

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

**Parish Administrator :**  
**Rev. Father John Suresh**

**Parish Secretary :**  
**Ellen Austin**

**Office Hours :**  
**Tuesday to Thursday**  
**09:30 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 : Ellen Austin**  
**705-682-4596**

**St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061**  
**or Denise Stewart 705-692-4883**

**St. Christopher : Lisette Martin**  
**705-597-2015**

## **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 IN LENT**  
**MARCH 23, 2025**

## **CHARITY**

**Broadly speaking,** Charity is the voluntary giving of help, money, goods, or time to those in need, without expecting anything in return. Charity constitutes the voluntary provision of assistance, financial resources, goods, or time to individuals in need, devoid of expectation for reciprocation, encompassing a spectrum of forms, including financial donations, in-kind contributions, volunteerism, and advocacy, with core elements comprising willingness, support, and selflessness.

Ultimately, we come to realize that charity is fundamentally about sharing our abundance with those in need, without expectation of reciprocity. This selfless act is an intrinsic expression of human nature, which inherently predisposes us to assist, care for, and compassionately support others, encompassing fellow humans, animals, and the natural world. By virtue of our shared humanity, we are endowed with an innate propensity for altruism, a trait that spontaneously emerges from within, guiding us towards empathetic and philanthropic endeavors.

Throughout human history, charity has been universally revered and appreciated across cultures and geographies, leaving an indelible and contagious impact on human civilization. Regrettably, the escalating influences of corporatization and capitalist self-interest have gradually eroded humanity's innate propensity for altruism, confining it to selfish pursuits. Paradoxically, while technological advancements and scientific breakthroughs have transformed the world into a global village, they have also inadvertently contributed to the erosion of the fundamental human impulse for charitable giving, threatening to extinguish the spark of selflessness that once defined human nature.

Thus, it is imperative that we revitalize the quintessential human virtue of charity by reintegrating it into our daily lives, fostering a culture of benevolence within our families, and nurturing the values of altruism in the impressionable minds of younger generations through targeted educational initiatives in schools and colleges, thereby ensuring the perpetuation of this vital aspect of human nature. Accordingly, the Church underscores the significance of charity through various spiritual disciplines, including fasting, penance, and abstinence observed during the Lenten season. The resources accrued through these practices are encouraged to be donated to the Universal Church, which subsequently allocates them to support disadvantaged and vulnerable populations, thereby enabling the Church to fulfill its missionary mandate of serving the poor and marginalized.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

**10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish**  
Speedy recovery of Darwin Brunne by a parishioner  
Followed by Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

**10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively**  
Followed by Rosary and Social  
†Robert Williams by Michael & Kim Monaghan

**Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively**  
Giving thanks for all the helping hands

**Friday, March 28, 2025**

**09:30 AM - Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**  
†Don Stencill by Juanita Stencill

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively**  
†Helen Phillips by Knights of Columbus  
Followed by Stations and Social

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

**09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish**  
For the people entrusted to the parish

**11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff**  
†Lena Desotti by Eleanor & family

**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**

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**Psalm: 103.1-2, 3-4**

**The Lord is merciful and gracious.**

### Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 24 to March 30, 2025

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15a	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d	Luke 1.26-38
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28	Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.1-9	Mark 12.28b-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15b-6.6++	Luke 18.9-14
Sunday	Joshua 5.9a, 10-12/2 Corinthians 5.17-21	Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Sunday Collection - March 16, 2025

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 987.00	\$ 63.00	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 460.00	\$ 29.75	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 400.00	\$ 135.00	

### The Scriptural Foundation of Charity

1. **Love thy neighbor:** "Love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mark 12:31, Leviticus 19:18)
2. **Helping the poor:** "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done" (Proverbs 19:17)
3. **Giving to those in need:** "Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back" (Luke 6:30)
4. **The Golden Rule:** "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31)
5. **Jesus' teachings on wealth:** "Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail" (Luke 12:33-34)
6. **The importance of generosity:** "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)
7. **Caring for widows and orphans:** "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress" (James 1:27)

### The Catholic Doctrines

In Catholic doctrine, charity is esteemed as a theological virtue, alongside faith and hope, and is referred to as 'caritas,' denoting love or charity. As a virtue infused by God, charity enables individuals to love both God and neighbor, as articulated in Jesus' Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40). Characterized by selfless love, charity prioritizes the well-being of others without expectation of reciprocation. Furthermore, charity is considered a fruit of the Holy Spirit, facilitating the love and service of others. The Catechism of the Catholic Church underscores the paramount importance of charity for salvation and Christian life (CCC 1822-1829), emphasizing its indispensable role in the pursuit of holiness.

The Catholic Church's doctrine on charity is delineated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) and various papal encyclicals. Key aspects include the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (CCC 2447-2449), which encompass both physical and spiritual acts of kindness. The Church also emphasizes the Preferential Option for the Poor (CCC 2449), prioritizing the needs of the vulnerable. Additionally, the Universal Destination of Goods (CCC 2402-2405) underscores the importance of sharing God's gifts with others. Charity is considered a theological virtue (CCC 1822-1829), infused by God to enable love for God and neighbor. Papal encyclicals such as Rerum Novarum (1891, Pope Leo XIII), Quadragesimo Anno (1931, Pope Pius XI), Populorum Progressio (1967, Pope Paul VI), Deus Caritas Est (2005, Pope Benedict XVI), and Evangelii Gaudium (2013, Pope Francis) further elucidate the Church's teachings on charity, emphasizing its significance in promoting social justice, compassion, and love.

**Conti. ....next week**



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**Be not afraid!  
Open wide the  
doors to Christ!**

**- St. Pope John Paul II**

Miss no single opportunity of making  
small sacrifice, here by a smiling look,  
there by a kindly word; always doing the  
smallest right and doing it all for love.  
Therese of Lisieux



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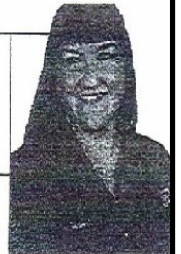


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### Third Week of Lent

The **Third Sunday of Lent** offers Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush. The Lord promises Moses that he will lead the captive Israelites out of Egypt and into "a land flowing with milk and honey." **Luke's Gospel** tells us of Jesus' warning that we must be willing to repent now and that our lives could end by accident or through the evil of someone else. The parable of the barren fig tree reminds us of God's patient love for us, even when we show no signs of changing our lives.

Tuesday is the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.**

Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way - "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan's power to heal, Jesus responds "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house." When asked to name the "greatest" commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."