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

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## 29th Ordinary Sunday - Oct. 18, 2020



Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to GOD the things that are GOD'S

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

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 Before 12:00 PM Wednesday

#### Prayer line :

St. Stanislaus : Faye 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.



### **Tuesday, October 20**

**09:30 AM** - Mass No intention

Wednesday, October 21 09:30 AM - Mass No intentions

Thursday, October 22

**09:30 A:M** - Mass No intention

Friday, October 23

**09:30 AM** - Mass No intention

**30th Ordinary Sunday** 

Saturday, October 24 04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively † Jackie Holtz by Sheila Makela

Sunday, October 25 09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish For the People entrusted to the Pastor

**11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff** †Eileen Stonley by Ursula Wittmar 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

29th Ordinary Sunday Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 96 Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: October 19 to October 25, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Ephesians 2. 1-10	Luke 12. 13-21
Tuesday	Ephesians 2. 12-22	Luke 12. 35-38
Wednesday	Ephesians 3. 1-12++	Luke 12. 39-48
Thursday	Ephesians 3. 13-21++	Luke 12. 49-53
Friday	Ephesians 4. 1-6	Luke 12. 54-59
Saturday	Ephesians 4. 7-16	Luke 13. 1-9
Sunday	Exodus 22. 21-27 1 Thessalonians 1. 5c-10	Matthew 22 34-40

## 29th Ordinary Sunday - Matthew 22:15-21- By Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21) presents to us a new face to face between Jesus and His opponents. The subject addressed is that of tribute to Caesar - a 'thorny' question, about the lawfulness or not of paying taxes to the Emperor of Rome, to whom Palestine was subject in Jesus' time. The positions were different; hence the question addressed to Him by the Pharisees: 'Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' (v. 17) a trap set for the Teacher. In fact, according to how He responded He would have been accused of being for or against Rome.

However, in this case Jesus also answers calmly and takes advantage of the malicious question to give an important teaching, rising above the controversy and the opposing sides. He says to the Pharisees, '*Show Me the money for the tax*?' And they brought Him a coin and, looking at the coin. Jesus asked them: '*Whose likeness and inscription is this*?' The Pharisees could only answer: '**Caesar**'s'. Then Jesus concludes: '**Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's**, and **to God the things that are God's**' (Cf. vv. 19-21). On one hand, intimating to restore to the Emperor what belonged to him, Jesus said that to pay the tax was not an act of idolatry, but an act owed to the earthly authority; on the other - and it's here that Jesus gives the 'coup' - recalling God's primacy, He asks that He be given what is due to Him as Lord of man's life and of history.

The reference to Caesar's image, engraved in the coin, says that it's right to feel oneself fully - with rights and duties - citizens of the State, but, symbolically, He makes one think of the other image that is imprinted in every man: the image of God. He is the Lord of all and we, who have been created 'in His image', belong first of all to Him.

From the questions posed to him by the Pharisees, Jesus draws a more radical and vital question for each one of us, a question that we can ask ourselves: *to whom do I belong?* - To the family, to the city, to friends, to the school, to work, to politics, to the State - Yes, certainly, but first of all, Jesus reminds us, we belong to God. This is our fundamental belonging. It is He who has given us all that we are and that we have. And, therefore, day after day we can and must live our life in the acknowledgement of this, our fundamental belonging, and in our heart the acknowledgement of our Father, who created each one of us individually, unrepeatable, but always in keeping with the image of His beloved Son Jesus. It's a stupendous mystery.

A Christian is called to commit himself concretely to human and social realities without opposing 'God' and 'Caesar'; to oppose God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist attitude. A Christian is called to commit himself concretely to earthly realities, but illuminating them with the Light that comes from God. The priority entrustment to God and hope in Him do not imply a fleeing from reality but rather rendering diligently to God what belongs to Him. It's because of this that the believer looks at the future reality, that of God, in order to live his earthly life in fullness and to respond courageously to its challenges.

May the Virgin Mary help us to live always in conformity with the image of God that we bear within us, also making our contribution to the building of the earthly city.

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