

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

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21st Ordinary Sunday - August 23, 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
or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596

St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061
or Denise Stewart 705-692-4883

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.



The Christ
The Son
Of The
Living God

Matthew 16:16

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Welcome Back!

**The parishioners are strongly advised to attend their
own Parish due to the seating capacity of the Church.**

You can reach the Office by Phone only

Tuesday to Thursday - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Thank you!

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.

Tuesday, August 25

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention

Wednesday, August 26

09:30 AM

† Theresa Seguin by St. Pius X CWL

Thursday, August 27

09:30 A:M - Mass

No intention

Friday, August 28

09:30 AM

† Trevor Poland by Jenny Hilton

22nd Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, August 29

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, August 30

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Lionel Gauthier by Andrew & Irene Marcotte

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Vincent Paul Gionet by Oscar Gionet

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

21st Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 138

**Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures
forever!**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 24 to August 30, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Revelation 21.9b-14	John 1.45-51
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a,14-17	Matthew 23.23-26
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3.6-10,16-18	Matthew 23.27-32
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1,1-9	Matthew 24.42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1,17-25	Matthew 25.1-13
Saturday	Jeremiah 1.17-19	Mark 6.17-29
Sunday	Jeremiah 20.7-9 Romans 12.1-2	Matthew 16:21-27

21st Ordinary Sunday - Matthew 16:13-20 - By Pope Francis

Today's Gospel challenges each of us: **How is your faith?** Let each of us answer in our heart. How is your faith? How is it? What does the Lord find in our hearts: a firm heart, like a rock? Or a heart like sand, that is, doubtful, mistrustful, unbelieving?

The Pope drew his remarks from Matthew 16:13-20, where St. Peter professes his faith by acknowledging Christ as the **'Son of the Living God'**. Jesus responds by calling the apostle blessed, and telling him **'that upon this rock, I will build my Church'**.

'If the Lord finds in our hearts a faith - I won't say perfect, but sincere, genuine, then he will see in us, too, the living rocks on which he builds his community', Pope Francis said. 'For this community, the foundation stone is Christ, the unique cornerstone'.

'For his part, Peter is the rock, as the visible foundation of the unity of the Church; but every baptized person is called to offer to Jesus his or her own faith, poor but sincere, so that He can continue to build His Church, today, in every part of the world'.

Pope Francis reflected on how in that exchange with Peter in the Bible, Christ bestows a new name on him since he was formerly called Simon. The pontiff invited those present to pause and consider how the name Peter meant **'rock'** in Jesus' language of Aramaic.

He clarified that this term **'rock'** referred to God, and that Christ gives this name to Peter 'not for his own personal qualities or his human merits, but on account of his genuine and firm faith, which comes from on high'.

'Jesus feels a great joy in his heart, because he recognizes in Simon the hand of the father, the action of the Holy Spirit. He recognizes that God the father has given Simon a 'dependable' faith, upon which he, Jesus, can build his Church, that is, his community, that is, all of us. All of us'.

Pope Francis noted that Jesus' Church is fundamentally based on our relationship with him, which should be one of love and trust.

'Our relationship with Jesus builds the Church. And so to begin His Church Jesus needs to find in His disciples a solid faith, 'dependable' faith. This is what He must confirm at this point in the journey, and this is why he asks the question'.

The Pope added that God 'has in mind the image of building, the image of the community as an edifice'.

'And so, when he hears Simon's frank profession of faith, he calls him **'rock'** and makes clear his intention of building his Church on this faith'.

'Even in our days, many people think that Jesus is a great prophet, a teacher of wisdom, a model of justice', the Pope added. 'And even today, **Jesus asks His disciples - that is, us, all of us - 'But you, who do you say that I am?'** A prophet? A teacher of wisdom? A model of justice? How will we answer?'

'Let us think about it. But above all let us pray to God the Father, that He will give us the answer', and let us ask 'through the intercession of the Virgin Mary'.

