

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS

The Glory That Awaits Us at The End - The Transfiguration of Christ is undoubtedly one of the most momentous occasions in his life and ministry. The Lord was on his way to Jerusalem to suffer terribly and to die. His humanity needed some strengthening for the task ahead. Also, his disciples needed some reassurance that all their hopes in him were not for nothing. They too would suffer later for the kingdom. The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain offered the disciples the privilege of a foretaste of the glory of Christ, so that, perceiving the correlation between the passion and the resurrection, it would enable them to overcome their shock in the wake of the passion prediction and accept the reality of the cross as a path to the glory of the resurrection. In our own context, the transfiguration is a powerful reminder that our destiny as disciples of Jesus is tied to the destiny of the Lord. While we cannot escape suffering in our lives, there is nonetheless nothing like mere suffering, as suffering has a redemptive import; so that, if we share in Jesus' suffering, we will also share in his glory. As we unite ourselves with the passion of the Lord, we must keep alive the memory of God's past goodness to us, so that it will serve as motivation for us to persevere as we look beyond present difficulties with the assurance that good times are bound to follow the bad, as surely as the dawn follows the night.

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, August 13

Lector - Edmund Leblanc

Cleaners - August 6 - 12 - Theresa & Eileen

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 - Congratulations to the winners - Pizza Oven - Trevor Delorey; Barbecue - Laura Oliver and Patio Set - Anna Feltmate! We wish to thank those who donated the prizes, East Coast Hydraulics, Canso Coop and Anonymous Donors. A very special thank you to all for your support and to ticket sellers, without you it would not happen. Profit was an amazing \$3,665.00!! WOW!!

UPCOMING EVENTS STAR OF THE SEA

Sunday, August 13 - Regatta Prize Bingo, Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Donations are requested and can be dropped off at the church

Saturday, August 19 - Chowder Luncheon at the Shamrock Club. Food items will be needed for this event.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Star of the Sea, (21) 415.00
Winter Fuel (1) 20.00

St. Agnes, (5) 90.00

St. Vincent de Paul, (7) 105.00

St. Joseph (23) 265.00

ST. AGNES NEWS

Bingo - will resume in September.

Club 100 Draw - August 6 is the draw date, tickets are available now.

ST JOSEPH NEWS

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

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>

