

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

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 705-692-4883

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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Third Sunday of Advent - December 13, 2020



You will be able to view LIVE

Bishop Thomas Dowd's Installation

on December 17th, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

Live Salt + Light Television & Salt + Light Website

You can reach the Office **by Phone only**

Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM

Thank you!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, December 15

09:30 AM - No Mass

No intention

Wednesday, December 16

09:30 AM - No Mass

No intentions

Thursday, December 17

09:30 A:M - No Mass

No intention

Friday, December 18

09:30 AM - No Mass

No intention

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 19

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

† Theresa Latendre by Wanda & family

Sunday, December 20

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Liam Kirkwood by Mom, Dad & Bros.

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 Advent

Responsorial Psalm - Luke 1

My soul shall exult in my God.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 14 to December 20, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Numbers 24. 2-7, 15-17	Matthew 21. 23-27
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3. 1-2, 9-13	Matthew 21. 28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45. 6-8, 18, 21-25	Luke 7. 19-23
Thursday	Genesis 49. 2, 8-10	Matthew 1. 1-17
Friday	Jeremiah 23. 5-8	Matthew 1. 18-24
Saturday	Judges 13. 2-7, 24-25	Luke 1. 5-25
Sunday	2 Samuel 7. 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Romans 16. 25-27	Luke 1. 26-38

Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice! What wonderful, joyful readings we have today! On the day we light the Joy candle, our first three readings remind us - Paul even commands us – to rejoice. Be filled with joy in our God. So rejoice!

There are elements in the Gospel reading that also point to joy, albeit in less explicit ways. First, the hopeful questions from the priests, Levites, and Pharisees demonstrate their belief that the promised Messiah would come. We can rejoice because our Messiah did come. God kept – and continues to keep – promises. Rejoice!

It is understandable that the Jewish leaders might wonder if the strangely dressed, charismatic, prophet-like figure – who after all was the son of a devout priest from the Jerusalem temple – was a candidate for the exalted role. What we know, though, is that many of these same folks failed to recognize the Christ when He was right in front of them. Jesus did not match their preconceptions of who a Messiah would be.

It occurs to me that the priests, Levites, and Pharisees were looking for a new version of Israel's great prophets and kings of days gone by, but they were thinking too small. We often do the same. Over a half century ago, J. B. Phillips, in his book *Your God Is Too Small*, challenges Christians (and skeptics) to stop defining God in ways that make our Creator comprehensible to us and realize that God is greater than we can envision. At a time when we wonder how the world will get through the pandemic or get past deep political and racial divisions, know that God can handle this. Rejoice!

I also take comfort from how John answered the men who came to him. John's response indicates he knew God's purpose for him. I envy his awareness. I know that God has a purpose for me, but I lack John's clarity and confidence. God has a plan for each of us, including you. If no one has told you that before, let me be the first. Rejoice! God, who made you and loves you, has a purpose for you.

Like Isaiah, rejoice heartily in the Lord. Like Mary, let your soul proclaim the greatness of the Lord; let your spirit rejoice in God our Savior. Like Paul, rejoice always! May you be filled daily with joy in our God.

