

**STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO  
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

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**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, September 30** - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*  
- 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Mary Ann Casey*

**Sunday, October 1** - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Leona & †Fred George*  
- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea - †*Bob Rossong*

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

**Thursday, September 28** - 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 - NOT HOW LONG; BUT HOW WELL**

*The parable of the workers in the vineyard may not fit into the ideal working conditions of the business world. In the ideal business world, each is employed and rewarded according to the length of labour and probably, years of experience. But in the language of heaven, the pay is not based on the length of labour and energy but on grace. Those who started the faith (journey) early and have lived it for years and those who have come to the faith very late or towards the end of their years of life on earth, the Lord rewards all equally. He rewards each out of a heart of care: mercy is shown to the latecomers, a full wage; justice is shown to eager workers, a full wage. Our life in God is a demonstration of God's care and grace. As Christians, let us grow beyond the notion of being better than the other. We are all equal in the sight of God. When we try to prove that we are better than others we end up like these men. We should keep God's commandment not for show-off because, on the last day, we shall all stand one by one before God.*

**STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Cemetery Clean up - will be held Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. Anyone capable of helping is invited to tidy up the cemetery before the winter. Rain date is October 21. Please help out!

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, October 10 at 6:15 p.m. We welcome new members.

Ministries Schedule, September 24

Lector - Paul Smith

Cleaners - September 24 - 30 - Baker girls

**Glebe Hill** - There will be no public access through the glebe hill due to the condition of the road.

**The church and Glebe can be accessed through Chapel Street.** Thank you for your cooperation. We are working on having the road repaired.

**EVENTS - STAR OF THE SEA**

Trivia Night - Special thanks for your ongoing support!

Club 100 Tickets - draw date is September 26.

**NATIVITY SCENE - Star of the Sea Church** requires a new Nativity Scene. The present one is in deplorable condition with some of the figurines taped together with duct tape. We are asking for donations to help with the cost of replacement. Donations may be placed in Sunday Collection, Etransferred to [support@cansoparishes.org](mailto:support@cansoparishes.org), or dropped off at the parish office.

### **ST JOSEPH NEWS**

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

### **ST. AGNES NEWS**

*Bingo* - resumes October 1 at 7:00 p.m.

*Upcoming Fund-raiser* - Saturday, September 30 starting at 1:00 p.m.

Straws, Chinese Auction, Cake Walk, Hot Dogs, etc

**Special thanks for donations and support.**

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

<b>Star of the Sea (22)</b>	330.00
Loose	120.00
Needs of Canadian Church (4)	70.00
Winter Fuel (1)	20.00
<b>St. Agnes (2)</b>	30.00
<b>St. Vincent de Paul (6)</b>	105.00
Loose	5.00
Needs of Canadian Church (1)	5.00
<b>St. Joseph (11)</b>	138.00
Needs of Canadian Church (1)	10.00

### **NOTES**

*The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine* -

The gift shop is open, 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, everyday. The Shrine is always open.

*Divine Mercy Chaplet* - St. Ann's Parish Church, Guysborough, Sept. 27, 6:00 pm, followed by Benediction.

*Mass for Shut Ins* - Mass for Shut Ins will soon begin its 61st season. Starting October 15, will air Sunday mornings on the CTV channel.

Contact coordinator, Nick Vince, at [nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca) for scheduling details or for donations.

*CBU Student Retreat* - Spend a day with a variety of fun activities. For all Students, For all spiritualities

Free rides available, Free supper - Sunday, October 15, 1pm-7pm. 8430 Highway 105, Kranna Retreat House, Big Pond. For Registration, Contact: Basil Benoy, [basilbenoy731@gmail.com](mailto:basilbenoy731@gmail.com). Sponsored by CBU Chaplaincy and Newman Society

# Day Laborers

This Week's Readings at Mass ▶

Isaiah 55:6-9 - Seeking the Lord

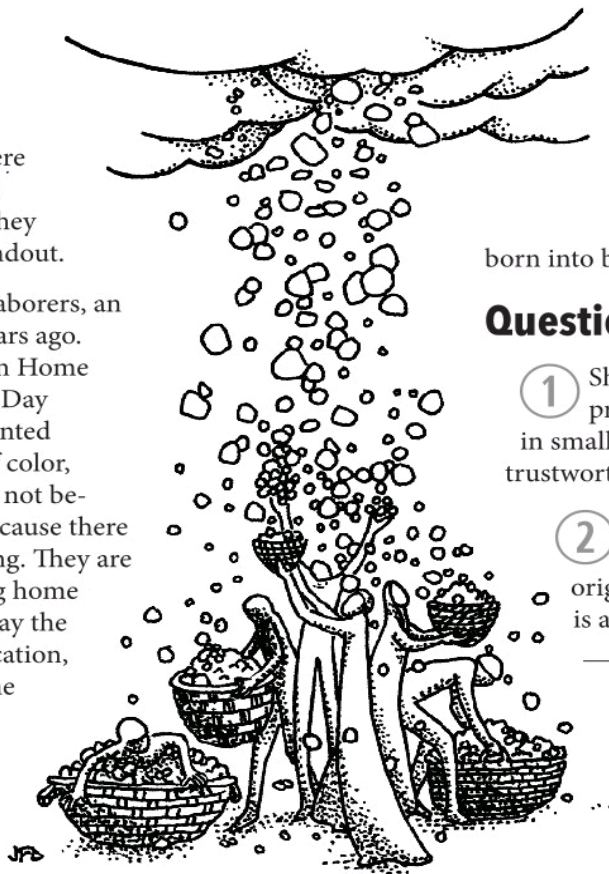
▶ Philippians 1:20-24, 27 - Spreading the gospel ▶

Matthew 20:1-16 - The laborers in the vineyard

As always, our place in life affects how we hear Jesus' message. For people who are fully employed and well-paid in this life, this parable may be troubling. For those under- or unemployed, this Gospel reading may be wonderful news about who God is and how God works.

For those of us who have enough in life, we may interpret this parable as about hard work and fairness. According to our values, those who work hard and long deserve more; they've earned it. We may find fault with those who weren't hired earlier in the day, judging them as lazy or in some other way as moral failures. Notice, though, that nothing in Jesus' words suggest the workers hired later were "slackers" or lazy. They were "idle" because no one had hired them, not because they were hoping for a free handout.

This is a story about day laborers, an economic reality 2,000 years ago. This scene still plays out in Home Depot parking lots today. Day laborers, often undocumented immigrants and people of color, may stand around all day, not because they are lazy, but because there aren't enough people hiring. They are desperate to work to bring home food to their families or pay the rent. Without higher education, social connections, and the pure luck of being born in the right place at the right time, they have little choice but to stand around all



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"So high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

**Sheepish Question:**  
It's not in my bag, so where can I look to deepen my relationship with God?

day hoping to land a job. The landowner, whom Jesus equates with God, responds with pure generosity, seeing the needs of the day laborers who deserve to feed their families and have a safe place to sleep, just as surely as those born into better circumstances.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Share an example of someone proving him/herself trustworthy in small matters and graduating to being trustworthy in greater ones.
- 2 How have you seen money/wealth corrupt someone who originally had good intentions? What is an example?

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