

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

Parish Priest :  
**Rev. Father Arulkumar**

Parish Secretary :  
**Faye Wafer**

Office Hours :  
**Tuesday to Thursday**  
**10 AM to 2 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 :** Faye Wafer 705-682-3207  
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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.

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**Palm Sunday - April 02, 2023**



**Holy Week Schedule - 2023**

**Holy Thursday - April 06, 2023**

**01:00 PM - St. James School, Lively**

**07:00 PM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

After the Mass the Most Blessed Sacrament  
will be exposed till 9:00 PM

**Good Friday - April 07, 2023**

**03:00 PM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

2:45 PM Beginning with Divine Mercy Novena and  
the Stations of the Cross

**Saturday Easter Vigil - April 08, 2023**

**07:00 PM - St. Pius X, Lively**

**Easter Sunday Mass - April 09, 2023**

**09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish**

**11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, April 04**

**10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish**

No Intentions requested

**Wednesday, April 05**

**10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively**

For the intentions of St. Pius X Parishioners

**Holy Thursday, April 06**

**07:00 PM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

For the intention of St. Stanislaus Parishioners

**Good Friday, April 07**

**03:00 PM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

**Easter Vigil**

**Saturday, April 08**

**07:00 PM St. Pius X, Lively**

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

**Easter Sunday, April 09**

**09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish**

For the intentions of St. Christopher Parishioners

**11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**

† For those listed in St. Stanislaus Memorial Book

**The Rosary** is recited before  
**Saturday and Sunday Mass.**

**The Cenacle of the Marian Movement** of priests is held each **Tuesday at 10:45 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**

## Palm Sunday

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22**

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

## Weekdays Scripture Readings: April 03 to April 09, 2023

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 42. 1-7	John 12. 1-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 49. 1-6	John 13. 21-33; 36-38
Wednesday	Isaiah 50. 4-9	Matthew 26. 14-26
Thursday	Exodus 12. 1-8, 11-14 / 1 Corinthians 11. 23-26	John 13. 1-15
Friday	Isaiah 52. 13; 53. 12 / Hebrews 4. 14-16; 5. 7-9	John 18. 1-19.42
Saturday	Genesis 1. 1-22 / Genesis 22. 1-18	Matthew 28. 1-10
Sunday	Acts 10. 34, 37-43 / Colossians 3. 1-4	John 20. 1-18

Sunday Collection - March 26, 2023

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$	\$	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$	\$	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$	\$	\$

### The First Four Days of the Holy Week

On **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** we make our way into **Holy Week**. We read the gospel about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, Paul's invitation to us to imitate Jesus who emptied himself, and the whole **Passion**, this year from **Matthew's Gospel**.

The next three days - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week - are the final days of Lent. The first readings are from the **Suffering Servant Songs** of **Isaiah**. Though originally sung about Israel, God's servant, and perhaps a specific servant, they clearly spoke to the early Christian community about Jesus and his mission.

Monday and Tuesday's gospels are from **John's Gospel**. The anointing at Bethany - at the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus - has taken place at a wonderful celebration of Lazarus' return to life and a fine thanksgiving to Jesus. Mary anoints Jesus' feet with the precious oil that reminds us of his burial. Then, at the Last Supper (skipping over the reading we will use on Holy Thursday about the washing of feet) Jesus identifies his betrayer. Finally, Jesus talks with Peter who professes his loyalty to Jesus who predicts Peter would deny him three times later that night.

Wednesday's Gospel is the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, from **Matthew's** perspective. We can feel the tension and pressure Jesus is under. There is a sadness at hearing the arrangement Judas makes - 30 pieces of silver - to deliver Jesus into the hands of his enemies. The stage is now set for the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.


### The Holy Week Triduum

On **Holy Thursday** we hear a reading from the **Book of Exodus** which describes the Passover celebration. Paul, in his **First Letter to the Corinthians**, gives us the earliest account we have of the Last Supper - probably written relatively soon after the event. Then, we have the unique view of the Last Supper from **John's Gospel**. Instead of the traditional narrative, we see Jesus washing his disciples' feet. On this Thursday night, in the only liturgy allowed in a church on this day - so that as many people as possible might participate - we act out the foot washing that Jesus gave us as an example, in fact, as a mandate.

Out of profound respect for this day on which our salvation was won, there is no Eucharist on **Good Friday**. The liturgy begins with a Liturgy of the Word. **Isaiah 52-53** contains the last of the Suffering Servant songs. With the eyes of faith, it describes what Jesus became. The **Letter to the Hebrews** proclaims the good news of this day. The gospel is the **Passion** from **John's Gospel**.

There is no liturgy at all on **Holy Saturday**. We spend this day in 'the in between place' - between the remembering the death of our Lord and celebrating his Resurrection. The **Easter Vigil Liturgy**, which is celebrated after sunset, is a full celebration of our Lord's resurrection. The Liturgy of the Word has a series of eleven readings to choose from. The idea is that we remain in vigil this night, reviewing the story of our salvation - from the story of Creation, to the great story of the Exodus from slavery in Egypt, through a number of the prophets, culminating in **Paul's Letter to the Romans** - 'Are you not aware that we who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death?' The readings begin in the dark, and are then read by the light of the Easter Candle. Then the lights come on, bells are rung as we sing the Gloria. The gospel story of the Resurrection is then proclaimed in the full light, with Easter joy.

During the day on **Easter Sunday**, we read from the **Acts of the Apostles** to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The **Letter to the Colossians** reminds us 'You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God'. The gospel is from **John's Gospel** and give us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Peter and the 'disciple Jesus loved' to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.



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**- St. Pope John Paul II**  
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**Palm Sunday**

The first Gospel of Palm Sunday - this year from Matthew - begins outside the worship space where a crowd gathers to welcome him with palm branches and hosannas of praise. This short text begins with the statement 'Jesus and the disciples. . . came to the Mount of Olives near the village of Bethphage'. Like the people of the village and Jerusalem itself, the Church recognizes its Lord at this first mountaintop, but will not recognize God's plan for him and for us to descends to the valley, celebrate the Passover meal, and ascends the Mount of Golgotha to be crucified unto death toward the end of the week.

The rest of the story moves to the humility of true humanity: as glorious as the human is in creation, the human is not God and even fails to be fully human much of the time. This knowledge comes from suffering - most of all suffering the rejection by other humans that one is created to be in union with. The knowledge also comes from acknowledging our collaboration with causing that suffering for others and for our own self destruction.

Why do we humans despise the one who loves and saves us? Because we are so arrogant that we do not want to NEED to be loved and saved. We hate the one who rescues us because we don't want to need rescuing. We project the fear and hate we feel for our fragility and limitedness on the one who will redeem us from such limitedness and join us to Divine life. This, then, is what Jesus endures for us in the valley between the mountains - the truth of our createdness. We are not the masters of our fate, the creators of our own future. We are subordinate to the Will and Desire of the Creator - and we hate even the fact that that will and desire is for us to be fully alive and happy - but on God's terms not our own.

The Church then leads us through the passion account according to Matthew. There is much to meditate on in this long and descriptive text, but my prayer led me to the verses about Peter's denial that he even knew Jesus. Here is the point of our times, perhaps writ large. We want to deny that we have anything to do with Jesus. He who loves us so much that he gives everything of himself to give us full humanity and his own Divine life - asks us to stand with him in his suffering. Like Peter I often say 'no'. I pray that each one of us who fails to love, see Jesus's gaze and feel the grief at our failure that Peter felt. May this Holy Week bring us from mountaintop to mountaintop - from truth to truth or humility to deeper humility - and then to the Garden of New Creation where Jesus dwells. The centurion . . . said. . . 'truly this was the Son of God'.

**Regular Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting - April 5th, 2023**

Dinner: 6:00 PM      Regular Meeting: 7:00 PM      At St. Stanislaus Lower Small Hall

**26th March for Life - Thursday, May 11th, 2023** - Organized chartered buses with washroom to Parliament Hill Ottawa, leaving Sudbury, Sturgeon Fall and North Bay, returning the same day. Cost: \$ 25 or donation. For mor information and to reserve your space, call Richard St-Denis at 705-758-9547 or email st-denis\_r27@hotmail.com