

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

PASTOR: FR. JONATHAN NNAJIOFOR, 366-2927
CONGREGATION OF NOTRE DAME 358-2346

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Donna Jackson, Janet Delorey, Cynthia Creamer, Calvin Harnish,
Agnes Casey, Corrine Munroe, Gerry Parker, Gelly Parker, Paul Horne,
Sr. Alma, Marie Parker, Fr. Jonathan

*The complete text of this bulletin is also available on the parish's website at
www.cansoparishes.org*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY5, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, May 11 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - †*Arthur Martin*

Saturday, May 11 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph, Port Felix - ♥*For the Faithful*

Sunday, May 12 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Lauchie, †Isabel & †Brian Munroe*

Sunday, May 12 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Vince Cohoon*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, May 9- 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

COMMUNION CALLS - If you know of anyone 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 Christian Law of Love*

That you have enjoyed success and good health all these years does not mean God loves you more than He loves others. That God permitted you to suffer afflictions for a while does not mean He loves you less. That you have favours all through your life does not mean you are God's favorite. God does not have favorites. He does not love anyone more or less. His love is perfect, and he loves everyone perfectly. He loves everyone uniquely. He allows his rain of blessings to come over the just and the unjust alike (Matthew 5:45). He sends the Holy Spirit over to all who come to him, even to the Gentiles, the pagans, and the un-baptized (Acts 10:44- 47).

Jesus wants us to dwell in Love! It is true that we live in a world of "noise" about love without even a little understanding of it. Today "LOVE" is reduced to the expression of passion and emotion. It is in the midst of this aberration that Christ teaches us the true meaning of love as the recognition of God's infinite goodness towards all. Let God's kind of love reflect in the way you treat strangers, people who are not from your town or tribe and the less privileged in our various communities.

BUTTERFLY MEMORY TREES - in Star of the Sea/St. Joseph Church/St. Agnes Hall will remain until Pentecost Sunday, May 19. If you wish to remember a

loved one in this manner please fill out a Memorial Card (available in the entrance of the church) and place it in the Collection Basket. Donations will be deposited to the parish of your choice.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, May 7 at 6:15 p.m. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, May 12

Lector - Harry Delorey

Cleaners - May 12 - 18 - Harry Delorey

Ways & Means Events

Club 100 Tickets - winners were Stella Boudreau, Rene LeBlanc, Emily Lumsden, David Murray, and Sheri Parker, thanks to everyone for your support.

Spring Fling/Lobster Card Play - a huge thank you to all for your generous donations, you continue to step up when we need it, much appreciated!

ST. AGNES NEWS

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

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

Card Plays - continue Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Star of the Sea (19) | 415.00 |
| Fuel (2) | 40.00 |

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| St. Agnes (20) | 310.00 |
| Loose | 15.00 |
| Cemetery (1) | 75.00 |

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| St. Joseph (21) | 212.90 |
| Cemetery (3) | 145.00 |

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON DAVID RANKIN

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish - May 31, 3:00 p.m. Deacon David Rankin warmly invites all to his ordination to the priesthood by Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick on the Feast of the Visitation. There will be a light reception to follow at St. Ninian Place.

All are also invited to his First Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m. (vigil for Corpus Christi) at his home parish, St. Mary's in Mabou. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/84gSED3igMoVV99z9>

NOTES

Celebrating 400th Anniversary of Dedication of Canada to St. Joseph - St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, Quebec is a world centre of devotion to St. Joseph. All dioceses, parishes and religious communities in Canada are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Oratory through to October 19, 2024. This year the Oratory also celebrates the 150th anniversary of the perpetual vows of Oratory founder, Brother Andre Bessette, who was dedicated to leading pilgrims to St. Joseph. Watch the video invitation:

<https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/4th-centenary-of-the-dedication/>

Love is the Guide

This Week's Readings at Mass

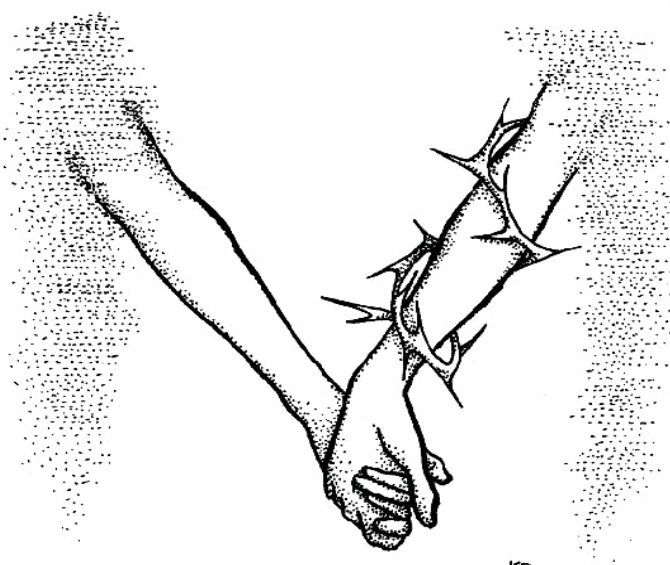
- ▶ Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 - Peter in Caesarea
- ▶ 1 John 4:7-10 - God's love and ours
- ▶ John 15:9-17 - A disciple's love

This week, we hear a Gospel reading with Jesus' invitation to "remain in my love" and to "love one another as I love you." He doesn't spell out endless rules ("Do this." "Don't do that.") which we need to memorize and follow in order to do what is right. Instead, his invitation is simply to focus on remaining connected to him ("remain in me") and letting all of our actions flow from a commitment to loving others as he loved us.

It is an invitation for a mature follower. Just as we need to spell out many simple rules to help younger children understand right from wrong, with "younger" disciples more rules or "commandments" are helpful. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Pray for your enemies. Forgive those who have hurt you.

There is nothing wrong with following a list of religious commandments as we learn how to be faithful disciples. At a certain point, though, our faith needs to mature to take into account more complex situations—the gray areas between the black-and-white, or simple right and wrong. Jesus is asking us to go beyond what the rules say and *commands us to respond in love to everyone*, just as he did.

Jesus gives us a lot of respect here, insisting that we are his friends, not his students, his servants, or his slaves, when we love one another as he does. Often



JFD

LOVE... IS... PA... PAATI... PAATIEN...T...

LOVE IS PATIENT LOVE IS KIND IT IS NOT JEALOUS IT IS NOT PUMPOUS IT IS NOT INFLATED

IT IS NOT RUDE IT DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN INTERESTS IT IS NOT QUICK TEMPERED IT DOES NOT BROOD OVER INJURY IT DOES NOT REJICE OVER WRONG DOING BUT REJICES IN THE TRUTH THERE I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER WITH!

IT... BEARS ALL THINGS... BE... LIEVES... ALL THINGS... HOPES ALL THINGS... EN... ENDURES ALL THINGS...

LOVE NEVER FAILS.

© Jean Denton flock.pastoralcenter.com

"This I command you: love one another."

Sheepish Question:
When, lately, have I acted on God's love for me?

Christians fall into the habit of relating to God or Jesus as a child to a parent, but Jesus suggests a more equal relationship. God will always be God, and we will always be human, but Jesus still invites us to be in friendship with him.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Think of a situation in which the difference between right and wrong might be blurred but you are asked to respond with love rather than holding strictly to what a law or commandment says. How does it challenge you to be more Christ-like?
- 2 Have you ever thought of yourself as being friends with Jesus? How so? If not, what is your reaction to this invitation?

Word of the Week • Copyright © 2020 Ann Naffziger. Published by the Pastoral Center / PastoralCenter.com. All rights reserved.