

STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO - ST. AGNES, LITTLE DOVER  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, QUEENSPORT - ST. JOSEPH'S, PORT FELIX  
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## **THIRTY- FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, Nov. 9** - 6:00 p.m.- St Joseph - †*Eileen & †Placide King*

**Sunday, Nov. 10** - 9:30 a.m - St. Agnes Hall - †*Frances Keefe & †Juanita Richard*

- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea **Vestry**, Canso - †*Marlaine Boudreau*

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Mass in St. Vincent de Paul, Queensport will resume in May 2025. Masses will continue in St. Agnes Little Dover but with a revised schedule for the Winter Period.

### **WEEKDAY SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, November 7**, 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

**MEMORY TREES** - November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday, January 12, 2025. 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.

**COMMUNION CALLS** - Available when requested, please contact the parish office.

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:** *You shall love your neighbour as yourself ~ The scribe asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was. He was right in asking because there existed hundreds of statutes and commandments. It was important for a law-abiding scribe to get Jesus's opinion as to which commandment was to be given priority. Jesus here combines two distinct verses found in the Old Testament: **Deuteronomy 6:4** – 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might', and **Leviticus 19:18** – 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. For Jesus, the Love of God and the love of neighbour are inseparable actions, like two sides of the same coin. Loving God automatically leads one to love his neighbour who is a child of God. St John tells us: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother or sister, he is a liar for he/she who does not love his brother/sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). The right relationship with God presupposes the right relationship with our brothers and sisters. Forgiving our brothers and sisters is a precondition for obtaining forgiveness from God. Jesus the High Priest who offered the one and ultimate sacrifice to God for our sake is our intercessor before God in our effort to love and serve God and our neighbour.*

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!**

<b>Star of the Sea (29)</b>	416.00
Winter Fuel (2)	40.00
<b>St. Agnes (19)</b>	290.00
Loose	15.00
Evang of Nations (1)	20.00
<b>St. Joseph (15)</b>	187.00
Loose	17.00
Donation	100.00
<b>St. Vincent de Paul (4)</b>	75.00
Loose	5.00

**THANK YOU** to Councillors Fin Armsworthy (Dist 8) and Dave Hanhams (Dist 4) for their support in achieving donations of \$500.00 to Star of the Sea and \$300.00 to St. Vincent de Paul from MODG . It is much appreciated.

## **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, November 5 at 6:15 p.m. We need members for this committee.

Ministries Schedule, November 10

Lector - Donna Lewis

Cleaners - Nov 17 - 23 - Baker Girls

Grocery Prize Bingo Profit was \$786.00, thank you so very much, we appreciate your support.

Trivia Night - will be held Saturday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Pre-register with a committee member. Looking for donations of homemade pizza fro this event, participants love homemade pizza.

Ticket Sale - a grocery certificate from the Canso Coop. Tickets are available from committee members November 1.

## **ST. AGNES NEWS**

Christmas Market - Sunday, December 1, 1:00 p.m. - St. Agnes Parish Center. Asking for donations of Baked goods, all contributions would be most appreciated. Vendors welcome.

## **NOTES**

The gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, Cape Breton is now open seven days a week as follows: Mon to Sat - 10am to 4pm; Sunday - 11am to 5pm. The Shrine is open daily for visitation. For inquiries 902-945-2221 The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine is a place of prayer and devotion, of piety and faith, a Catholic Shrine which welcomes visitors of all faiths and interests. Become a "Friend of the Shrine", enroll a friend as a gift or "In Memory" of a loved one. Our goal is \$50,000. "We need your help"

Women's Cursillo weekend November 7-10 Camp Bretondean. For more info 902-317-5425

Healing Mass - Nov. 30, 2:30 pm; Our Lady of Grace Monastery. With Fr Albert MacPherson, 940 Monastery Rd., Monastery

# God, Neighbor, and Self

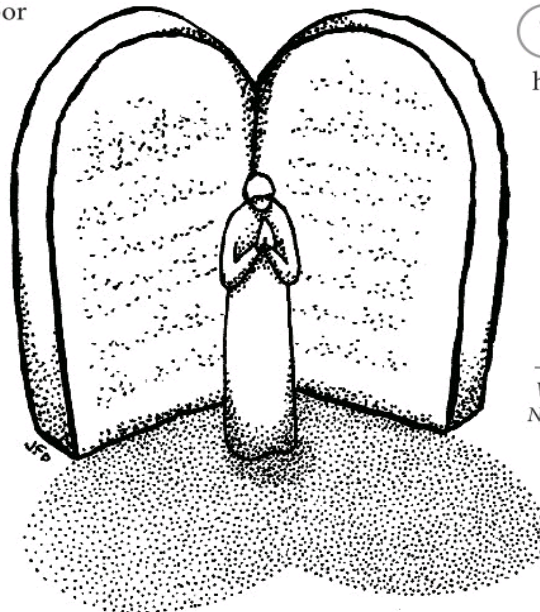
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:2-6 - The Great Commandment
- ▶ Hebrews 7:23-28 - Jesus, the eternal high priest
- ▶ Mark 12:28b-34 - The Greatest Commandment

The law that Moses proclaims in the first reading comes in the chapter after the listing of the Ten Commandments; it is sometimes called the *Great Commandment*. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." This commandment is so central to Jews that it is referred to as the *Shema* prayer. The name is taken from the first word of this verse in Hebrew, meaning "hear" or "listen." Jesus himself would have recited it many times, beginning in his childhood.

The rabbis, scribes, and Pharisees of Jesus' day were somewhat like police officers, lawyers, and judges today; their professions revolved around teaching, enforcing, interpreting, and debating laws—in their case, the 613 laws in the Old Testament. So when a scribe approached Jesus to ask him which is the first of all the commandments, Jesus didn't have to think twice—of course it would be the *Shema*. The surprise would have been that Jesus immediately added a second half to this great commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Interestingly, Jesus didn't make up the second law here; he is quoting Leviticus 19:18.

When it came to interpreting laws, Jesus didn't back away from the usual Jewish debates even though he wasn't a part of the religious hierarchy of his day. He knew the laws of the Old Testament just as well as the highest trained authorities. What Jesus was able to do better than most, and what he spent much of his time doing in his teaching, was helping others put the laws in their proper con-



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"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."

**Sheepish Question:**  
How do I describe my yearning for God?

texts. He had no patience for officials who found fault with those who committed minor infractions (such as not washing the outside of a cup correctly). More important to him were the laws that focused on how to love. He was a master at putting the laws together to keep the focus on loving God, self, and others.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 What does it mean to you to love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength? How do you try to do that?
- 2 For some people, it is easier to love and respect their neighbor than to love and respect themselves. Which do you find easier? Why?

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