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

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# First Sunday of Lent - March 6, 2022

# **HOW CAN** WE DEFEAT THE DEVIL'S **TEMPTATIO**

LUKE 4:1-13

**Daylight Saving Time ends on** Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 2:00 AM **Change your Clocks before bed on Saturday** 

You can reach the Office by Phone only Tuesday to Thursday - 10 AM to 1 PM **Thank you!** 

**Parish Priest : Rev. Father Arulkumar** 

> **Parish Secretary: Fave Wafer**

**Office Hours : Tuesday to Thursday 10 AM to 1 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 : Fave Wafer 705-682-3207 or Ellen Austin 705-682-4596

St. Pius X : Eleanor Williams 705-692-4061 or Denise Stewart 705-6924883

**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.

### **Liturgy** - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

# Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, March 8 10:30 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish** No intention Requested

Wednesday, March 9 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff No intention Requested

**10:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively** No intention Requested

Thursday, March 10 10:00 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively No intention Requested

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 12

 04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively
† RoseMarie Fitzgerald by O'Hearne Family Sunday, March 13

**09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish †** Gillian Calto by Frances & John Chenard

**11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff** For the People entrusted to the Pastor 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

First Sunday of Lent Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 91 Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

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Day	Reading	Gospel				
Monday	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18	Matthew 25:31-46				
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11	Matthew 6:7-15				
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 11:29-32				
Thursday	Esther 14:1. 3-5, 12-14	Matthew 7:7-12				
Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Matthew 5:20-26				
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Matthew 5:43-48				
Sunday	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 / Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 9:28b-36				

# Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 7 to March 13, 2022

Parish News - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Sunday Collection - February 26 / 27, 2022			Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
Church	Envelopes		Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff \$ 525			\$	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively \$440			\$	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 280		\$ 106	\$	

## The First Week of Lent

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, as we begin our Lenten journey, we recall in the reading from the **book of Deuteronomy** how God was faithful to Israel, leading them out of Egypt to a land of 'milk and honey'. **Luke's gospel** gives us the temptation of Jesus when he was 'led by the Spirit' into the desert. Jesus resists the devil. 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test'. After last week's first four days, the next three weeks of Lent represent a period of instruction, originally designed for the Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil). We can read these readings as a catechism of renewal for us all.

The first weekday reading of week one is the great giving of the Commandments: 'Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy'. Jesus gives the great parable about the last judgment - separating the charitable from the uncharitable: 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me'. Then, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray. He says that it is an evil generation that looks for 'signs'. He is the sign - a call to repentance. On the day we hear the desperate but faith-filled prayer of **Esther**, Jesus tells us to pray confidently. And he sums up the whole law and the prophets for us: 'Do to others whatever you would have them do to you'. Jesus says our holiness has to go beyond the letter-of-the-law holiness; it must touch our anger, our judgments of others, and be reconciled with those we've wronged. The holiness Jesus proposes for us calls us to love our enemies, even to pray for those who persecute us. We are called to love the way God does.

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God made a covenant with Abraham. In **Luke's gospel** we witness how Jesus showed his disciples his glory, to prepare them for what is to come. A voice from a cloud said, 'This is my chosen Son; listen to him'. All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

## **Daily Prayer This Week**

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to re-align our priorities. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord and being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our 'enemies'. What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can begin this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the 'background' about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

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