

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

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, December 2** - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Rev. Robert Cashin*

**Sunday, December 3** - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Gerald Bouchie*  
†*Clarence Bouchie*

- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea - †*Bruce Jackson*  
†*Bernie Jackson*

**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 30** – 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.

**ADVENT**: Sunday, December 3 begins the Season of Advent where we prepare for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a time of joyful expectation. Let us remember and respond to this expectation in prayer, quiet time and preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

**MEMORY TREES** - will be displayed until Sunday, January 7, 2024. Donations will be deposited to the parish of your choice. Memorial cards are available in the entrance of our churches.

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS** - *Judgement Time*

*The sheep on the right side of Jesus and the goats on the left are full of surprise and bewilderment. The sheep never knew when they did the kind of activities that Jesus enumerated to them and the goats became defensive telling Jesus*

that they never met him to do all those works of charity. It is then that Jesus reveals the surprise. The people on the right helped the needy and found time and resources to serve others while the people on the left did not. Now it is judgement time and the ones that are on the right are admitted to eternal life and the ones on the left to eternal death. Jesus our King is a just judge and he taught us how to live our lives and inherit eternal life. He taught us to give in order to receive, die in order to live, forgive in order to be forgiven and love to experience God. Those who care for the unwanted, lonely, forgotten and rejected will be blessed by Jesus. He is our King because he alone has the power to either save or condemn our lives eternally. So, what will it be for you at the end of time: ETERNAL LIFE or ETERNAL DAMNATION? That will surely depend on all the good deeds that you did or failed to do in your lifetime.

### **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.  
Ministries Schedule, November 26

Lector - Juanita Dort

Cleaners - December 3 - 9 - Theresa/Eileen

**THANK YOU** - We wish to acknowledge a donation of \$500.00 from MODG. Special thanks to District 8 Councilor Fin Armsworthy for his assistance.

### **STAR OF THE SEA EVENTS**

Trivia Night - profit was \$817.12, a very special thank you to all who helped in any way, much appreciated.

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 are available for committee members**

### **ST JOSEPH NEWS**

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

Craft Market - St. Agnes Parish Hall, Sunday, December 3, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Parishioners are asked to make fudge or something sweet for the Bake Table.

### **NOTES**

Mass for Shut Ins - has begun its 61st season.

As of October 15, Mass for Shut Ins will air Sunday mornings on the CTV channel.

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

<b>Star of the Sea (27)</b>	307.50
Winter Fuel (7)	225.00
Loose	10.00

St. Agnes (18) 265.00

Loose 15.00

St. Joseph (15) 235.00

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November 26, 2023 • Christ, King of the Universe • Year A

## Longing for a Leader

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

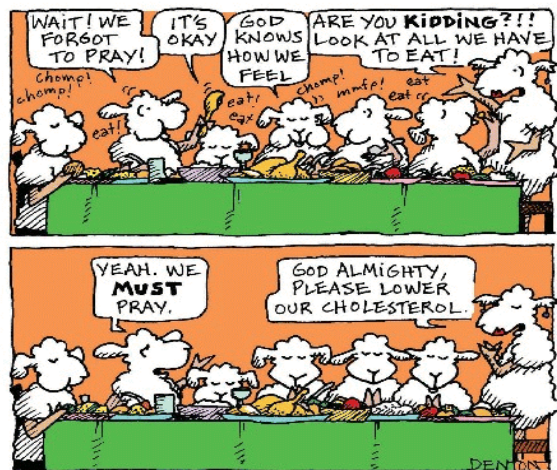
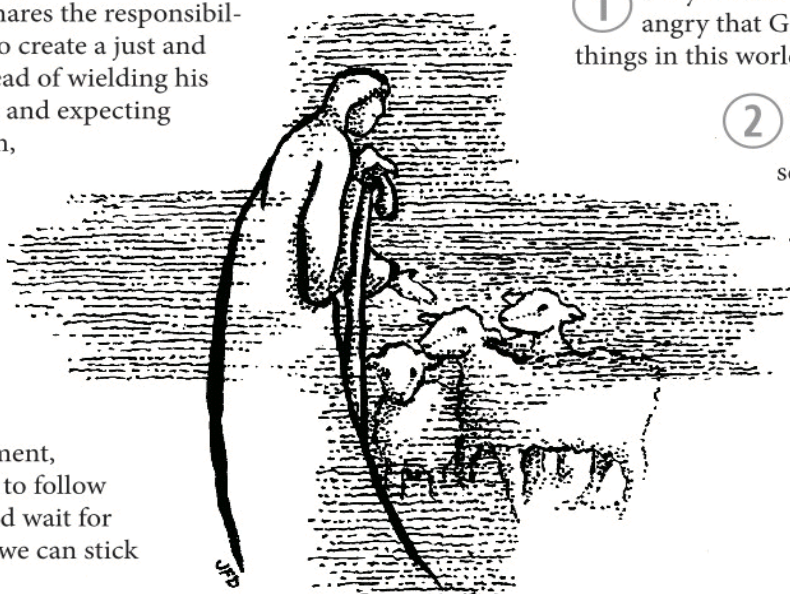
- Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 The Lord as Shepherd
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 - The last enemy to be destroyed
- Matthew 25:31-46 - The sheep and the goats

At the heart of the celebration of Christ the King (which always falls on the last Sunday of the year before Advent begins) is an understanding of Jesus as a king who was very different from the king whom the Jews expected would come to save them. They were awaiting a leader who would liberate their nation from their worldly oppressors. The modern-day equivalent for American Christians might be a longing for a leader to unify Republican, Democrats, and independents, a leader who can usher in understanding and peace between natives and immigrants, equality between men and women, reconciliation and unity between whites and people of color.

It is a mystery why Jesus didn't come to the Jews in the form they expected, nor does he come to us today making sweeping changes from the top down. Maybe there are times when we are disappointed and confused—like Jesus' contemporary Jews—because he didn't "fix" the world for them, and he won't "fix" it for us.

Instead of overriding humanity's free will, this king of ours shares the responsibility with *everyone* to create a just and loving world. Instead of wielding his power over people and expecting others to serve him, our king equates himself with the lowly: the hungry, naked, sick, and imprisoned, and he asks us to help *them*.

In our disappointment, we can choose *not* to follow Christ the King and wait for another leader, or we can stick



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"Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

### Sheepish Question:

God has given me so much! How can I share the abundance to show my gratitude?

with Jesus and get busy serving the least among us. We may never understand in this lifetime why Jesus works the way he does, but if we believe him and trust in him, we will want to serve him by serving others so that ultimately we can share in his Kingdom.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Do you ever feel disappointed or even angry that God doesn't come and fix things in this world? In what way?
- 2 How are you being invited to serve Jesus better by serving the least of your brothers and sister?

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