

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 14, 2024

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, July 20 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥For the Faithful
Saturday, July 20 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - ♥For the Faithful

Sunday, July 21 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †Donald & †Marie Bouchie
Sunday, July 21 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †Ronald Cashin Jr
†Ron Cashin, Sr

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 18 - 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 Prophet's Mission of Evangelizing... Jesus Christ came into the world on a mission. This mission dominated his entire life and was the inspiration behind everything he did including his decision to choose his disciples. In the Old Testament God also chose and sent prophets to the people of Israel often to bring back the people to the right path. But there were false prophets as well who told the people, especially the leaders what they wanted to hear and not what God wanted them to do, this is what happened in the case of Amos and Amaziah. The former was a prophet who chosen by God, warned the people of Israel to change their ways and repent while Amaziah, the false prophet was more interested in material benefits. He saw the task of a prophet as a profession instead of a vocation. Hence, he tells Amos to go back to Judah and earn his bread there. Jesus understands this temptation and instructs his disciples on what is expected of a true preacher of the word of God – detachment. So, Jesus sends out his disciples for the mission without any material support. He asked them to take nothing for their journey except a staff. He wanted his disciples to know that they were not in charge - God is ultimately

in control, and they must learn to place their trust in Him rather than in themselves and in worldly possessions. No one can claim to be self-sufficient. Our close relationship with God fills us with satisfaction and meaning in life. God has a purpose for humanity; and to discover it and be dedicated to it, a true disciple needs to cultivate the virtue of detachment from material things and remain open to the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (28)	635.00
Loose	5.00
St. Agnes (19)	265.00
Loose	10.00
St. Joseph (16)	212.00
Loose	35.00
St. Vincent de Paul (4)	45.00

ST JOSEPH NEWS

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

St Joseph Annual Parish Picnic - special thanks to all who came out, volunteered and supported this event. Much appreciated.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Road Show Concert - St. Agnes Parish Center

Wednesday July 24 @ 7pm. Open Bar - Dave Gunning , Steve MacIntyre, Shiretown , Eldon Munroe & Carl Bond. Church ladies will be selling Chowder, Chilli & dessert. Tickets on sale now \$25.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, September 3 at 6:15 p.m. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, July 21

Lector - Paul Smith

Cleaners - July 21 - 27- Baker Girls

Ways & Means - Camping package Winner was Jude Baker, congratulations! Thank you for the support.

Regatta Prize Bingo - Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Donations are needed.

Chowder Luncheon - Saturday, August 17 after the parade.

Cake Booth - Saturday, August 17, Midway

NOTES

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, Cape Breton, Gift Shop is now open seven days a week as follows: Monday to Saturday - 10am to 4pm; Sunday - 11am to 5pm. The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter. For inquiries 902-945-2221

Cape Breton Ecumenical Conference for Women - Nov. 1-3, Inverary Inn, Baddeck. Join us for a wonderful weekend of prayer, learning, music and more!

This year we will be celebrating 40 years of gathering at Inverary Inn. If you would like information or registration, please contact Betty Anne at 902-849-2611 or Roberta 902-849-3301. Registration for the weekend is \$30 plus cost for the Inverary Inn

Prayer for the Week - For health and safety for all who are traveling and visiting family members this summer and for our young people as they attend day camps and summer experiences. We pray to the Lord.

July 14, 2024 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B

Leave it All Behind

This Week's Readings at Mass

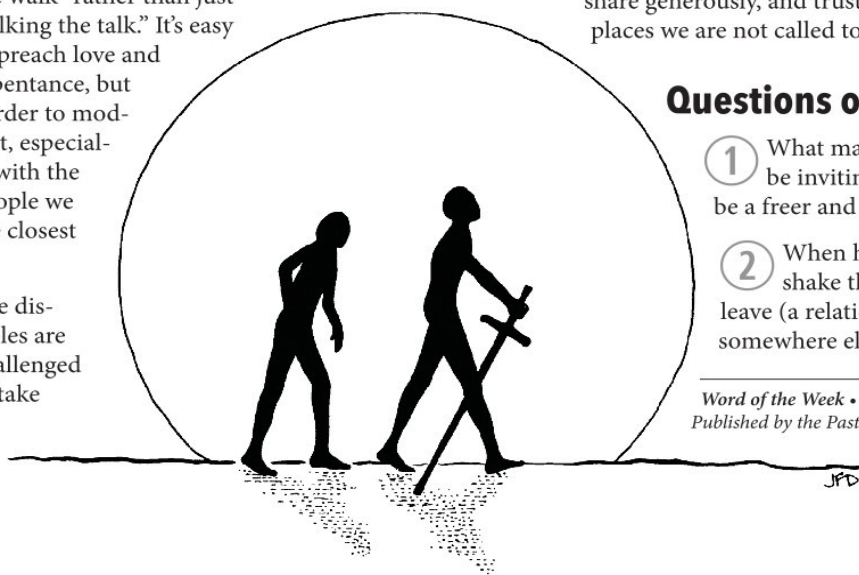
- ▶ Amos 7:12-15 - Amos called by God to prophecy
- ▶ Ephesians 1:3-14 - Blessing for Jew and Gentile
- ▶ Mark 6:7-13 - The mission of the Twelve

The instructions Jesus gives to the twelve apostles in this Gospel reading are still relevant for us today, even if we don't think we are called to leave our home and families to be traveling missionaries.

First, the note that Jesus sends disciples out two by two echoes throughout the rest of the New Testament. Why did Jesus want his disciples to travel in pairs? As a human himself, he recognized the value of companionship. We are social beings, and even introverts need the support, wisdom, and love of others. Being a disciple is challenging, and we can burn out quickly if we don't have others to help us on our journey. Also, a spouse (and St. Paul makes it clear that some of the pairs that were missionaries together were married couples), friend, or fellow disciple can be a sounding board, consultant, or trusted confidante as we navigate the questions and difficulties of our discipleship work.

Traveling in pairs or larger groups also forces people to confront their selfishness and practice "walking the walk" rather than just "talking the talk." It's easy to preach love and repentance, but harder to model it, especially with the people we are closest to.

The disciples are challenged to take



"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey besides a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money."

Sheepish Question:

What practical matters worry me as I keep my eyes on the Gospel's prize?

nothing for their journey but a walking stick. Talk about an exercise in trust and detachment! Just imagining setting out like that challenges us to evaluate what we are attached to materially.

Finally, Jesus teaches the disciples to appreciate and receive the gifts of those who treat them well and to walk away when they are not accepted. This is yet another invitation to trust: trust others who want to share generously, and trust that there are times and places we are not called to stay.

Questions of the Week

- ① What material comforts might Jesus be inviting you to leave behind to be a freer and more faithful disciple?
- ② When have you felt the call to shake the dust from your feet and leave (a relationship, job, etc.) to go somewhere else where you are welcome?

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