

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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The Ascension of the Lord - May 24, 2020



**"I am with you
always, to the very
end of the age."**

Matthew 28:20



Dear Parishioners,

You can reach the Office by Phone on

Tuesday and Wednesday

Between 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Note:

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

The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 AM Sunday, May 24

† Patricia McAvoy by Colleen, Angela & Bob Weber

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday, May 31

† Lionel Gauthier by Adrienne McIntyre

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

The Ascension of the Lord
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 47
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: May 25 to May 31, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Acts 19:1-8	John 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27	John 17:1-11
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38	John 17:11-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	John 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 24:27; 25:13-21	John 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	John 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13	John 20:19-23

The Ascension of the Lord (Matthew 28:16-20) - By Pope Francis

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven, which took place 40 days after Easter. The Gospel passage (Matthew 28:16-20), which concludes the Gospel of Matthew, presents the moment of the Risen One's final farewell to his disciples. The scene is set in Galilee, the place where Jesus had called them to follow him and to form the first nucleus of his new community. Now those disciples have traversed the 'fire' of the Passion and of the Resurrection; at the visit of the Risen Lord they prostrate themselves before him, although some remain doubtful. Jesus gives this frightened community the immense task of evangelizing the world; and he reinforces this responsibility with the command to teach and baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus' Ascension into heaven thus constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment, from the moment of the Ascension, in fact, Christ's presence in the world is mediated by his disciples, by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history and every day will have the assistance of the Risen Lord, who assures: *'I am with you always, to the end of the age'* (Matthew 28:20).

His presence brings strength during persecution, comfort in tribulations, support in the difficult situations that the mission and the proclamation of the Gospel will encounter. **The Ascension reminds us of Jesus' assistance and of his Spirit that gives confidence, gives certainty to our Christian witness in the world.** He reveals to us the reason for the Church's existence: the Church exists to proclaim the Gospel, for this alone! So too, *the joy of the Church is proclaiming the Gospel.* The Church is all of us baptized people. **Today we are called to better understand that God has given us the great dignity and responsibility of proclaiming him to the world, of making him accessible to all mankind.** This is our dignity; this is the greatest honour of each one of us, of all the baptized!

On this Feast of the Ascension, as we turn our gaze toward heaven, where Christ has ascended and sits at the right hand of the Father, we strengthen our steps on earth so as to continue our journey - our mission of witnessing to and living the Gospel in every environment - with enthusiasm and courage.

However, we are well aware that this does not depend first and foremost on our strengths, on our organizational abilities or human resources. **Only with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit can we effectively fulfil our mission of leading others to know and increasingly experience Jesus' tenderness.**

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to help us contemplate the heavenly benefits that the Lord promises us and to become ever more credible witnesses to his Resurrection, to the true Life.

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