# St. Stanislaus & St. Pius XParish Administrator :<br/>Rev. Father John Suresh& St. Christopher

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 : Lisette Martin

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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. 78 Balsam St, P.O. Box 910 Copper Cliff, ON P0M 1N0 Tel: 705-682-4683 Email: ststans@eastlink.ca Website: www.sts-spc.com

# EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025

# **Jesus's Resurrection**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a transformative event that profoundly affects human existence, instilling hope, and assurance in countless lives. As a cornerstone of the Christian faith, it demonstrates God's authority over death and sin, and through Jesus' victory over the grave, believers are born again to a living hope, endowed with a renewed sense of purpose anchored in the promise of eternal life and redemption made possible by Christ's glorious resurrection.

#### Scholarly Perspectives on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Scholars approach the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from diverse perspectives, employing historical-critical methods to contextualize the event within 1st-century Palestine. While some view the Resurrection as a historical occurrence subject to empirical investigation, others interpret it as a theological or symbolic narrative emphasizing its significance for faith and doctrine. This ongoing debate reflects the complexity of Resurrection scholarship, with scholars seeking to reconcile historical inquiry with theological understanding or prioritizing one approach over the other, underscoring the richness and diversity of perspectives on this pivotal event.

#### **Historical Evidence**

The historicity of Christ's resurrection is supported by both early Christian and non-Christian sources. The New Testament accounts, particularly the Gospels and Pauline Epistles, serve as primary sources for the resurrection narrative. Additionally, non-Christian sources, including the Roman historian Tacitus, Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, and Roman administrator Pliny the Younger, provide independent corroboration of Jesus' existence and the significant impact of his resurrection on early Christianity, lending historical credibility to the event.

# **Biblical Accounts**

The biblical accounts of the Resurrection offer a cohesive narrative through distinct perspectives, with the Gospel narratives in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John providing detailed descriptions that highlight unique emphases and theological themes. Despite variations in detail, the core message is still consistent, underscoring Jesus' triumph over death and profound implications for faith. Post -resurrection appearances and the Pauline Epistles, particularly 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, provide early Christian creeds and testimonies, highlighting the Resurrection's theological significance and historical insight into the early Christian proclamation, presenting a robust and multifaceted witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The evidence for the Resurrection is compelling and multifaceted, encompassing three key lines of testimony: the empty tomb, eyewitness accounts, and radically changed lives. The vacant tomb defies alternative explanations, while eyewitnesses, including women and disciples, provide robust testimony to the event. The transformative impact on apostles like Paul and Peter, who risked everything to proclaim the gospel, proves the Resurrection's authenticity and enduring influence, collectively substantiating the historicity of the event.

### **Liturgy** - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish No Mass Intentions Wednesday, April 23, 2025 10:00 AM - St. Pius X, Lively † Michel Joly by CWL Followed by Rosary and Social Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:30 AM Meadowbrook, Lively Thanking all the helping hands

Friday, April 25, 2025 09:30 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff †Marjorie Smania by Al Nesseth

Saturday, April 26, 2025 04:30 PM - St. Pius X, Lively Our Lady of Good Council by CWL

Sunday, April 27, 2025 09:00 AM - St. Christopher, Whitefish Walter & Marj Marcolini by family 11:00 AM - St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff For the people entrusted to the Pastor

**03:00 PM DIVINE MERCY – WHITEFISH** 

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

EASTER SUNDAY Psalm: 118.1-2,, 16-17 This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad.

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Day	Reading	Gospel			
Monday	Acts 2.14, 22-23	Matthew 28.8-15			
Tuesday	Acts 2.36-41	John 20.11-18			
Wednesday	Acts 3.1-10	Luke 24.13-35			
Thursday	Acts 3.11-26	Luke 24.35-48			
Friday	Acts 4.1-12	John 21.1-14			
Saturday	Acts 4.13-21	Mark 16.9-15			
Sunday	Acts 5.12-16/Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19	John 20.19-31			

# Weekdays Scripture Readings: April 21 to April 27, 2025

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#### **Parish News** - St. Stanislaus & St. Pius X & St. Christopher

Sunday Collection - April 20, 2025		Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!		
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St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff		\$ 730.00	\$ 227.00	
St. Pius X, Lively		\$ 665.00	\$ 76.55	
St. Christopher, Whitefish		\$ 760.00	\$ 159.00	

# **Spiritual Significance**

The Resurrection's spiritual significance is rich and multifaceted, encompassing pivotal themes that profoundly change believers' lives. It embodies hope, reminding that God's power and love can bring new life and transformation even in darkness. The Resurrection is also intricately linked with redemption, emphasizing God's willingness to forgive sins and restore humanity to a right relationship with Him. Furthermore, it guarantees eternal life, permeating existence with enduring purpose and transcendent direction, elevating human experience beyond mortal confines and anchorage it in God's eternal promises.

# **Personal Reflection**

Engaging in personal reflection on the Resurrection's meaning can profoundly affect one's faith and understanding of God's love and power, allowing believers to deepen their faith and develop a more nuanced understanding of God's plan for humanity. This introspection can also inspire spiritual growth, motivating individuals to cultivate a deeper relationship with God, characterized by increased trust, obedience, and devotion, leading to a more Christ-like life embodying love, compassion, and character.

# **Cultural Relevance**

The Resurrection's themes of transformation, renewal, and victory over adversity keep profound cultural relevance, resonating deeply with individuals across diverse backgrounds and experiences. In a world marked by complexity, uncertainty, and challenge, this timeless message inspires hope and resilience, fosters personal growth and transformation, and offers a universal narrative that transcends cultural and temporal boundaries, speaking to fundamental human experiences and aspirations that are shared across cultures and centuries.

# **Understanding the Resurrection Today**

The Resurrection stands as a profoundly relevant and transformative event, weaving a rich narrative of spiritual significance, personal reflection, and cultural relevance that resonates deeply in today's complex world. At its core, it conveys a powerful message of hope, redemption, and eternal life, underscoring the boundless love and omnipotent power of God. As individuals navigate the intricacies of modern life, grappling with challenges and uncertainties, the Resurrection's themes of transformation, renewal, and triumph over adversity offer a timeless and universal message. This enduring narrative inspires hope, fosters resilience, and catalyzes personal growth, empowering individuals to deepen their faith and cultivate a profound understanding of God's plan. By embracing the Resurrection's significance, people can discover a renewed sense of purpose, direction, and meaning, illuminating their paths and guiding them through life's triumphs and tribulations.

By embracing the profound significance of the Resurrection, individuals can experience a transformative sense of hope, redemption, and purpose that permeates every aspect of their lives. This powerful event instills a deep-seated confidence and assurance, empowering believers to navigate life's complexities and challenges with courage, resilience, and unwavering faith. As they internalize the Resurrection's message, individuals can discover a renewed sense of direction and meaning, enabling them to confront adversity with hope, overcome obstacles with determination, and live with purpose and conviction.

> Prepared by Fr. John Suresh Copper Cliff, ON

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**Easter Sunday**, we read from the **Acts of the Apostles** to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The **Letter to the Colossians** reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The gospel is from **John's Gospel** and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.

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The first reading for Easter Week is from the **Acts of the Apostles.** We hear Peter's preaching the Good News and experience the first deeds of the Apostles, which parallel the acts of Jesus, including the conflicts he experienced and his power to heal.

The gospels this week are all resurrection appearances. These wonderful stories contain some common elements. They appear designed to make it clear that this was not a group of disciples who dreamed up the resurrection, because they were hoping for it so much. In fact, they found it difficult to believe. The Jesus they saw and experienced was not a "ghost." Instead, he had a body.

Monday, is the story of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, as well as the "coverup story" and pay off of the guards. Tuesday, we read of Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene, through the eyes of **John's Gospel**. Jesus missions her to announce the Good News to his brothers. On Wednesday we are treated to **Luke's** marvelous story of Jesus' appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were sad, because they had hoped the story would have turned out differently. Jesus tells them why he had to first suffer and die in order to enter into his glory. As they stopped to eat, "he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Thursday Jesus appears in the room where the disciples are gathered. "Peace be with you" he says and then eats with them and shows them his wounds. On Friday, we have the powerful appearance in **John's Gospel** at the Sea of Tiberias. Peter decided to return to fishing. Jesus appears and re-missions him. On Saturday, the week concludes with the summary of appearances in what appears to be an addition to the end of **Mark's Gospel**.