

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 : 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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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 02, 2025

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, marked by prayer, fasting, and charity, commemorating Christ's death and resurrection. And Lent is a sacred season of divine mercy and grace, beckoning us to embark on a transformative journey of conversion, inviting us to actively embrace its spiritual disciplines and experience the boundless love and forgiveness of our compassionate God.

What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season, a period of prayer, fasting, and repentance. Palms from the previous Palm Sunday are burned – ashes from these palms are distributed on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence. Ashes from last year's Palm Sunday are blessed and distributed as a symbol of penitence, reminding us of our mortality and the need for forgiveness. The ashes are applied to the forehead in the shape of a cross, with the words '**Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return**' or '**Repent and believe in the Gospel**'.

What is fasting and abstinence?

In the Catholic Church, Fridays throughout the year and the Lenten season are designated as penitential days. Catholics are required to abstain from meat or other foods on Fridays, except when a Friday coincides with a solemnity. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday also require both abstinence and fasting. Fasting involves limiting food and drink to one main meal and two smaller ones. The law of abstinence applies to individuals aged 14 and above.

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, March 04, 2025

10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

†Elsie Matheson by Theresa Matheson

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 05, 2025

09:30 AM - St. Pius X, Lively at St. James School

Mass and Distribution of Ashes

07:00 PM—St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

Mass & Distribution of ashes

Thursday, March 06, 2025

10:30 AM - Meadowbrook, Lively

†Deceased members of the CWL

06:30 PM—St. Pius X, Lively

Adoration, confession and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, March 07, 2025

09:30 AM - Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

†Jane Favot by Eleanor Kehoe

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 08 2025

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively

†Maureen Kennedy by Sheila Makela

Sunday, March 09, 2025

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish

For the people entrusted to the pastor

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

†Jane Favot by Frank & Michelle Moroso

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalm: 92.1-2

Lord, it is good to give thanks to
you.

Weekdays Scripture Readings: March 03 to March 09, 2025

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Sirach 17.24-27, 29	Mark 10.17-27
Tuesday	Sirach 35.1-15	Mark 10.28-31
Wednesday	Joel 2.12-18/2 Corinthians 5.20 – 6.2	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy	Luke 9.22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58.1-9a	Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58.9b-14	Luke 5.27-32
Sunday	Deuteronomy 26.4-10/Romans 10.8-13	Luke 4.1-13

Sunday Collection - February 23, 2025

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 1050.00	\$ 191.00	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 978. 00	\$ 35.00	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 505.00	\$ 154.00	

Fasting and Abstinence Regulations

The Catholic Church's regulations on fasting and abstinence are as follows:

1. **Fasting:** Catholics aged 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. **Abstinence:** Catholics aged 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during Lent.

According to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Sundays during Lent are:

1. Sundays are not considered days of fasting or abstinence, even during Lent.
2. Sundays during Lent are considered days of celebration and reflection, rather than days of fasting or abstinence.
3. On Sundays during Lent, Catholics are encouraged to focus on prayer, reflection, and charity, rather than fasting or abstinence. Historically, Sundays were days of abstinence, but not fasting

(ref: Code of Canon Law: Can. 1246, CCCB Website, Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1438)

Pope Francis speaks.....

Pope Francis has released his annual Lenten message for 2025, emphasizing the **theme "Let us journey together in hope"**. In his message, the Pope encourages Catholics to live their lives as a constant journey of conversion, choosing to walk in peace and hope alongside others.

The Pope highlights three areas where one may be in greater need of conversion: **journeying with others, being synodal, and having hope**. He emphasizes the importance of walking together with others, listening to them, and resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed.

Pope Francis also stresses the virtue of hope, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which calls hope the **"sure and steadfast anchor of the soul"**. He encourages Catholics to ask themselves if they are convinced that the Lord forgives their sins, and if they long for salvation and call upon God's help to attain it. In his message, the Pope also recalls a prayer of St. Teresa of Avila, urging Catholics to **"hope, O my soul, hope"**.

-prepared by Fr. John



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

- St. Pope John Paul II

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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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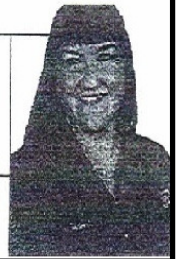


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The Eighth Week of Ordinary Time and the First Four Days of Lent

For the **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**, Jesus talks about removing the log in our own eyes before worrying about the splinter in another's eye. He reminds us the common sense reality that "a good tree does not bear bad fruit." On Monday, we hear Jesus adding to the depth of the Ten Commandments and describing how difficult it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. On Tuesday, Jesus talks about the rewards for those who have "given up everything" to follow him.

Beginning of Lent The **Season of Lent** begins with four days that serve as an introduction to the four Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, Repentance and Almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. We wear ashes on our foreheads to remember who we are and express our desire to turn away from sin and to believe the Good News. The Prophet **Joel** helps us begin our journey: "return to me with your whole heart." "Rend your hearts, not your garments," reminds us that this is an interior journey. The **Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 51**, has the antiphon: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." Paul, in his **First Letter to the Corinthians** says, "be reconciled to God ... we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain ... Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." In **Matthew's Gospel** Jesus gives us a guide for our Lenten practices, "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them."

On Thursday we read in **Deuteronomy** how Moses urges his people to turn away from sin. "Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him."

Friday and Saturday: It is the long tradition of Lent to prepare us for our journey by having us reflect on **Isaiah, Chapter 58**, as we begin. "This is the fasting that I wish" gives us the true picture of fasting: letting God's Spirit transform us. It is a call to conversion. Jesus confirms his desire to help us, "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners."