

STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO
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ST. JOSEPH'S, PORT FELIX

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JUNE 16, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, June 22 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

Saturday, June 22 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Josephine 'Joanne' Pellerine*

Sunday, June 23 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Mary Keefe*

Sunday, June 23 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Cecile Mary Sampson*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 20 - 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: *Little Beginning. Great Ending.*

The parable of the growing seed speaks about the mysterious growth of seeds which occurs without our involvement and knowledge. The farmer's duty is to sow the seed in good soil, how it germinates being God's work. Just as the seed in the good soil already has the life force in it, ready to grow, so the Gospel has the power to bring salvation to everyone who believes. Our duty is to plant the seeds of the Gospel wherever we are, while it is God who makes it grow and blossom in the hearts of the recipients. ☪ The parable of the Mustard Seed focuses on the capacity of our tiny efforts in the spread of the Gospel to bear fruits beyond our expectations, just like a mustard plant becomes a big shrub when grown. We shall not look down on our efforts in spreading the Gospel and feel discouraged, considering ourselves as not big enough or even unable to reach out to many. The truth is, even if our effort looks small, God can always make something big out of it.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

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

Ministries Schedule, June 23

Lector - Ginny Boudreau

Cleaners - June 23 - 29 - Irene & Juanita

Ways & Means - Tickets on a camping package are available from committee members, Draw date July 9. If you would like to donate a camping item/gift card, it will be most appreciated.

Free Manger and Baby Jesus figurine - please speak to Harry Delorey if you are interested in these items.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Groundskeeper - we are seeking a responsible person to take care of the parish cemetery. **Please contact the parish office.** 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.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (30)	580.00
Loose	60.00
Fuel (1)	20.00
Bldg Fund (4)	310.00
Cemetery (550.00
St. Agnes (20)	280.00
Loose	20.00
Cemetery	100.00
Bldg Fund (1)	20.00
St. Joseph (19)	222.00
Donation	500.00
Cemetery	50.00
St. Vincent de Paul (6)	105.00
Loose	15.00

FREE MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

Sunday June 30th at St Joseph Church in North Sydney - 10 am to 3 pm. Starting with mass at 10 am with a homily on the marriage laws of the Church. Followed by sessions in the hall on finances, spirituality, sexuality, children, communication and a free lunch. All couples being married in the Diocese are welcome. Register by calling the parish office at 902-794-3951

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

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”

Providing Hope for End of Life Care

“Palliative care, while seeking to alleviate the burden of pain as much as possible, is above all a concrete sign of closeness and solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering.” – Pope Francis to the Symposium
Meanwhile, Nova Scotia’s medical regulator has drafted a policy that could force physicians to refer patients for euthanasia. The time for awareness and action is now. To learn more: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope-for-end-of-life/>

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Small and Miraculous

This Week’s Readings at Mass

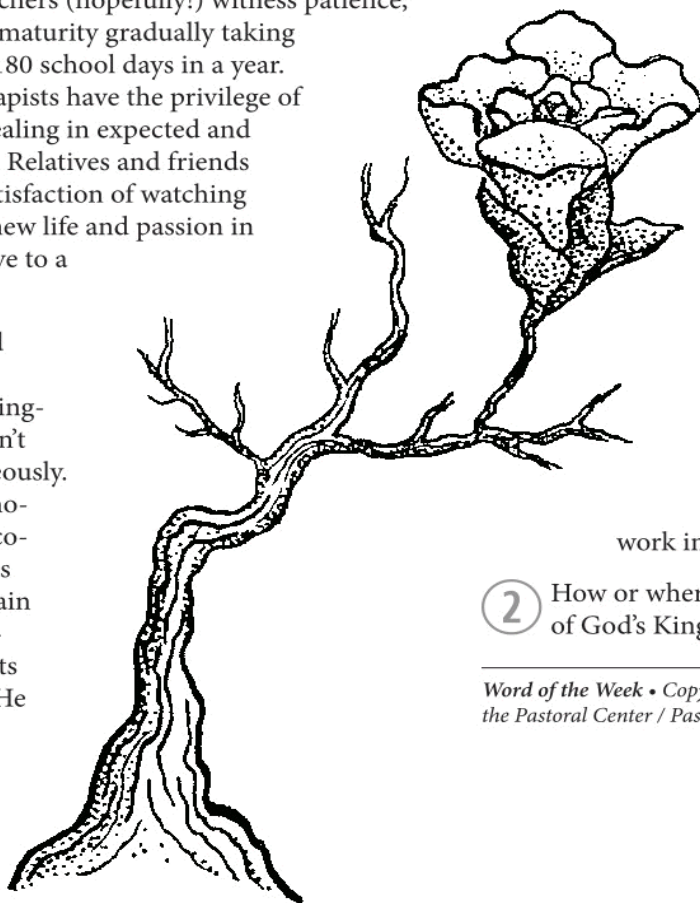
- ▶ Ezekiel 17:22-24 - Prophecy of the restoration of Israel
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 - Walking by faith
- ▶ Mark 4:26-34 - Seed grows by itself and the mustard seed

Both the first reading from Ezekiel and the Gospel reading point to God’s power to turn small and seemingly insignificant things into works of great beauty, strength, and abundance. Ezekiel imagines this as God planting a tender shoot which becomes a majestic cedar tree. Jesus uses the image of the tiny mustard seed growing into a large plant that provides a haven for birds.

We don’t have to be farmers or gardeners to experience how the Kingdom of God is slowly revealed. Parents have this experience when they conceive a child and are stunned by the miracle of their new baby at birth. Teachers (hopefully!) witness patience, compassion, and maturity gradually taking root throughout 180 school days in a year. Doctors and therapists have the privilege of seeing patients healing in expected and unexpected ways. Relatives and friends experience the satisfaction of watching a loved one find new life and passion in a courageous move to a second career.

As with seeds and plants, all growth takes time. The Kingdom of God doesn’t appear instantaneously. Racism, sexism, homophobia, and economic inequalities still cause great pain and suffering. Because God respects human free will, He doesn’t intervene and fix everything for us in a split second.

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“Planted in the house of the Lord, the just shall flourish.”

Sheepish Question:
What kind of seeds do I want to plant in faith this week?

What God *does* do is surprise us by helping the smallest of seeds to grow and flourish in time. Our task is to plant those seeds and nurture them while we watch, wait, pray, and trust that God will grow them into people, communities, organizations, and locales of beauty and strength.

Questions of the Week

- 1 In what area of your life are you privileged to see God’s work in progress?
- 2 How or where are you asked to plant the seeds of God’s Kingdom?

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