

# 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  
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Prayer line :

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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  
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strive to bring ourselves closer to God  
and to each other, by building a strong  
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family of God.

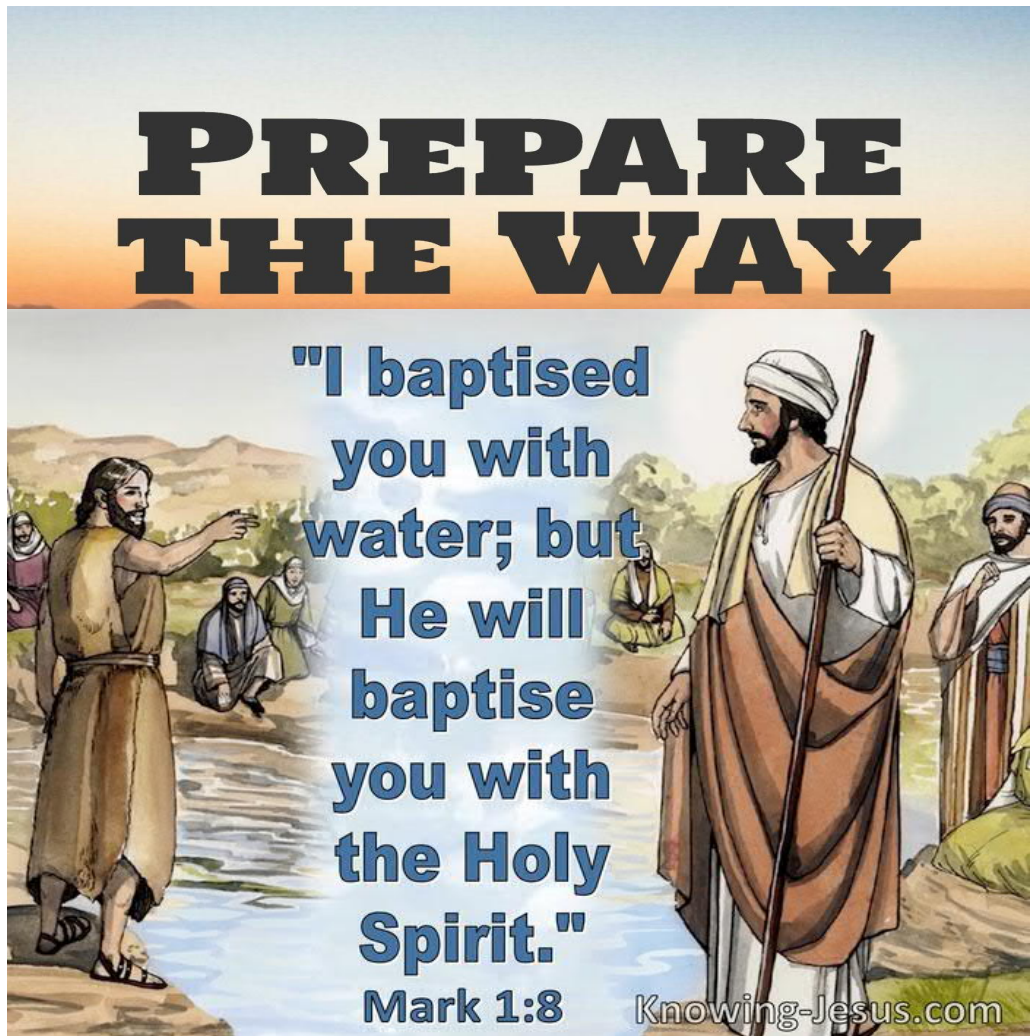
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**Second Sunday of Advent - December 6, 2020**



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**Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM**

**Thank you!**

# Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK

## Tuesday, December 08

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention

## Wednesday, December 09

09:30 AM - Mass

No intentions

## Thursday, December 10

09:30 A:M - Mass

No intention

## Friday, December 11

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention

## Third Sunday of Advent

## Saturday, December 12

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Donna Marion by Adrienne McIntyre

## Sunday, December 13

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Ray Bennett by St. Christopher Ladies Guild

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

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

## Second Sunday of Advent

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85

In his days may righteousness  
flourish and peace abound forever

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 7 to December 13, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 35. 1-10	Luke 5. 17-26
Tuesday	Genesis 3.9-15, 20 Ephesians 1. 3-6, 11-12	Luke 1. 26-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 40. 25-31	Matthew 11. 28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41. 13-20	Matthew 11. 11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48. 17-19	Matthew 11. 16-19
Saturday	Zechariah 2. 10-13	Luke 1. 39-47
Sunday	Isaiah 61. 1-2, 10-11 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24	John 1. 6-8, 19-28

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Starting a New Season of Life by Fr. Gaetano Piccolo (Mark 1:1-8)

**Every path needs a starting point.** In order to leave port, a ship must lose its mooring; in order to begin his/her journey, must choose his/her goal. **But there are times in life when we feel stuck and unable to take the next step.** We feel lost and are unsure where to turn. The mountain seems insurmountable and the trail too long. In the end, we stay put, but our hearts are unsatisfied.

One who opens the Gospel of Mark feels uplifted by words of consolation: **'The beginning of the good news...'** The Good News is already in the very first word: a new beginning is possible! **Here is a road to walk, a path that you can begin.** If you think the die is already cast, you can close this book because it will have nothing to tell you.

In the beginning, things are usually unclear, like when you read a story. You have to read a while and make the effort to see where the story might take you. **But the Gospel of Mark tells you where this road will take you right away: it will take you to Christ. It is not road of blind turns, it is not a raffle, and it is not about being lucky: Christ is waiting for you - walk towards Him!** This is the Good News. You no longer have to wander unfamiliar and fearful streets.

**Jesus Christ can be the new beginning for you.** Mark uses a Greek word here that would have been very familiar to the philosophers of the time: the word *arché*, which means not only *beginning*, but also 'cause', 'motive', 'reason for which...' **Many times we stay where we are because we don't find any reason to move forward and we are disillusioned because we can't find any desire worth fulfilling, as if our sky were so dark that not one star to follow could pierce it.**

**This is why the first word of the Gospel is one of consolation:** the good news is that we can begin again - always - like a book that can be reread in a new way, starting once more from the beginning. It is a story that we can keep writing, but in order to start a new season we must put a period at the end of this paragraph and start a new one. **We can't start a new season of our lives by writing on the same line as the previous!**

Sometimes we can feel lost and without faith and incapable of starting out again, like the people the prophet Isaiah is addressing as he tries to encourage those in exile to return to the fatherland: **he who returns from exile, he who has been far from his own life, he who has not lived, who is afraid to take up his own history because he fears he will find only rubble.** The prophet gives words of consolation, words the people would recite line by line on their journey. In this way, these repeated words became the courage they needed to move forward and return to their land.

**Every beginning needs a physical sign; otherwise, it risks being nothing more than a desire, a good intention.** This is why John the Baptist did not simply invite his followers to conversion, that is to simply change their way of thinking, but asks them to accompany this change with a physical sign, to go down to the water, to experience death and rebirth, like the first time when we left our mother's womb. **The beginning is always a time of tension. There is the enthusiasm of new beginnings but the fear of the unfamiliar path also. Baptism holds these two elements together: it means dying to what has been and, at the same time, bringing something new into being.**

**The beginning is the threshold of history.** It means struggling to say goodbye to the past but also not having returned home yet. John baptizes on that threshold of the Jordan. It is the river that Israel had to cross to enter into the Promised Land. **John shows the way but he won't be the one to accompany us on this journey. John opens the door, but it will be Jesus, the new Joshua, that will come and take us by the hand to make us enter into the new Promised Land that is eternal life.**

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