

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

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, November 18 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Arthur Noel Cashin*

Sunday, November 19 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Charles Hughie Boudreau*
- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea - †*Bob Rossong*

NOTE - St. Vincent de Paul, Queensport is closed for the winter. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the 6:00 pm Saturday Mass at St. Joseph, Port Felix.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Thursday, November 16 - 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 - *Get Ready! He is Coming!!*

Jesus teaches us how to prepare for the end and his second coming. Our preparation should not be like that of the bad servant, who says to himself, "My master will not be back for a long time yet" and goes on eating and drinking and bullying his fellow servants. It should be like the dependable wise servant, who remains faithful to his master's duty, feeding the household at the right time. It is said that "The most dangerous day in a man's life is the day he learns the word tomorrow." Jesus uses today's gospel passage to teach us wisdom – the ability to make good/serious judgments. Knowledge without wisdom is incomplete and dangerous. There are two important warnings and lessons that we must learn from the parable of the wise and foolish wedding attendants: 1) Certain things cannot be obtained at the last minute, for example, character and skill; 2) Certain things cannot be borrowed, for example, relationship with God, holiness and virtuous life. Let us make hay while the sun shines, for tomorrow may be too late.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, March 5 at 6:15 p.m. We welcome new members. Please help out!

Ministries Schedule, November 19

Lector - Paul Smith

Cleaners - November 5 - 11 - Harry Delorey

Nativity Scene - a new Nativity Scene has been purchased and with your amazing generosity the cost has been fully covered! Thank you so very much.

Star of the Sea Christmas decorations - Special thanks to all who came and helped out. We will need to purchase new pew markers for Christmas. There are FREE decoration items in the entrance of the church. please help yourself.

STAR OF THE SEA EVENTS

Trivia Night - Saturday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Please pre-register with a committee member.

Christmas Bazaar - Saturday, December 2, 12 noon at Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Donations of **Baked Goods, Candy/Fudge, Parcel Post, Crafts or a Bingo Prize are needed**. Lunch will be served for \$8.00. Please note: If we have extra donations for bingo, they will be held over for another bingo later in the year. Donations can be dropped off to the vestry or to the Fire Hall on Saturday after 10:00 a.m.

Ticket Draw - Canso Coop Grocery Certificate, value \$300.00. Draw date December 12. Tickets will be available from committee members.

MEMORY TREES - November 2nd - Sunday, January 7, 2024. Minimum donation will be \$5.00 and a loved one's name will be written on a ball. Donations will be deposited to the parish of your choice. Memorial cards are available in the entrance of the Church.

ST JOSEPH NEWS - Weekly Bingo -is over for this year, a huge thank you for your support.
Card Plays - continue Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome
Christmas Prize Bingo - will be held Sunday, December 3, 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Donations of prizes would be appreciated.

ST. AGNES NEWS - Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Star of the Sea (20)	500.00
Winter Fuel (2)	40.00
Nativity Scene	120.00
St. Agnes (1)	205.00
Loose	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul (1)	40.00
St. Joseph (16)	267.00
Loose	5.00
Cemetery (2)	550.00

Thank you so very much

PRAYER INTENTION - For our Diocesan families: that we may listen to God's call to conversion of our hearts, attitudes, and desire to share Christ's unconditional love to those we encounter each day, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

NOTES - World Day of the Poor - Sunday, November 19- In 2017, Pope Francis instituted the World Day of the Poor so that "throughout the world Christian communities can become as ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need".

Are We Awake?

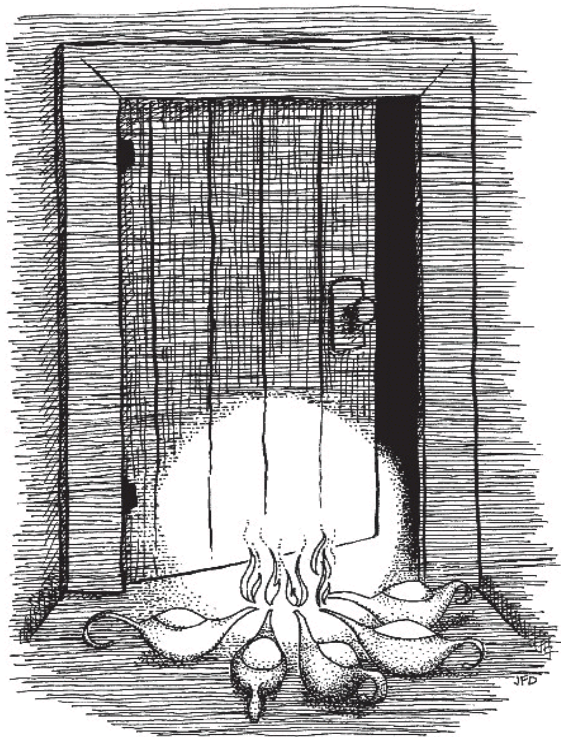
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Wisdom 6:12-16 - Wisdom for those who seek ▶ 1
- Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Resurrection of the dead ▶
- Matthew 25:1-13 - Parable of the ten virgins

The wedding customs of Jesus' time may be unfamiliar to us, but the point of the parable today isn't the details about how wedding ceremonies worked. The parable focuses on Jesus' teaching to remain alert and vigilant as we await the full coming of the Kingdom of Heaven.

There is debate about whether this parable points to our need to be watchful for Jesus' second coming at the end of time or is making another point. We know from other New Testament writings that St. Paul, Jesus' other apostles, and the whole early Christian community expected Jesus to return in their lifetime. The second reading today gives us Paul's version of how he imagined this happening. "The Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven..." (Thess. 4:16). The early Christians understood this parable as the need for vigilance for the end of the world,

Perhaps that isn't the meaning of it for us today, however. Assuming Jesus doesn't return in our lifetimes, what might he be urging us to prepare for? What are we called to stay awake to? Many of Jesus' teachings focused on the Kingdom of God, which he repeatedly said "is at hand." Perhaps that is the invitation to us—to be alert to how the Kingdom of God is breaking into our world today, right where we find ourselves. As we near the end of a



"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sheepish Question:
So why am I not getting an "E"? What must I do about it?

tumultuous 2020, we may be challenged to see how God is active in the world right now. Yet Jesus, too, lived in a world racked by racial and economic injustice, military domination, and sickness and suffering, yet he still saw ways God was active and working. Can we?

Questions of the Week

- 1 Do you ever find yourself wondering about how and when the world will end? If so, does thinking about it change the way you live?
- 2 Despite all the bad news in our world this year, how do you see the Kingdom of God breaking in

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