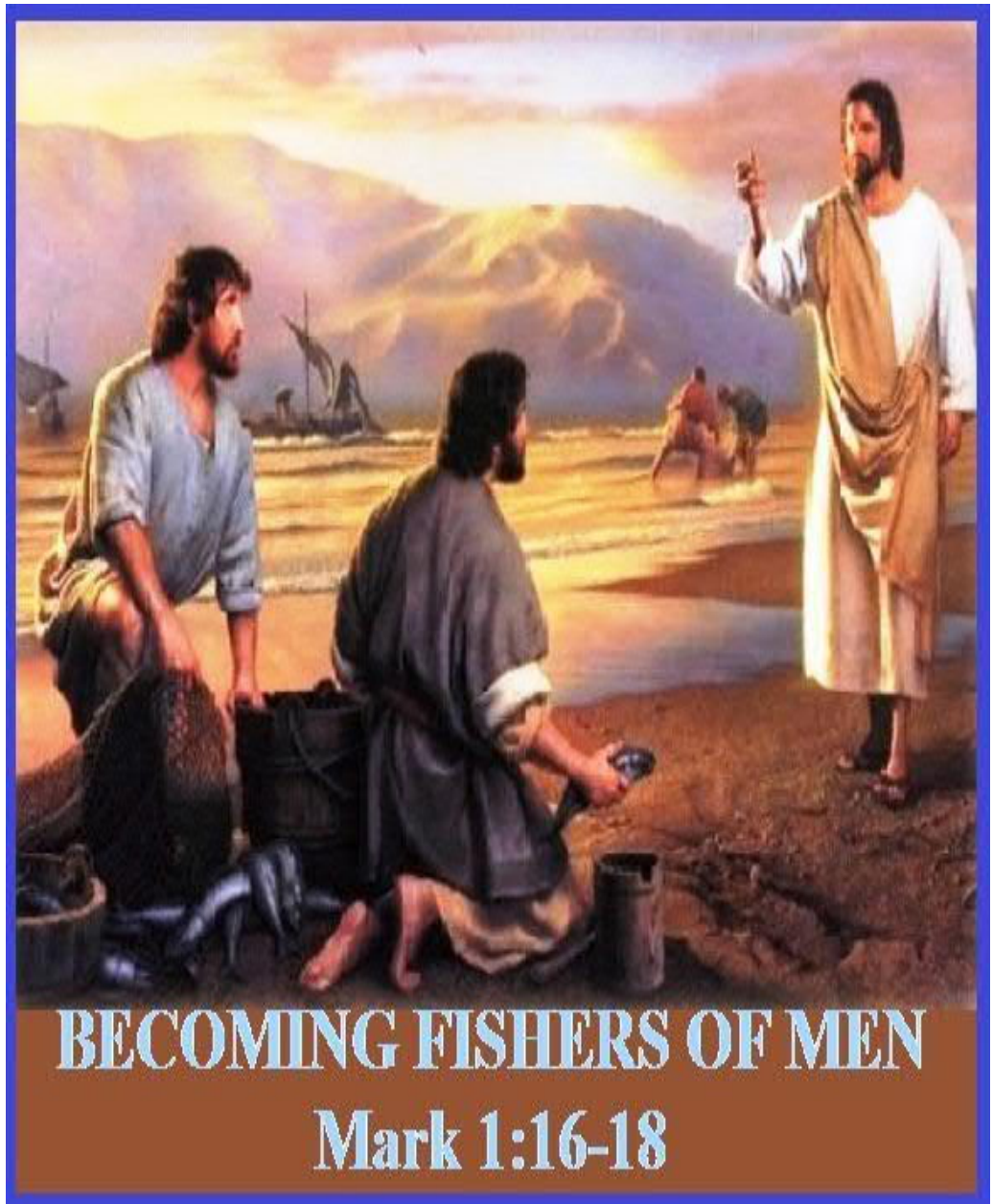
St. Stanislaus : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207
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St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre
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Mission Statement :

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.



BECOMING FISHERS OF MEN

Mark 1:16-18

You can reach the Office by Phone only
Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM
Thank you!

Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 26

09:30 AM -
No Mass

Wednesday, January 27

09:30 AM -
No Mass

Thursday, January 28

09:30 A:M -
No Mass

Friday, January 29

09:30 AM -
No Mass

Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, January 30

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively
No Mass

Sunday, January 31

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish
No Mass

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
No Mass

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 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

Fourth Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 95

O that today you would listen to the
voice of the Lord.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: January 25 to January 31, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 22. 3-16	Mark 16. 15-18
Tuesday	Hebrews 10. 1-10	Mark 3. 31-35
Wednesday	Hebrews 10. 11-18	Mark 4. 1-20
Thursday	Hebrews 10. 19-25	Mark 4. 21-25
Friday	Hebrews 10. 32-39	Mark 4. 26-34
Saturday	Hebrews 11. 1-2, 8-19	Mark 4. 35-41
Sunday	Deuteronomy 18. 15-20 1 Corinthians 7. 32-35	Mark 1. 21-28

What was it about the invitation to "Come after me" that caused an immediate affirmative response by Simon, Andrew, James, and John? They did not ask where they were going. They did not go home to pack a bag. Surprisingly to me, James and John's father did not object to being abandoned by his sons. Without question or further thought, they surrendered everything to follow a man known to them as the son of a carpenter. Why? Why did only four respond?

St. Ignatius would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John's immediate choice an election of the first kind. "When God our Lord so moves and attracts the will that without doubting or being able to doubt, such a dedicated soul follows what is shown, just as St. Paul and St. Matthew did when they followed Christ the Lord" (Sp. Ex. No. 175). An election of the first kind looks spontaneous, but without some prior event(s) to stir an awakening of the soul; we cannot hear our call. What had prepared the future disciples to respond?

Amid the drudgery of life and the struggle to survive under Roman oppression, the Jewish people must have heard hope in the teachings of John the Baptist. While mending their nets, the fishermen might have wondered about John's exhortation, "The Kingdom of God is near." To ease the pain of life's uncertainties, perhaps they shared their dreams about what it would be like living in God's kingdom. Maybe they prayed for the coming of that kingdom. In any event, they were ready and longing for an invitation the day Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' words filled the emptiness in their souls, melting away doubts or the ability to doubt the carpenter. Would we accept a carpenter's invitation?

The invitation to "Come after me" happens every day. Unlike the fisherman responding to the carpenter, we know a call from Jesus is a call from the Son of God. God longs for us to articulate the hopes and dreams residing in the deepest recesses of our soul and then listen for our invitation. Where might God's invitation take us?

God invites us to move into a deeper relationship that includes the promise that God will never abandon us. The invitation does not end the uncertainty or hardships of life, but as our trust grows, so does our ability to see God in all things and accept the world as it is – we become more of our true selves. We grow into a person that is ready to set the world on fire. How might we prepare for God's invitation?

Invitation: Sit quietly with God, plumb the depths of our soul, and lift to God our deep longings.

How does God respond?

"Your ways, O Lord, make known to me, teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior" (Psalm 25: 4-5)

The Sanctuary Lamp

Will be lit this week for Ursula Wittmer who is celebrating her 92 birthday

Happy Birthday Ursula and many more

