

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 14, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, April 20 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph, Port Felix - ♥*For the Faithful*

Sunday, April 21 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Martin Bouchie*

Sunday, April 21 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Edward Roberts*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, April 18 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

NOTES: The church of St. Vincent de Paul is closed for the winter months. **MASS will resume the May 5, 2024.**

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 Eucharistic Presence of Jesus*

Today's liturgy invites us to appreciate lovingly the riches of the Paschal mystery which is the culmination of all the work of creation and redemption, of all the reality of humans, and of all the revelation of God. For the believer, every Eucharistic celebration renews the presence of Christ who died and rose again. Jesus comes into the midst of the Christians assembled for the Eucharistic celebration and through the Eucharist he makes them touch his body, his real presence. Christ is also present and communicates through the Scriptures and through his witnesses who are sent to proclaim the forgiveness of sins. The Apostles, who would witness to the Risen Lord and would call the people to conversion, are themselves now full of fear, doubt, and diffidence. But the Lord appears to them and clears away their doubt, inspires and enlightens them, and leads them to understand the Scriptures where everything was foretold. The Lord eats with them and proclaims that in his name will be preached to all nations the message of conversion and forgiveness of sins. The Apostles would soon begin this task very faithfully. Wherever people accept the call to conversion and wherever pardon from God and interpersonal pardon among people take place, there the Paschal victory of Jesus bears fruit and is understood.

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. A donation of \$5.00 is requested per Butterfly. Donations will be deposited to the parish of your choice. For more information contact the parish office.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, May 7 at 6:15 p.m. *We are encouraging*

and begging for new members!

Ministries Schedule, April 7

Lector - Juanita Dort

Cleaners - April 14 - 20 - Theresa/Eileen

Ways & Means Events

Trivia Night - special thank you to all who helped out in any way, it is much appreciated!

Club 100 Tickets - are available April 2 and can be purchased from committee members.

Spring Fling/Lobster Card Play - May 4, 12 noon, more information to follow.

Donations for Variety Wheel (include children's items), Bake Table and

Chocolate/Candy Wheel would be appreciated!

ST. AGNES NEWS

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

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Regular Weekly Bingo - Will begin Saturday, April 20 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 (30)	725.00
Easter Sunday (18)	20.00
Good Friday, Holy Lands (1)	20.00

St. Agnes (16)	260.00
Easter (11)	175.00
Good Friday, Holy Lands (1)	20.00

St. Joseph (19)	397.00
Easter (1)	10.00

AUGUSTINIAN HEALING MINISTRIES -

Healing Mass - Saturday, April 27 at 2:00 p.m.. in Our Lady of Grace Monastery Chapel, celebrated by Father Albert Mac Pherson, O.S.A. There will anointing with blessed oil and prayers for healing of body, mind and spirit.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON DAVID RANKIN

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish - May 31, 3:00 pm

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 4:00pm (vigil for Corpus Christi) at his home parish, St. Mary's in Mabou.

RSVP here:

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Body and Soul

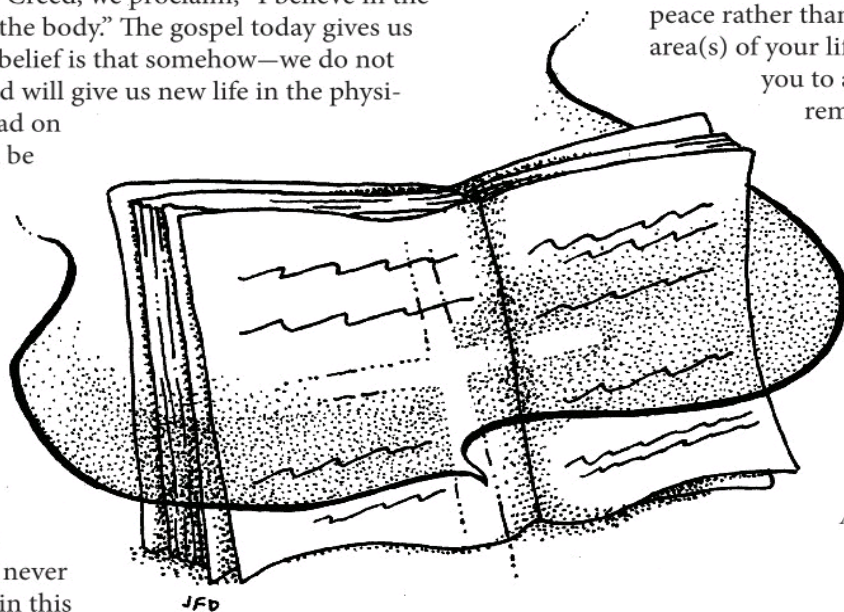
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 - Peter's speech on Jesus' resurrection
- ▶ 1 John 2:1-5a - Keeping the commandments
- ▶ Luke 24:35-48 - Jesus appears to the Eleven

Just like last week, we get another reminder that the risen Jesus offers peace to his friends and disciples. In this reading, they are still struggling with fear, doubt, and confusion about what they have experienced over the last three days. Rather than criticizing them for their doubts or misunderstandings, Jesus begins this encounter with them with his famous words "Peace be with you." Before he does anything else, he wants them to have that gift. Once the peace is given, *then* he can answer their questions. It is only after they receive his peace that they can come to believe that this person in front of them—whom they thought was a ghost—is really their risen friend.

Jesus takes care to show the disciples that he is still in a physical body. They can feel him with their own fingers. They can see the nail wounds in his hands and feet. They watch him eating fish. Jesus wants to be clear with them that he is not just a bright spirit floating around the earth.

In the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." The gospel today gives us that hope. Our belief is that somehow—we do not know how—God will give us new life in the physical bodies we had on earth. They will be recognizable, as Jesus was recognizable after his resurrection, and they will still show the marks of our wounds, but those wounds will be healed. We will never be able to explain this



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"He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world."

Sheepish Question:
Have I considered that maybe God's ALREADY done something for me?

hope and this belief with our minds, but then again, neither could the disciples have explained it rationally to others.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Jesus responds to his friends' doubts and confusions by offering peace rather than criticism. In what area(s) of your life might God be inviting you to accept peace rather than remain troubled?
- 2 What difference does it make for you to believe in the resurrection of the body, not just a resurrection of the soul or spirit?

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