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 - April 03, 2022



Registration for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion 2022

St. James students, who received the form at school, return them to the school by April 8, 2022. Other registration forms may be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at any of the three parishes on April 9/10, 2022. Late registrations will not be accepted.

If the child was baptized in a parish other than St. Stanislaus, St. Pius X and St. Christopher 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.



Tuesday, April 05
09:30 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
† Margorie Marolini by Andrea & Vic Dumas

Wednesday, April 06

10:30 AM - No Mass

Thursday, March 17 10:00 AM - No Mass

Friday, April 08 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Nick Smith by Jennifer Kirkwood

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 09

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, April 10

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish† Bernie Young by Frances & John Chenare

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
† Georgette Burchell by George Bassett
†Liam Kirkwood by Kirkwood Family

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 126
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: April 04 to April 10, 2022

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64	John 8:12-20
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	Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-57
Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11	Luke 23:1-49

Sunday Collection - March 26/	Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!			
Church	Envelo	pes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 360		\$	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 891.70		\$ 25	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 345		\$ 116	\$

The Fifth Week of Lent

In the Fifth Sunday of Lent, John's gospel brings us the story of the woman accused of adultery. Religious leaders bring a woman to Jesus challenging him: 'Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women'. Jesus responded only, 'Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her'. The crowd quietly dispersed. Jesus seeing there is no one left to accuse the woman says gently, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more'.

The first readings this week prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but well worth reading, story of Susanna, which ends in 'blessing God who saves those who hope in him'. 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 entered a covenant with Abraham. In the midst of his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, 'For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!' God promises to unite the people in an everlasting covenant.

Our gospels are again from John, the Fourth Gospel. Jesus continues to challenge the Pharisees, who plot his arrest. Jesus challenges those who do not believe in him: 'I know where I came from and where I am going'. 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 Lord's Passion 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 Luke'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 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 our 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.



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