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

Parish Priest: Rev. Father Arulkumar

> **Parish Secretary:** Fave 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: 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.

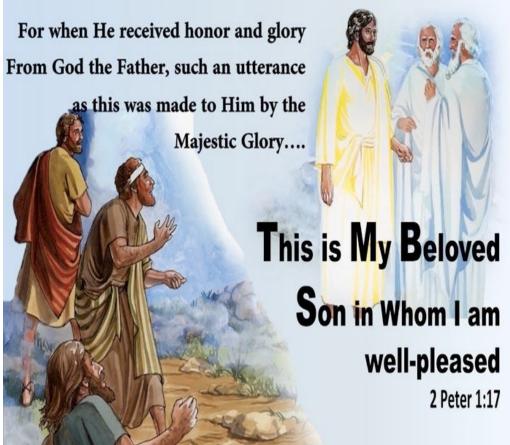
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Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2024





Stations of the Cross

- Wednesday after 10 AM Mass **St. Pius X**, Lively St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff - Friday after 9:30 AM Mass St. Christopher, Whitefish - Friday at 7:00 PM



Tuesday, February 27
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
No Intentions requested

Wednesday, February 28 10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively No Intentions requested

Friday, March 01 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff No Intensions requested

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 02 04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively † John Fahey by Viola and family

Sunday, March 03

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish† Danny, Daran & Michael Brunne by
Darwin & Pat Brunne

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 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

Second Sunday of Lent Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 116

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: February 26 to March 3, 2024

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Daniel 9.3	Luke 6.36-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-1	Matthew 23.1-12
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18.18-20	Matthew 20.17-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 17.5-10	Luke 16.19-31
Friday	Genesis 37.3-4	Matthew 21.33-43
Saturday	Micah 7.14-15	Luke 15.1-3
Sunday	Exodus 20.1-17 / 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25 ++	John 2.13-25

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Sunday Collection - February 18 2024

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Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP	
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 654.00	\$ 73.00	\$	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 585.00	\$ 132.00	\$	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 480.00	\$ 50.00	\$	

Second Week of Lent

For the **Second Sunday of Lent** we read of how God tested Abraham's faith. In the 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 Son, my beloved. Listen to him'. All we need to do for the journey ahead is to listen to him.

Each day the first reading is chosen to prepare for the gospel and the theme of both readings is complementary.

The second week begins with Jesus telling us: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you'. All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. 'Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted'. Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, 'whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant'. Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead'. Then Jesus tells the scribes and religious leaders the parable about the farmer whose servants were abused by his tenants. Finally, they killed his own son. Jesus concludes, 'the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit'. While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus the Pharisees complain, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So Jesus tells them the wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son.

For the **Third Sunday of Lent** we read the Ten Commandments and witness Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. He says, 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up'. **John's Gospel** tells us the point: 'Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken'.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION 2024

Registration forms for the sacraments of **First Reconciliation** and **First Communion** will be available after each Mass next weekend. The children in **grades two, three** and **four are eligible**.

St. James School students will receive the forms at school and will return them to the school by March 22, 2024.

Other registration forms may be returned to the Parish office or placed in the collection basket on March 23/24, 2024. Late registrations will not be accepted.

If the child was baptized in a parish other than St. Christopher, St. Pius X or St. Stanislaus a recent copy of the baptismal certificate must be submitted with the registration form.

If there are questions and / or concerns, please contact the Parish office.



Daily Prayer This Week

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.