

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, JULY 2, 2023

STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO ST. AGNES, LITTLE DOVER ST. JOSEPH, PORT FELIX ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, July 8 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*
- 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*William David*

Sunday, July 9 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Louise Harnish*
- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea - †*Vadie Thornhill*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Thursday, July 6 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

COMMUNION CALLS - If you know of someone who is unable to get out to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office to have their name added to the list.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS - ***THE DILEMMA OF CHRISTIANITY AND THE CROSS*** *Jesus seemed harsh considering the words used in the Gospel today. He said loving a father or mother more than Him indicates one not being worthy of Him. This also applies to one who does not take up his/her cross and follow Him. Surely these are not pleasant things present-day Christians want to hear, especially as there are several prosperity gospels everywhere, replacing the cross. Is Christ promoting family division and neglect for parents? Is he ignorant of the commandments in the Torah that states "Honour your father and mother so that your days will be long?" That is not the case here, because even he who loved to linger in the Father's house still obeyed his parents when they found him in the Temple. The thrust of this gospel is that loving Christ means that you will love everyone because he is the image of the invisible God who is love. Familiar relationships should not be an obstacle to worshipping God.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Star of the Sea (29)	400.00	St. Agnes (19)	311.00
Winter Fuel (1)	20.00	St. Vincent de Paul (6)	110.00
Loose	50.00	Loose	15.00

St. Joseph (16)	206.00
Loose	5.00
Cemetery Yard Sale	973.00

CONGRATULATIONS - we wish to extend congratulations to graduates of Canso and Guysborough Academies. We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you success. Congratulations to all youth finishing school for another year. Thank you to all staff for doing your job so well. May you enjoy summer freedom, stay very safe and take good care of yourselves.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Bingo - will resume in September.

Groundskeeper Required - We are seeking someone to mow and maintain the parish cemetery. Please contact the parish office.

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Weekly Bingo - Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Parish Picnic - Proceeds will be published next week. Thank you for your support! And a special thank you to the organizers and donors, much appreciated

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Prize Bingo - Proceeds will be announced next week. A very special thank you to those who donated and to those who helped out in any way. It is much appreciated.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - We desperately need new members!! Next meeting is Tuesday, September 12 at 6:15 p.m.

Ministries Schedule, July 9

Lector - Harry Delorey
Cleaners - July 9 - 15 - Harry Delorey
We are inviting parishioners to serve as Sacristans, Ushers and Altar Servers for Funeral. Please contact Fr. Jonathan for more

information.

Summer Fun Ticket Draw - will be held in June. There will be three draws for a Patio set, a Barbecue package and an Outdoor pizza oven. Anyone wishing to buy or sell tickets should contact Flo Flemming or a committee member. Draw date: July 18.

NOTES

The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine - The gift shop is open for the season, 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, everyday including Sundays and Holidays. The Shrine is always open.

Mass For Shut-Ins - Masses from our 60th season may be viewed on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w> and on our website:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/mass-for-shut-ins/>

Annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass - July 9, 2pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, Johnstown. The Mass will start at 2 pm. The Shrine is located behind Sacred Heart Church, 15338 Highway 4, Johnstown. Please bring your own chair.

Annual Strawberry Festival - July 9, 2-5 pm Johnstown Parish Hall.

Following Jesus Will Cause Conflict

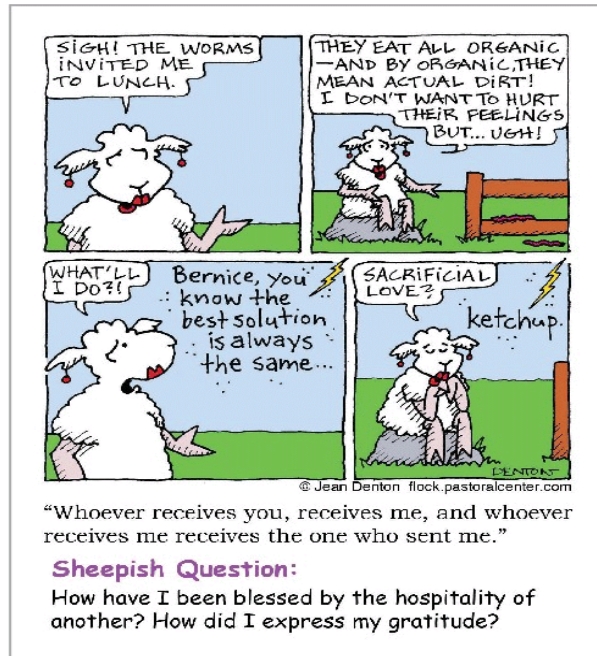
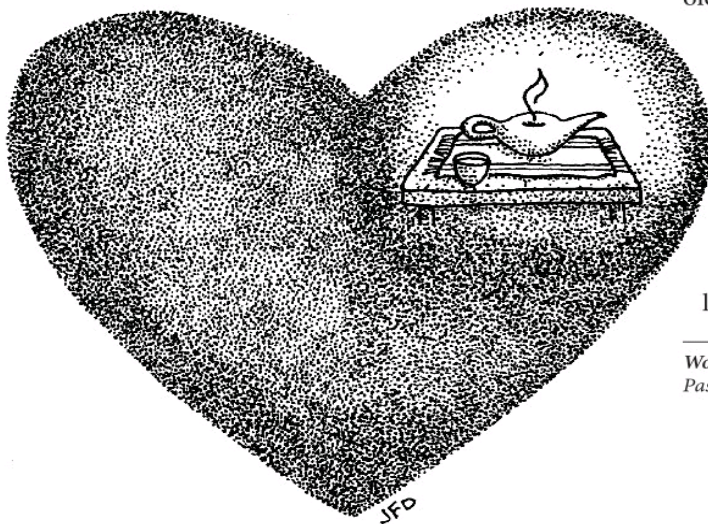
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 - Elisha and the Shunammite woman ▶
- Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 - Death to sin, life in God
- ▶ Matthew 10:37-42 - Conditions and rewards of discipleship

The Gospel reading today is a continuation of last week's instructions to the apostles as Jesus sends them out to expand his work of healing, teaching, and driving out demons. The first half of the reading contains some solemn teachings: disciples must love Jesus more than their own families, and they must be willing to lose their lives in to find it.

It is easy for us to get defensive or upset about being asked to love Jesus more than our parents or our children. Yet what Jesus was asking wasn't a new teaching in his tradition, a tradition which emphasized that one must follow God before one's parents. We should be clear that Jesus is *not* telling us it is wrong to love our family or that we should love them less than we do.

What he *is* saying is that sometimes following him will create conflict within our families. We should expect resistance and breaks in some relationships if we are faithful to what Jesus is asking of us. In those



“Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

Sheepish Question:

How have I been blessed by the hospitality of another? How did I express my gratitude?

times, we will lose the life as we know it to be faithful to him. Still today, it is not unusual for there to be family conflict when one person begins to deepen in his or her faith commitment while others around them don't. Ask any parish RCIA director, and she can tell you stories of how painful it is for catechumens to become Catholic when their family disagrees or even disowns them for their faith in Jesus. Yet all of them who go through with it do so because they believe they are “finding” new life despite losing their old life.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Has your faith ever caused disagreements or conflicts with loved ones? Please share.
- 2 Share about something you have “lost” in your life because of your faith, and also about how your faith has helped you to find new life.

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