St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X Parish Priest: & St. Christopher

Rev. Father Arulkumar

D. O. S: Ethel Fraser Whitefish Lake First Nation

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: 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:

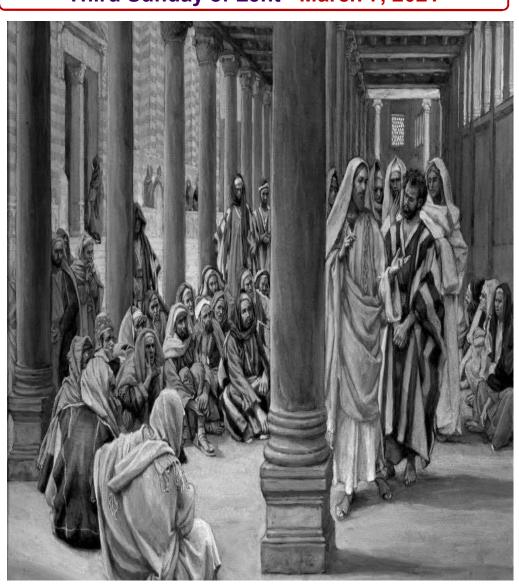
By our Baptism, we are committed to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament and are continually called to build our lives in the image of Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we strive to bring ourselves closer to God and to each other, by building a strong community of believers and a joyous family of God.

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Third Sunday of Lent - March 7, 2021



Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it

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



Tuesday, March 9

09:30 AM - No Mass

Wednesday, March 10

09:30 AM -

No Mass

Thursday, March 11

09:30 AM -

No Mass

Friday, March 12

09:30 AM - No Mass

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 13

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively †Jackie Seguin by St. Pius X CWL

Sunday, March 14
09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish
For the People entrusted to the Pastor

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Eileen Stonley by Noella Duncan

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

Third Sunday of Lent
Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 19

Lord, you have the words of eternal life

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 8 to March 14, 2021

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15	Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3.25, 34-43	Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9	Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7. 23-28	Luke 11. 14-23
Friday	Hosea 13. 1-9	Mark 12. 28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5. 15; 6. 6	Luke 18. 9-14
Sunday	2 Chronicles 36. 14-17, 10-23 Ephesians 2. 4-10	John 3. 14-21

He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, John 2:15

Earlier in my career, I was applying for a diocesan job in Catholic education, and I had advanced far into the process to an interview with a committee of stakeholders. I was poised and confident, and I was answering all the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. That was until a pastor on the committee reminded me of how Jesus turned over the tables in the temple area, and he asked what my "table flipping" ideas were. I wasn't prepared for that one. I mumbled some vague and incoherent answer about strategic planning and moved on to the next question. But, that question stuck with me, and I was able to revisit it as I prepared to write this reflection.

I think that in a glossed-over, candy-coated version of Catholicism, we can view Jesus through a narrow lens — focusing only on the spiritual and the divine. Of course, there is some merit to this. After all, scripture does provide ample opportunity to reflect on Jesus's divinity. This passage, however, is a stark reminder of Jesus's *humanity*. He got *angry*. He made a whip and drove out the animals. He scattered the money of the moneychangers. He literally flipped tables! What a sight that must have been in the temple square! Today's Gospel reading confirms that Jesus, like us, felt emotions and responded in a human way. By challenging the economic apparatus in that time and place, Jesus redirects us to avoid the distractions of earthly rewards and to instead focus on our relationship with Him.

In today's context, there is no shortage of earthly distractions. Just spend some time watching the 24-hour news cycle and we will see it unfold right before our eyes. And all too often, these distractions lead to grave social injustices that affect the poor and those on the margins. The gap between the "haves" and the "have-nots" continues to expand, and it is all too easy for us to become numb and complacent in this stark reality. Contemporary moneychangers abound, and this season of Lent provides us the opportunity to challenge systems of oppression more intentionally when we see them.

So, as we reflect on this passage, we can ask ourselves the same question that was asked of me in that job interview years ago... what tables do I want to flip? What injustices will I confront and challenge in this Lenten season? And how will I do it? By fasting from the earthly distractions that surround us, we can more clearly see how the answers to these questions can lead us to build a more just world in support of those who need it most. In the end, serving as Christ's hands in this way builds up our humanity far more than earthly rewards that perpetuate systems of oppression.



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