St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher Parish Priest:

Rev. Father Arulkumar

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: 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:

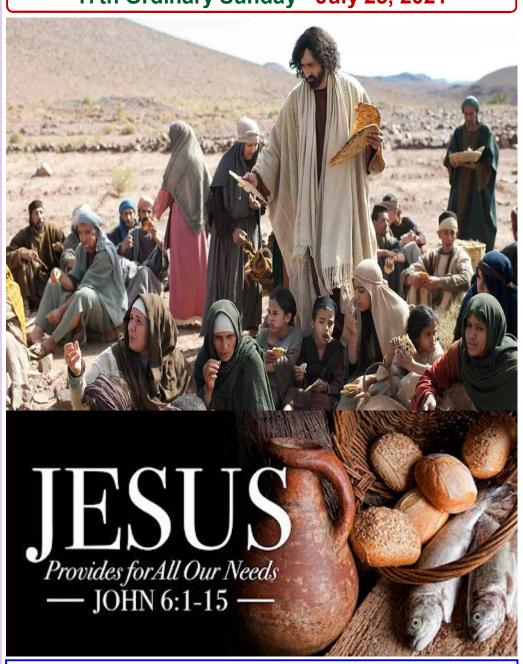
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and a joyous family of God.

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17th Ordinary Sunday - July 25, 2021



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



Tuesday, July 27

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention Requested

Wednesday, July 28

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention Requested

Friday, July 30

09:30 AM - Mass

No intention Requested

18th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, July 31

04:30 PM Mass

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, August 01

9:00 AM Mass

† Nathan Heerschap by Heerschap family

11:00 AM Mass

† Franco Presello by Ursula & Robert Wittmer

Note: The times of weekdays celebrations are given so that the parishioners are prayerfully unite themselves in their homes.

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

17th Ordinary Sunday
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145
You open your hand to feed us,
Lord; you satisfy all our needs.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: July 26 to August 01, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Sirach 44.1,8, 10-15	Matthew 13. 16-17
Tuesday	Exodus 33. 7-11; 34. 4b-9, 28	Matthew 13. 36-43
Wednesday	Exodus 34. 29-35	Matthew 13. 44-46
Thursday	Exodus 40. 16-21, 34-38	John 11. 17-27
Friday	Leviticus 23. 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37	Matthew 13. 54-58
Saturday	Leviticus 25. 1, 8-17	Matthew 14. 1-12
Sunday	Exodus 16. 2-4, 12-15, 31a++ Ephesians 4. 17, 20-24	John 6. 24-35

17th Week in Ordinary Time

The **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** begins five weeks of Sunday reflections on Chapter 6 of **John's Gospel** on Jesus as the **Bread of Life**. This Sunday is the miracle of the five barley loaves and two fishes. 'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted'.

Monday is the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Martha. Saturday is a special celebration at Jesuit ministries around the world remembering St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus.

This is the third and final week from the **Book of Exodus.** Moses carries down the Ten Commandments from God but breaks them in a fury when he sees the people worshipping a golden calf. He meets face to face with God in a tent in the desert and invites God to come with them on their journey. Moses' face is so radiant after meeting with God, it is covered with a veil. Moses builds a movable meeting tent for their journey, and puts the arc of the commandments in it, and in a cloud by day and with fire by night, God was with them. On Friday and Saturday we have two days of readings from the **Book of Leviticus** which is the third book of the set of five books that begin the scriptures, called the *Pentateuch*. It is a book of liturgical practices governing the ministry of the priestly descendants of Levi. Here we read about the great Jewish festivals and Jubilee years.

The gospels are from Matthew's Gospel, with wonderful stories worth pondering and reflecting on. We hear of the tiny mustard seed which grows into a towering bush, the explanation of the parable of the weeds in the field. Then we again hear how the Kingdom is like a treasure or a pearl a merchant makes great sacrifices to obtain. With the story of the fishing net tossed into the sea, we consider how everyone is gathered by God at the end of time to be judged. Jesus comes to his hometown to teach but took offense at him. 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house'. We end the week with the sad story of Herod, not wanting to be embarrassed in front of his guests, ordering John the Baptist beheaded.

On the **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we are in the second of five Sunday gospels from the 6th chapter of **John's gospel** and the Bread of Life readings. **Jesus tells the crowd**, 'Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you'.

Daily Prayer This Week

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus. This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no 'extra' time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, 'Lord, thank you for this day. Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today'. Or, 'Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today'. While in the shower or driving to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying 'thank you' every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.



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