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

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Third Sunday of Lent - March 20, 2022

AND HE SAID TO THE VINEYARD-KEEPER

Behold, for 3 years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground? Luke 13:7 Knowing-Jesus.com

Registration for Reconciliation and First Communion 2022 Registration forms for sacraments the of **Reconciliation and First Communion will be available** after each Mass next weekend.

The children in Grades Two, Three and Four are eligible for these sacraments. St. James students will receive the forms at school and will return them to the school by April 8, 2022. Other registration forms may be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at any of the three parishes on April 9/10, 2022. Late registrations will not be accepted.

If the child was baptized in a parish other than St. Christopher, St. Pius X and St. Stanislaus a recent copy of the baptismal certificate must be submitted with the registration form.

If there are questions and/ or concerns, please contact the Parish Office.

You can reach the Office by Phone only Tuesday to Thursday - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM **Thank you!**

Parish Priest : Rev. Father Arulkumar

> **Parish Secretary : Fave Wafer**

Office Hours : Tuesday to Thursday 10 AM to 1 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 : 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**.

Liturgy - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 22 09:30 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish † Gillian Calto by Frances & John Chenard

Wednesday, March 23 10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively Pauline Rancourt's revocery by Claude Regimbal

Thursday, March 24 10:00 AM - Mass No intention requested

Friday, March 25 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff † Liam Kirkwood by Jenn Kirkwood

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 26

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively † Jim & Don McBain by Cecelia Jamieson

Sunday, March 27

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff
† Lena Desotti by Elenanor Kehoe
Special Intentions by Adele Presello

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

Third Sunday of Lent Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103 The Lord is merciful and gracious.

	Weekdays ochpture Readings. March 21 to March 27, 2022					
Day	Reading	Gospel				
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15	Luke 4:24-30				
Tuesday	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Matthew 18:21-35				
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19				
Thursday	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23				
Friday	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10	Luke 1:26-38				
Saturday	Hosea 5:15-6:6	Luke 18:9-14				
Sunday	Joshua 5:9-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32				

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 21 to March 27, 2022

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

Sunday Collection - March 12 / 13, 2022			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 888		\$	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 650		\$ 27	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 1095		\$ 114	\$	

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The Third Week of Lent

The **Third Sunday of Lent** offers Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush. The Lord promises Moses that he will lead the captive Israelites out of Egypt and into 'a land flowing with milk and honey'. **Luke's Gospel** tells us of Jesus' warning that we must be willing to repent now and that our lives could end by accident or through the evil of someone else. The parable of the barren fig tree reminds us of God's patient love for us, even when we show no signs of changing our lives.

In the weekday readings, Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way -'No prophet is accepted in his own native place'. In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal, Jesus responds 'Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house'. When asked to name the 'greatest' commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

For the **Fourth Sunday of Lent** we read the powerful story of the Prodigal Son from **Luke's Gospel**. The younger son, who asks for his inheritance and spends it all, returns and asks to be a servant at his father's house. Instead he is welcomed home with open arms by his father who was filled with compassion, ran to his son and forgave him. The older son is jealous and will not share in the happiness but the father says to 'celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found'.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven't been able to get started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle. We are likely uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness face-to-face.

This is all preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is the time when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely. If we are just getting started with our Lenten journey, renewing our desires for these graces will be all we need to begin with a renewed openness. God does not need a lot of time to convince us of his love for us.

This is a week about God's love for us and our call to love others the same way. Our request for the Lord's help is always there and our consciousness of it will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and a sense of our need for a Savior, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for.

St. Pius X CWL General Member Meeting - March 23rd, 2022 Time: Following 10:30 AM Mass Place: Church Basement All members are welcome. Masks and Social Distancing will be respected. Important vote on a potential increase to per capita fees and other items. Page 4 St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

