

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

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY, JUNE 25, 2023

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, July 1 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*
- 6:00 p.m.- St. Joseph - †*Rita David*

Sunday, July 2 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*William "Junior" Peitzsche*
- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea - †*Ronnie Cashin, Sr.*
† *Ronnie Cashin, Jr.*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Thursday, June 29 - 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 COURAGE AND CONVICTION*

OF DISCIPLESHIP A report published in an online daily speaks of the courage and conviction of the victims of horrible persecution in Syria: "Some were praying in the name of Jesus; some were praying the Lord's Prayer; some of them lifted their heads to commend their spirits to Jesus. One of the women looked up and seemed to be almost smiling as she said, 'Jesus'".

In today's gospel, Jesus says, "Everyone... who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven..." Jeremiah the Prophet of God, was subjected to all sorts of mental and physical torture, yet he remained faithful to Yahweh and the mission entrusted to him. Jesus reassured his own disciples of the fact that nothing would happen to any of them without his knowledge and purpose.

Each of his disciples is precious to Jesus. Those who attack and torture them can only destroy their body, which is anyway, destined to decay, but they cannot destroy their soul, which is made for eternity. Therefore, for a disciple of Christ, there is no need to fear or run away in the face of persecution. Our heavenly Father is the author of life and he would not abandon any of his children. How do

I face suffering and persecution?

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Star of the Sea (17) 300.00
Winter Fuel (1) 20.00

St. Agnes (16) 251.00
Loose 10.00
Cemetery (2) 100.00

St. Vincent de Paul (6) 130.00
Loose 11.00

St. Joseph (18) 212.00
Loose 5.00

ST. AGNES NEWS

Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m in the parish hall. Bingo will not be held during the summer months.

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 will be held Saturday, July 1, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Straw Booth, Chocolate Wheel, Picture Wheel, Cake Walk, Fish Pond, Barbecue Hot Dogs and Burgers!

BINGO - 7:30 p.m. in the parish Hall.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Prize Bingo - will be held in June 30, 7:00 p.m Chedabucto Fire Hall, Queensport. Donations are needed and would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Donna Jackson or Alice Hendsbee for further information.

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 2

Lector - Buzz Lumsden
Cleaners - June 25 - July 1 -
Juanita/Irene

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 1

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 .

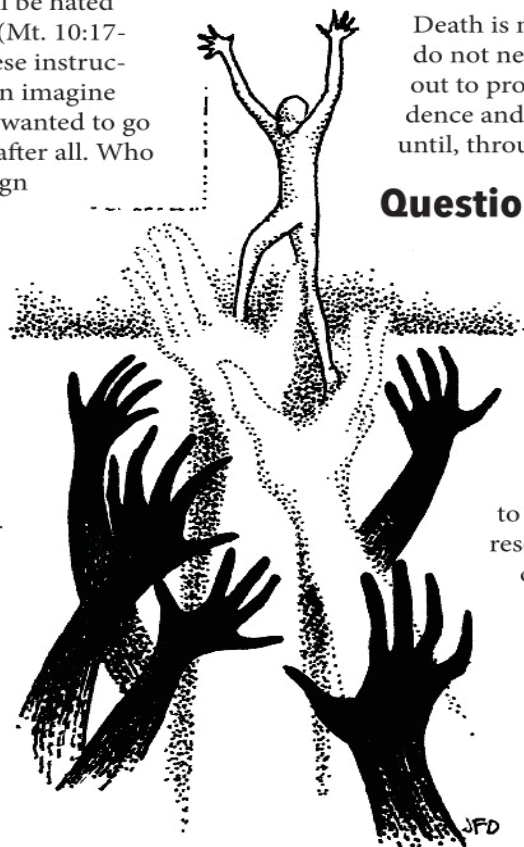
Death Isn't the Worst

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Jeremiah 20:10-13 - Jeremiah's faith in crisis ▶
- Romans 5:12-15 - Mankind's sin through Adam ▶
- Matthew 10:26-33 - Reassurance to the Twelve

In this Gospel reading, Jesus is speaking to the apostles immediately after giving them a terrifying task to “cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons” (Mt. 10:8) and to take nothing for their journey: no money, food, or extra clothing. Naturally, they were likely concerned about not having enough of the basic necessities for such a mission (Mt 10:9-10). Finally, Jesus told them the kicker: “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves... beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me... and you will be hated by all because of my name” (Mt. 10:17-18, 22). Having heard all these instructions and predictions, we can imagine the apostles might not have wanted to go through with their mission after all. Who in their right mind would sign up for such a job?

Just when all the apostles may have been reconsidering their mission, Jesus addressed their fears. He told them boldly that they shouldn't fear anyone. He urged them to speak with confidence and strength. He reminded them that they are worth far more than two song birds who are known, watched over, and cared for by God. He taught them that the life of their soul is more important than their physical life. He put their physical worries and fears into perspective.



“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.”

Sheepish Question:

For what do I need courage (OR wisdom) right now?

Death is not the worst that can happen, so they do not need to live in fear. Instead, they can go out to proclaim Jesus' message and live in confidence and trust that God will watch over them, until, through, and beyond their death.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Think about a time in the past when you were fearful of following Jesus' lead because of some real or imagined hardships it would entail. What did you do? What happened?
- 2 Is there something worrisome or scary you are being invited to do in your life now? Does it help your resolve to hear Jesus' assurances of God's care for you? Why or why not?

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