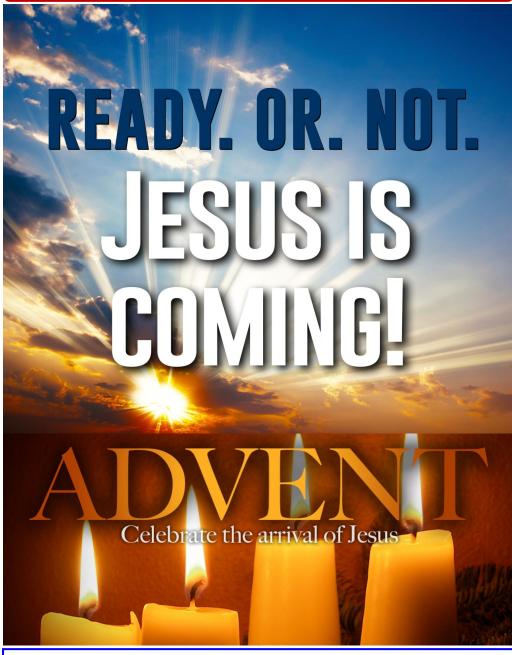
St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

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First Sunday of Advent - November 28, 2021



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

Parish Priest : Rev. Father Arulkumar

> **Parish Secretary: Fave 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 : 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.



Tuesday, November 30 09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Wednesday, December 01 09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Thursday, December 02 09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Friday, December 03 09:30 AM - Mass No intention Requested

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 04

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively For the People entrusted to the Pastor Sunday, December 05

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish † Nathan Heerschap by Heerschap family

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff † Liam Kirkwood by Jennifer Kirkwood 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

First Sunday of Advent Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 25 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in memory of Robert Carmichael

Day	Reading	Gospel			
Monday	Isaiah 2. 1-5	Matthew 8. 5-11, 13++			
Tuesday	Romans 10. 9-18	Matthew 4. 18-22			
Wednesday	Isaiah 25. 6-10a	Matthew 15. 29-37			
Thursday	Isaiah 26. 1-6	Matthew 7. 21, 24-27			
Friday	Isaiah 29. 17-24	Matthew 9. 27-31			
Saturday	Isaiah 30. 19-21, 23-26	Matthew 9.35, 10. 1-8++			
Sunday	Baruch 5. 1-9 / Philippians 1. 3-6, 8-11	Luke 3. 1-6			

Weekdays Scripture Readings: November 29 to December 5, 2021

Parish News - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Sunday Collection - November 20 / 21, 2021			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff \$ 330			\$	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively \$905			\$ 5	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 380		\$	\$	

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent.** The first reading from the **Book of Jeremiah** offers a comforting promise of safety to beleaguered Israel: 'those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure'. **Luke's gospel** offers us a repeat of several of the daily gospels, advising us to be alert and vigilant, watching for signs. 'And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory'.

Friday is the Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, the legendary Jesuit missionary.

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During the first part of Advent - until December 17 - we focus on the first reading. This week it is from the **Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. 'In the days to come', he says over and over. When the day of promise comes, 'They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again'. Even though King David's line, and that of his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: 'On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom'. Who would believe even a peace in nature - lion lying down with the lamb? 'There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea'. God's unique ways of favoring the poor, which Mary comes to know and proclaims in her *Magnificat*, are seen when Isaiah says, 'He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it with the dust'. Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: 'On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ... ' 'On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people'.

The gospels for this first part of Advent are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show that the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

'Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever'. Those words from **Baruch** are in the first reading for the **Second Sunday of Advent. Luke's Gospel** offers us a first look at the promise of John the Baptist as he cries out, 'Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God'.

Daily Prayer This Week

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will 'find joy in the Lord'. And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, 'the Lord binds up the wounds of his people'.

Knights of Columbus Membership Monthly Meeting - December 01, 2021Time: 7:00 PMLocation: St. Stanislaus Church Lower Hall

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