

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

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**TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, October 12** - 4:30 p.m. - St, Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

- 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Leonard Fougere*

**Sunday, October 13** - 9:30 a.m - St. Agnes Hall - †*Martin Bouchie*

- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Ronald Cashin Jr*  
†*Ronald Cashin, Sr.*

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:** *NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK*

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

**NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS** - This is to inform all the parishioners that I will be away for the week in order to attend the Annual Gathering/Meeting of my Religious Order in Cornwall, Ontario. The parish office remains open for your needs.

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS:** *The Indissolubility of Marriage*

*The readings of today reiterate that the Sacrament of Marriage is an indissoluble union in God's plan and purpose. But this seems to be a contradiction in today's understanding and practice. Today marriage is a very fragile institution in our permissive society and more and more people are trying to consciously avoid it. Marriage as a permanent union is founded on the value of unity and interdependence, and God accompanying it with His grace will make it a permanent union. God is ever faithful and when the married persons share in His faithfulness, they will reflect the faithfulness of God and will make the marriage a living sacrament.*

**STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

*Vestry Clean - Up* - a huge thank you to those who helped out with this. A job well done!

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

*Ministries Schedule, October 13*

Lector - Martha Rhynold

Cleaners - Oct 13 - 19 -Irene/Juanita

*Ways & Means*

Club 100 winners were Juanita Dort, Trent Feltmate, Helga MacKinnon, Jennifer MacKenzie and Rob Murphy, congratulations! Thank you to all buyers and sellers.

*Trivia Night* - Thank you to those who helped in any way, much appreciated.

*Grocery Prize Bingo* (Meal in a Box) - will be held Sunday, October 20. This will be a grocery bingo. We are accepting donations of grocery items, gift cards, etc.

## **ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**Please note - We are asking for donations to help cover the cost of painting the hall (\$11, 800.00. donations would be greatly appreciated.**

## **ST. AGNES NEWS**

**Fall Fun Day** - Saturday, October 12, 1:00 p.m. at the parish hall. Straws, Cake Walk, Chinese Auction, Chocolate Wheel, Ticket Draw,, Chili, Hotdogs & Strawberry Shortcake. We are requesting donations of prizes and cakes. **Thank you for your past support.**

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

<b>Star of the Sea (21)</b>	385.00
Needs of Canadian Church (1)	20.00
Winter /fuel (2)	40.00

<b>St. Agnes (18)</b>	295.00
Needs of Canadian Church (1)	20.00
Loose	10.00

<b>St. Joseph (16)</b>	202.00
Loose	7.00

<b>St. Vincent de Paul (4)</b>	115.00
Loose	5.00

## **NOTES**

**Wilmot Cemetery** - A public meeting will be held at All Saints Anglican Church Basement Sunday, October 20th at 2:30 pm for those interested in forming a stewards committee to oversee the upkeep of Wilmot Cemetery in Canso. All welcome.

**Gift Shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine** in Mabou, Cape Breton - is 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

**Come Celebrate the Relic and Life of a Millennial Saint!** St. Ninian Cathedral will host the relic of Bl. Carlo Acutis on Oct. 22. All are invited to venerate the relic of this holy, young Italian man who died at age 15 in 2006, after a short battle with Leukemia and will be officially canonized as a saint of the Catholic Church in 2025. Acutis was best known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his dedication to using modern technology and the Internet to spread knowledge of the faith. He detailed many Eucharistic miracles in order to let people know about God's true presence in the world.

The day's events at the Cathedral will begin at 11 a.m. with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and display of the relic beginning at 2 p.m. Msgr. Anthony Figuereido, who is accompanying the relic from Italy, will talk about Bl. Carlo and lead prayers. While prayer and opportunities for confession continue in the Church throughout the afternoon, there will be a fellowship room available with refreshments. At 4:30 p.m., all are invited, with a special emphasis on youth and families, to gather in St. Ninian Place for a warm supper of chilli, while taking part in a special presentation by Catholic youth and a "Journeying with Christ" session.

Bishop Kirkpatrick will celebrate Mass at 6:30, including a special blessing with the Relic, followed by a concluding reception.

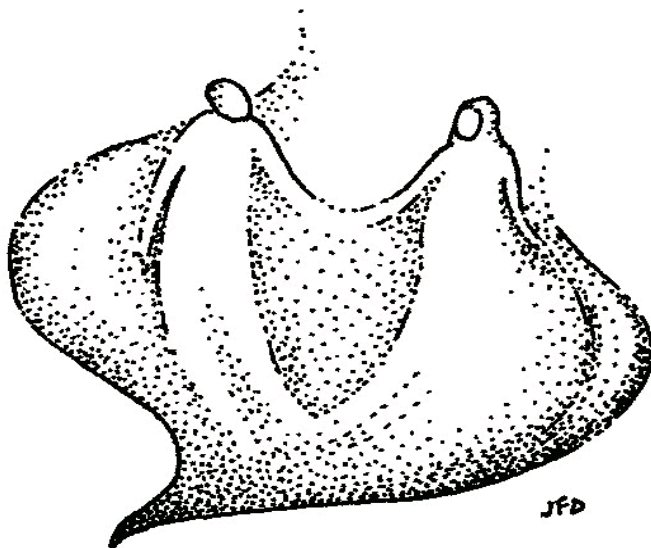
## What About Divorce?

### This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Genesis 2:18-24 - Second story of creation, the creation of woman
- ▶ Hebrews 2:9-11 - Jesus' exaltation through abasement
- ▶ Mark 10:2-16 - Question of divorce and Jesus blessing the children

The Old Testament reading from the second creation story was the ancient Hebrews' explanation for why men and women have intercourse and how new families form. Three thousand years later, it didn't "work" for everyone. However, it was a piece of the common understanding about marriage when the Pharisees quizzed Jesus about his thoughts on the subject.

According to Jewish law at the time, divorce was legal, but there was an ongoing debate about just what constituted the grounds for a divorce. In that patriarchal culture, men had the power to divorce their wives, but women did not have that option. Because women were the "property" of their fathers or husbands, a divorce would jeopardize her survival. She would have no way to support herself and her children and it would have been a scandal for another man to marry her. Jesus understood the danger that divorce posed for women and he called out the Pharisees' "hardness of heart" on this point.



“Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
How can I be more conscientious about my role in God's creation?

He also reminded his listeners of the divine purpose of marriage: to be joined together in love, and he ended with the now-famous line “Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate” (Mk. 10:9). The important question for Catholics, then, is whether a couple was truly joined together by God.

Unfortunately, millions of people know the pain of a marriage ending. Divorce doesn't discriminate between “good Christians” and “mediocre Christians.” Jesus would be the first to offer compassion and sensitivity to anyone who knows the suffering of divorce, and we do well to heed his teaching “Do not judge so that you may not be judged” (Mt. 7:1).

### Questions of the Week

- 1 What is your initial reaction to Jesus' response about the legality of divorce?
- 2 What does the following statement mean to you? “Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

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