

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

Parish Priest :
Rev. Father Arulkumar

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
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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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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 19, 2021

In a loud voice she exclaimed:

BLESSED

are you among women, and
blessed is the child you will bear!

Luke 1:42
-Samuel Janras-



Wishing you a Merry
Christmas full of good
health, love, abundance and
everlasting joy in your life.

Glory
to God
in the
highest!

Luke 2:14



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For your information:

**The office will be closed from Friday, December 24th,
2021 to Monday, January 3rd, 2022. Thank you!**

Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, December 23

10:00 AM - Mass At Meadowbrook

† Stella Vaginini by W. & F. Tremblay

Friday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass

04:30 PM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Christine Smith by Jennifer Kirkwood

07:00 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

† Able & Lucille Delorme by O'Hearne family

Saturday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Don Dupuis by Frances & John Chenard

4:30 PM - No Mass - St. Pius X, Lively

Holy Family Sunday

Sunday, December 26

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Don Stencil by Juanita Stencil

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Restore us, O Lord; let your face shine,
that we may be saved - Psalm 80

The Nativity of the Lord - Psalm 96
Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord

Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 20 to December 26, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10	Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a	Luke 1:39-45
Wednesday	1 Samuel 1:24-28	Luke 1:46-56
Thursday	Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6	Luke 1:57-66
Friday	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 16	Luke 1:67-79
Saturday	Isaiah 62:11-12 / Titus 3:4-7 - Christmas	Luke 2:15-20
Sunday	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 Holy Family	Luke 2:41-52

Sunday Collection - December 11 / 12, 2021

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 221	\$	\$
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 1345	\$	\$
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 360	\$ 105	\$

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The **Fourth Sunday of Advent** begins the last week of Advent, which takes us to Christmas on Saturday. The reading from Micah reminds us that of the seemingly unimportant town of Bethlehem, 'from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel'. Luke's gospel offers again the story of Mary's going to visit her cousin. Elizabeth understands immediately Mary's situation and praises God saying, 'How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy'.

Luke's Gospel is our guide this week. We have Luke's story of the Visitation. The story continues with Mary's beautiful response, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord'. Then we have the naming of John by Zechariah. Finally, we have Zechariah's prayer of praise after being allowed to speak again. The scenes and canticles, or songs, which are part of the story, are so well known to us that we can miss hearing them with an open heart.

If we celebrate the **Vigil of Christmas** on Christmas Eve, **Matthew's Gospel** (though any of the gospels for Christmas may be used at any of the Christmas liturgies) offers the history of Jesus' family.

The first celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass at Midnight**. The first reading is from **Isaiah**: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone'. This powerful reading deserves a slow contemplation. The Gospel is from **Luke**: the journey to Bethlehem, the birth, the angels announce the birth to the shepherds. The second celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass at Dawn**. The Gospel is from **Luke**: the shepherds visit the newborn child. 'And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart'. The third celebration of **The Nativity of the Lord** is the **Mass during the Day**. Here the Gospel is from the beginning of **John's Gospel**: 'And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth'.

The Sunday that follows Christmas is always the celebration of the **Holy Family**. There are wonderful readings from the Book of Sirach, the First Book of Samuel, and Paul's letter to the Colossians or the First Letter of John. The gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents could not find him. Jesus goes back home with his family. 'He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man'.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week can guide our hearts to reflect on the meaning of Christmas - the gift of self-giving love. We can ask ourselves, what generosity can come from the gratitude I have in my heart after celebrating the gift of redemption? Who in my world needs more love? What happens in me when I think about the people in the world who need my support?

All of us can imagine Jesus, Mary and Joseph going home. We can imagine their daily lives. We can ask for the grace to live in God's presence, just as they must have done, and for the grace to be sensitive to each other and care for each other as they must have. We can ask that we might imitate their busy lives, trusting and dependent on God. Looking on their hidden life together, we can grow in a desire to be more humble, in a peace with greater simplicity, in a courage to let God take care of us. Whether we experience the poverty of that holy stable or the ordinary simplicity of daily routine, we can enjoy this week as a special opportunity to be drawn to a greater closeness with Jesus.

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