

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

Parish Priest :
Rev. Father Arulkumar

Parish Secretary :
Faye Wafer

Office Hours :
Tuesday to Thursday
10 AM to 2 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
Sunday : 10:30 AM to 10:45 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 PM Wednesday

Prayer line :
St. Stanislaus : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207
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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
Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we
strive to bring ourselves closer to God
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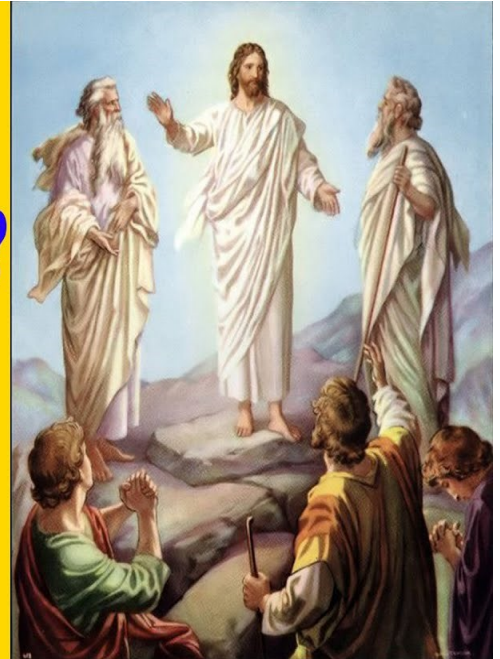
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18th Ordinary Sunday - August 06, 2023

**What we can learn
from the Transfiguration?**

Matthew 17:1-9



- Have we experienced a monumental shift?
 - Jesus died for you to enjoy life with God
 - God desires a relationship (Heb 10:19-25)
- Why won't we draw near to God?
 - Look at the death of Jesus again
 - God has an infinite supply of grace

This Week Office Hours:
Wednesday to Friday - From 10 AM to 2 PM

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Wednesday, August 09

10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Mervyn Cumming by Cecila Jamieson

Thursday, August 10

10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

No Intentions requested

Friday, August 11

09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

For the intentions of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

19th Ordinary Sunday

Saturday, August 12

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, August 13

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

No Intentions requested

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Hilda VandeWeghe by Faye Wafer

The Rosary is recited before
Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests
is held each Tuesday at 10:45 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

18th Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 97

The Lord is king,
the most high over all the earth.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 07 to August 13, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Numbers 11.4-15	Matthew 14. 22-36
Tuesday	Numbers 12. 1-13	Matthew 15. 1-2; 10-14
Wednesday	Numbers 13. 1-2, 25-33; 14. 1-2, 26-29, 34-35	Matthew 15. 21-28
Thursday	2 Corinthians 9. 6-10	John 12. 24-26
Friday	Deuteronomy 4. 32-40	Matthew 16. 24-28
Saturday	Deuteronomy 6. 4-13	Matthew 17. 14-20
Sunday	1 Kings 19. 9, 11-13 // Romans 9. 1-5	Matthew 14. 22-33

Sunday Collection - July 30, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 662	\$ 41	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 380	\$ 66.85	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 505	\$ 150	\$

The Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time

On the **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we celebrate we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, on which we see how Jesus revealed himself in Glory, **'to prepare his disciples for the scandal of the cross'**.

In **Matthew's Gospel** this week we hear some marvelous words about faith and discipleship. The 'feeding of the 5,000' comes after the disciples ask Jesus to send the crowd away because they didn't know how to feed them. Jesus tells them to **'give them some food yourselves'** and blesses the loaves and fishes. Jesus comes to his disciples across the water in a storm, and invites Peter to come to him, across the water; when Peter comes, he takes his eyes off Jesus and goes down. A persistent Canaanite woman begs Jesus for help for her daughter. When he refuses, she persists and he replies, **'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish'**. Jesus asks his disciples, **'Who do people say that I am?'** and Peter replies, **'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'**. But when Peter tries to stop Jesus from talking about the hardships that are ahead, Jesus tells him, **'Get behind me, Satan!'** He gives his followers a guide for their lives: **'Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it'**. The disciples wonder why they could not drive out a demon from a boy, Jesus answers, **'Because of your little faith'**. Faith **'the size of a mustard seed'** is enough.

On the **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Elijah finds God not in the thunder and driving wind, but in a gentle breeze. We repeat the gospel we heard a few days ago as Peter's fear gets the best of him, when Jesus calls him out of his boat in a stormy sea. Peter takes his eyes off of Jesus and would have perished without Jesus' rescuing him.

Daily Prayer This Week


This week we can ask, in the variety of ways, in the situations of our daily lives, that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging. Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? How do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks?

Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as 'dogs', those I disdain or think of as 'the enemy'. I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me. How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslimism, fear and hatred of foreigners, hostility against the poor or my harsh judgments about 'sinners'.

Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did. Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers, members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on 'gaining the world' and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the 'more', to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.



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18th Ordinary Sunday - The Transfiguration of the Lord (August 06)

After much traveling, preaching, miracle working and private conversations about His passion with the Twelve, Jesus invited Peter, James and John to go with Him up a high mountain to pray. These disciples most likely had no idea what they would soon encounter. As they made the difficult and arduous journey, their minds must have been pondering not only the mighty deeds done by Jesus in the previous months but also His words about the suffering to come. As they struggled with this, much to their amazement, Jesus **'was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white'**. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared before them, representing the Law and the prophets. These two Old Testament figures appeared as a way of saying to these disciples that everything that Jesus was telling them was to take place to fulfill all that had been foretold about Him from of old. Perhaps Jesus thought that if His disciples would not fully listen to Him, then seeing Moses and Elijah would help. But Jesus went even further. The Voice of the Father Himself thundered and said, **'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him'**. Thus, if these disciples would not ultimately listen to Jesus alone, or if even Moses and Elijah failed to convince them, then the last hope was the Father Himself. And Jesus delivered such a grace.

The Transfiguration was a true mercy. These disciples had never seen anything like it before. But it was most likely this act of mercy that ultimately helped them to accept the hard truth that Jesus was trying to teach them about His coming suffering and death. If the Father in Heaven Personally gave witness to Jesus, then everything that Jesus had said was trustworthy.

As we read through the Gospels and the many teachings God has given us through the Church, think about whether there are some teachings with which you struggle? Or in your own life, on a personal level, are there some things you know God wants of you but you find it difficult to accept? When confusion sets in, that means we are not listening, are not fully hearing what God is saying to us or are not understanding. And though we will not see the Transfigured Lord with our eyes and hear the Voice of the Father with our ears as these three disciples did, we must choose to believe all that God has said as if it were the Transfigured Lord, with Moses and Elijah, and the Father Himself speaking clearly and directly to us. **'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him'**. Those words were not only spoken for the good of the disciples, they are also spoken to us.

Reflect, today, upon this powerful experience given to these disciples by our Lord. Try to place yourself in the scene so as to witness Jesus transfigured in the most glorious way, with Moses and Elijah and with the thundering Voice of the Father. Allow the Father to speak also to you, telling you that all He has spoken through the Scriptures, the Church and within your own conscience is true. Allow this revelation to convince you on the deepest level to acknowledge not only the divinity of Jesus but also to **'Listen to Him'** in every way.

From the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie: Mass at the Grotto - 271 Van Horne St, Sudbury, ON P3B 1J1

Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 at 7:00 PM Celebrant: Bishop Thomas Dowd

If the forecast calls for rain, please join us for the Mass at Ste-Anne-des-Pins Parish, 14 Beech, Sudbury, ON p3C 1Z2