

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

St. Christopher : Adrienne McIntyre  
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**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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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 22, 2024**



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Tuesday, December 24

04:30 PM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff  
CHRISTMAS MASS

07:00 PM - St. Pius X, Lively  
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Wednesday, December 25

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish  
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Thursday, December 26

NO MASS

Friday, December 27

NO MASS

THE HOLY FAMILY - JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday December 28

04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively  
For the people entrusted to the pastor

Sunday, December 29

09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish  
Personal intention of a parishioner

11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff  
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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

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### Psalm 80.1AB+2

Restore us, O God; let your face  
shine, that we may be saved.

### Weekdays Scripture Readings: December 23 to December 29, 2024

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6	Luke 1.57-66
Tuesday	Isaiah 62.1-5	Matthew 1.1-25
Wednesday	Isaiah 62.11-12	Luke 2.15-20
Thursday	Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-59	Matthew 10.17-22
Friday	1 John 1.1-4	John 20.2-8
Saturday	1 John 1.5 -2.2	Matthew 2.13-18
Sunday	Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14/Colossians 3.12-21	Luke 2.41-52

Sunday Collection - December 15, 2024

Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

Church	Envelopes	Loose	PADP
St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff	\$ 1030.00	\$ 70.00	
St. Pius X, Lively	\$ 690.00	\$ 142.00	
St. Christopher, Whitefish	\$ 505.00	\$ 255.00	

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The **Fourth Sunday of Advent** begins a brief, three-day final week of Advent. The reading from Micah reminds us that from the seemingly unimportant town of Bethlehem, “from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.” Luke's gospel offers again the story of Mary's going to visit her cousin. Elizabeth understands immediately Mary's situation and praises God saying, “How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”

On Wednesday, **Christmas Day**, we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Whether we celebrate at midnight or early in the morning or later in the morning, we read the stories of the birth of Jesus.

In our important feasts this week, the first on Thursday honors the **Feast of Saint Stephen, the first martyr**. Stephen was the first public witness who gave his life for his faith. The second feast on Friday remembers the disciple Jesus loved, **Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**. Saturday is the **Feast of the Holy Innocents**, which honors the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage. The readings for those feasts renew their stories for us. Saturday is the fourth day in our eight days of celebrating Christmas - first from the First Letter of John's powerful letter about God's love for us and our love for others, and from the beginning of Luke's Gospel with the picture of the scene when Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the temple and encounter Simeon and his prophecies about the child and about Mary.

The Sunday that follows Christmas is always the celebration of the **Holy Family**. There are wonderful readings from the Book of Sirach, the First Book of Samuel, and Paul's letter to the Colossians or the First Letter of John. The gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents could not find him. Jesus goes back home with his family. “He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.”





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

**- St. Pope John Paul II**

Miss no single opportunity of making  
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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**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

This may be one of the most difficult weeks to be reflective throughout each day. This weekend may be quite full for many of us. Others of us may be alone, apart from the faith community we will join on Sunday and Tuesday, perhaps daily this week. While some of us have had guests staying with us and a house to clean, others of us will be reviewing memories and struggling, even a little, with being alone.

Whether this week is full or slow, it is a treasure-filled opportunity for reflection. Using the same means we've been using, we can let the richness of this week's readings and feasts fill the background of each day. Even on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day we can wake up, surrendering anxiety by letting the anxiety of these days take us to the scene of our Lord's birth. We can imagine the anxiety that filled the experience of Mary and Joseph. We can keep in our consciousness their trust in God. The Christmas music on the radio or at our church services and liturgies can bring the faith of these hymns and songs into our hearts. And, once it is there, these songs of faith will remain in the background all day long. When we are tempted to worry or complain, to be hurt or angry, to be frustrated or exhausted, the hymns will draw our hearts to rejoicing and gratitude.

Thinking about Stephen the Martyr or John, the apostle of love or the martyrdom of the innocents, with a little desire and focus, can guide our hearts to reflect on the meaning of Christmas - the gift of self-giving love. We can ask ourselves, what generosity can come from the gratitude I have in my heart after celebrating the gift of redemption? Who in my world needs more love? What happens in me when I think about the people in the world who need my support? Who is being martyred today? Who is witnessing our world's rejection?

All of us can imagine Jesus, Mary and Joseph going home. We can imagine their daily life. We can ask for the grace to live in God's presence, just as they must have done, and for the grace to be sensitive to each other and care for each other as they must have. We can ask that we might imitate their busy lives, trusting and dependent on God. Looking on their hidden life together, we can grow in a desire to be more humble, in a peace with greater simplicity, in a courage to let God take care of us. Whether we experience the poverty of that holy stable or the ordinary simplicity of daily routine, we can enjoy this week as a special opportunity to be drawn to a greater closeness with Jesus.