

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

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**2nd Sunday of Easter - April 19th, 2020**

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

[ststans@eastlink.ca](mailto:ststans@eastlink.ca)

**Before 12:00 PM Wednesday**

Prayer line :

**St. Stanislaus : Faye Wafer 705-682-3207**  
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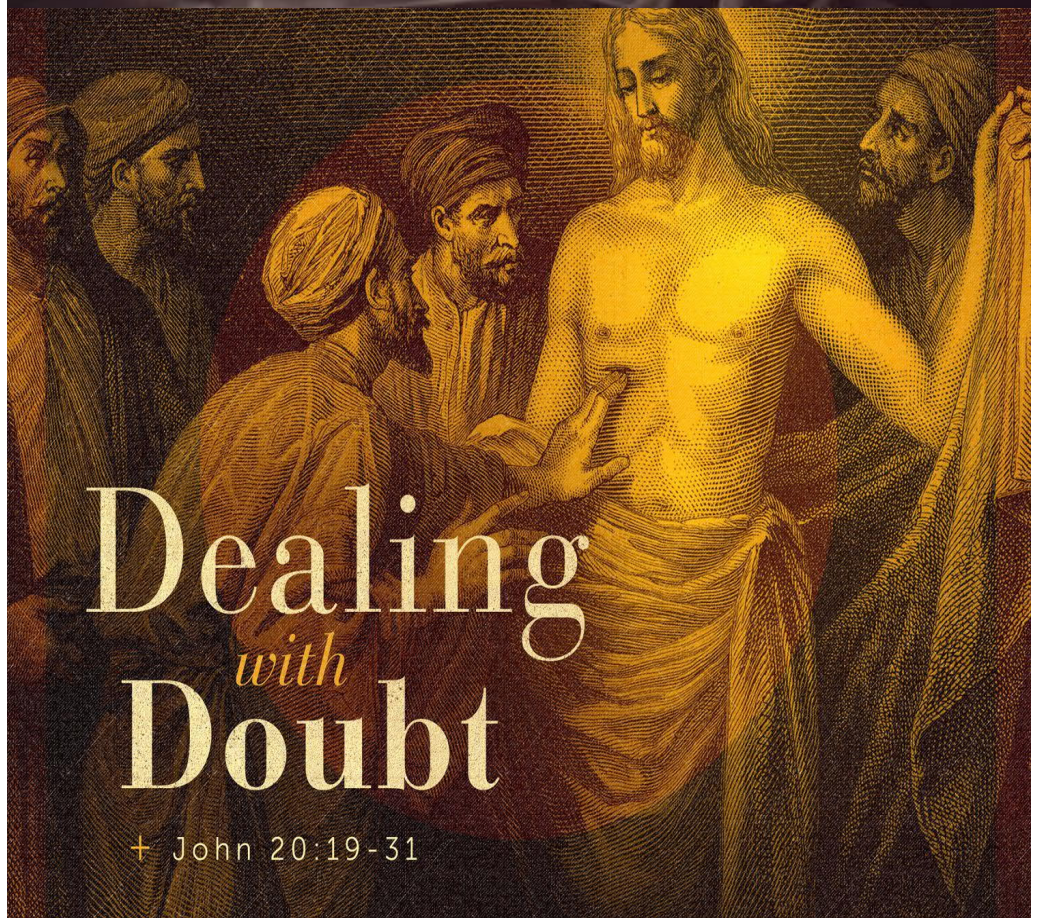
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Mission Statement :

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  
and to each other, by building a strong  
community of believers and a joyous  
family of God.

*Jesus Meets Us in Our Weakness  
Bringing Peace, Proof, and Purpose*



**Dealing**  
*with*  
**Doubt**

+ John 20:19-31

**Note:**

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

**Second Sunday of Easter /**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**10:00 AM Sunday, April 19**

† Agnes Byrne by St. Pius X CWL

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**10:00 AM Sunday, April 26**

**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**.

**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 Easter**

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 118**

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever ever.**

**Weekdays Scripture Readings: April 20 to April 26, 2020**

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 24:23-31	John 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37	John 3:7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
Saturday	1 Peter 5:5-14	Mark 16:15-20
Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-28      1 Peter 1:17-21	Luke 24:13-35

## A Reflection from Pope Francis from his Divine Mercy Sunday Homily..!

On the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, **Pope Francis' homily focuses on Doubting Thomas' who eventually 'falls in love with the Lord'.**

Pope Francis points out that the verb 'to see' is repeated over and over in the Gospel text (**John 20:19-31**). Although the disciples *see* the Lord, the Gospel 'does not describe *how* they saw him', the Pope said. By mentioning the detail 'he showed them his hands and his side' (**John 20:20**), the Gospel seems 'to tell us that *that* is how the disciples,' and **Thomas, 'recognized Jesus: through his wounds'.**

### 'Seeing' for ourselves

Thomas wanted to '*see inside*', Pope Francis continued. He wanted to touch 'with his hand the Lord's wounds, the signs of his love'. This is how Thomas is our twin, because so often we need to know for ourselves that God exists rather than taking others' word for it. '**No, we too need to 'see God', to touch him with our hands and to know that he is risen for us**', the Pope said.

### A Love Story

Pope Francis tells us that it is by seeing Jesus' wounds that the disciples of all time know that we have been forgiven because we '**contemplate the boundless love flowing from his heart**' - a heart that beats for each person. When Thomas touched the Lord's wounds, Jesus became 'My Lord and my God'.

Pope Francis describes the appropriation of God as *mine* as a 'love story'. The uncertain, wavering disciple then falls in love with the Lord telling him: '**You became man for me, you died and rose for me and thus you are not only God; you are my God, you are my life. In you I have found the love that I was looking for, and much more than I could ever have imagined**', Pope Francis said.

### Savouring this love

The Pope says we can begin to savour this newfound love through the same gift Jesus granted on the evening of his Resurrection: **the forgiveness of sins**. Before forgiveness we may hide behind the doors of shame, resignation and sin.

Grace helps us understand *shame* as the '**first step towards an encounter**' and as a '**secret invitation of the soul that needs the Lord to overcome evil**', Pope Francis said.

*Resignation* tempts us to believe that nothing changes when we find ourselves lapsing, like the disheartened disciples after the 'Jesus chapter' of their lives seemed finished'. At a certain point, Pope Francis says that 'we discover that the power of life is to receive God's forgiveness and to go forward from forgiveness to forgiveness'.

The last closed door to open is sin. Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus '**loves to enter precisely 'through closed doors', when every entrance seems barred**'. When we go to confession, we will learn that the very thing we believe separates us from God - sin - instead 'becomes the place where we encounter him. There the God who is wounded by love comes to meet our wounds'.

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