# 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 705-6824596

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 community of believers and a joyous family of God.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 01, 2024** 



# PENITENTIAL SERVICES

ST. PATRICK'S

THURS. DEC. 5 @ 6:30

**OUR LADY OF HOPE** 

TUES. DEC. 10 @6:00



Tuesday, December 03
10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish
†Msgr Norman Clement by a parishioner

Wednesday, December 04
10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively
Followed by Rosary and Social
†Gordon Taylor by John & Cecilia Jamieson

Thursday, December 05 10:30AM MEADOWBROOK LIVELY Thanksgiving for blessings received 01:00PM - ST. JAMES SCHOOL LIVELY

Friday, December 06 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Werner Wittmer by Ursula

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Saturday December 07
04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively
For the people entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, December 08 09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish †Robert Alemany by Brenda Alemany

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Tessier family members by Gerry & Christine Tessier 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Psalm 25.4-5a To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 02 to December 08,2024

Day	Reading	Gospel	
Monday	Isaiah 2.1-5	Matthew 8.5-11, 13++	
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10	Luke 10.21-24	
Wednesday	Isaiah 35.6-10a	<b>Matthew 15.29-37</b>	
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6	Matthew 7.21, 24-27	
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24	<b>Matthew 9.27-31</b>	
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26	Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5a, 6-8++	
Sunday	<b>Barach 5.1-9/ Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11</b>	<b>Luke 3.1-6</b>	

**Sunday Collection - November 25, 2024** 

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 646.00	\$ 72.75	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 607.00	\$ 47.00	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 615.00	\$ 160.25	

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent.** The first reading from the **Book of Jeremiah** offers a comforting promise of safety to beleaguered Israel: "those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure." **Luke's gospel** offers us a repeat of several of the daily gospels, advising us to be alert and vigilant, watching for signs. "And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, the legendary Jesuit missionary. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church.

During the first part of Advent - we focus on the first reading. This week it is from the **Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. "In the days to come," he says over and over. When the day of promise comes, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." Even though King David's line, and that of his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Who would believe even a peace in nature - lion lying down with the lamb? "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea." God's unique ways of favoring the poor, which Mary comes to know and proclaims in her *Magnificat*, are seen when Isaiah says, "He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it with the dust." Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: "On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ... "On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people."

The gospels for this first part of Advent are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show that the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever." Those words from **Baruch** are in the first reading for the **Second Sunday of Advent. Luke's Gospel** offers us a first look at the promise of John the Baptist as he cries out, "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING—DEC 4, 2024

6pm Dinner 7 pm meeting St. Stanislaus lower small hall



## **Daily Prayer This Week**

Despite all of the distractions at this time of year, we really can focus on Advent during these weeks. We seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of social events or wrestle with budgets and shopping, but the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time - just a few minutes each day - to reflect on how much God promises us.

Each morning this week, while we are first coming to consciousness, we can name a desire, name an emptiness or feeling of anxiety or worry that we can feel. It is into the raw places in our lives such as these, that our Lord came to be with us. So, this week, we can begin to invite our Lord to be Incarnate in our lives, in the places we need him the most.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will "find joy in the Lord." And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, "the Lord binds up the wounds of his people."

As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. "Come, Lord." "Come and save me." "Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life." "Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me."