

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

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.

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3rd Sunday of Advent - December 15, 2019



Christmas Mass Schedule - 2019

December 24, Tuesday 4:30 PM - St. Stanislaus

December 24, Tuesday 7:00 PM - St. Pius X

December 25, Wednesday 9:00 AM - St. Christopher

New Year Mass Schedule - 2020

December 31, Tuesday 4:30 PM - St. Pius X

January 01, Wednesday 9:00 AM - St. Christopher

January 01, Wednesday 11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus



Tuesday, December 17
10:30 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish
 No Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 18
10:30 AM St. Pius X, Lively
 In Thanksgiving by a Parishioner

Thursday, December 19
09:30 AM Meadowbrook, Lively
 No Mass Intentions

Friday, December 20
10:00 AM St. Stanislaus @ The Walford
 † For Those Remembered in the Memorial Book

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21
04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively
 † Rochelle O'Hearn by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, December 22
09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish
 † Lucy Pilon & Mary Jamieson by Lorrie MacDonald

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
 † Odilla Molino by Berthe Proulx

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.

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

3rd Sunday of Advent
Responsorial Psalm 146
Lord come and save us.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 16 to December 22, 2019

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Numbers 24.2-7 15-17a	Matthew 21.23-27
Tuesday	Genesis 49.2, 8-10	Matthew 1.1-17
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23.5-8	Matthew 1.18-24
Thursday	Judges 13.2.7, 24-25a	Luke 1.5-25
Friday	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d	Luke 1.26-38
Saturday	Zephaniah 3.14-18a Song of Songs 2.8-14	Luke 1.39-45
Sunday	Isaiah 7.10-14 Romans 1.1-7	Matthew 1.18-24

Sunday Collection - Dec 8/9 2019

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$712.00	\$76.00	\$905.00
St. Pius X, Lively	\$827.25	\$27.00	\$850.00
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$470.00	\$89.85	\$540.00

2020 St. Stanislaus CWL

Membership fees are now due. Please put your \$20 in the CWL envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

Prayer Partners at St. Christopher's

Prayer Partners: We will be selecting our new prayer partners for 2020 after mass in the church hall on Sunday **January 5th, 2020**

Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy to the World

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is called '*Gaudete Sunday*' which means '**Joy**' or **Rejoice**'. The opening antiphon for today's liturgy asks us to *Rejoice is the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.* Today, on our Advent Wreath we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy.

St. Paul's advice and encouragement from the first reading today gives this third Sunday of Advent its traditional name *Gaudete Sunday*. Joy is the central message of our readings and prayers this Sunday, and indeed the whole of Advent and the celebration of Christ.

One of the most well-known Christmas carols is 'Joy to the world.' The words to this carol were written by Isaac Watts in 1719. At Christmas it will be sung all over the world. The music for it comes from Handel's 'Messiah.'

The first words that Mary hears when she is told that she is going to be the mother of Jesus are, '*Rejoice, so highly favoured*'. Mary is to be filled with joy because God has called her by her name and her son will be the long awaited Messiah. When she goes to see Elizabeth her cousin, she breaks into song, singing out loudly, '*My souls proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour*'. Mary does not keep her good news or her joy to herself, she freely shares them Elizabeth and the whole world. When the angels appeared to the shepherds they heard this life-giving message, '*Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy*'. The good news of Jesus' birth is meant not only for the shepherds, it continues to be good news for each of us today.

Up until recently we prayed these words after the Our Father, '*as we wait in joyful for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ*. Although no longer used, this is still central message of Advent. We are called to wait for the birth of Jesus and we are to wait in hope joyfully. As we wait, we are not to be afraid, anxious or worried; we are to wait in *joyful hope*. Why? Because, as the opening antiphon tells us, '*The Lord is very near.*'

Like Mary who shared her joy with Elizabeth, today each of us is asked to be a person of joy and we are asked to share that our joy with others. There are many people, some of whom we may even know, who have little reason to be joyful at this time of the year. As Mary did with Elizabeth, may we follow her example and share our joy with all those meet during these last few days and weeks of Advent. May we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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