

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

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, September 28** - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*  
- 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Lorna & †Rod Cashin*

**Sunday, September 29** - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*William Junior Peitzsche*  
- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Eddie Garcia*

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, September 26** - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

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

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *True Greatness Lies in Service***

*In today's Gospel Jesus tells the apostles who is the greatest in the Kingdom of God. The greatest is the one with the qualities of a child – simplicity, humility, obedience, innocence, purity, and dependence. Like children, we need to accept our weaknesses and vulnerability. No matter how rich, famous and intelligent we are, without the help of God we are nothing. This awareness of our weakness and vulnerability leads to total trust in God. St James adds that jealousy, envy, and greed engender dispute, discord, and disharmony. Our dissatisfaction with ourselves and our desire for what another owns destroys our inner peace, distorts our perspective on life and makes it difficult for us to love others. In our jealousy and ambition, we insult, torture, and condemn others (sometimes even to shameful death) because others are inconvenient to us (cf. Book of Wisdom). On the contrary, Jesus teaches us the way of service, humility, and suffering that leads to a life of joy, beauty, and true greatness. May God teach us the lesson of true greatness!*

**STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Vestry Clean - Up - is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 24 9:30 a.m.** This will be a major house cleaning. **We will also be preparing the vestry for Celebration of Mass during the colder months. We are asking for help with this project.**

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, October 1 at 6:15 p.m. We desperately need members for this committee.

Ministries Schedule, September 29

Lector - Buzz Lumsden

Cleaners - Sept 29 - Oct 5 - Theresa/Eileen

Ways & Means

September 24 - Club 100 draw

Trivia Night scheduled for October 5, - Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall, 7:00 p.m. Please pre-register.

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.**

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**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!****Star of the Sea**

Sept 8 (29)	546.00
Sept 15 (24)	350.00
Winter Fuel (2)	40.00

**St. Agnes**

Sept. 8 (22)	320.00
Sept. 15 (10)	125.00
Loose	40.00

**St. Joseph**

Sept 8 (12)	215.00
Sept. 15 (18)	262.00
Loose	16.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Sept 8 (5)	90.00
Sept. 15 (2)	25.00
Loose	25.00

**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.

Mass for Shut Ins - will soon be starting its 62nd season and is looking for parishes and community groups to participate as congregations for taping in the coming months.

If you are interested or would like to show your support to Mass for Shut Ins with a donation, question, or comment you can contact Nick Vince, at (902) 539-6188, ext. 222, or by email at [nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca).

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

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"

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event to raise awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Participants pray silently and hold non-graphic signs with messages of love and truth at hundreds of locations across North America.

Join us for this year's Life Chain event in Sydney and bear witness to the sanctity of human life!

What: Life Chain pro-life event

When: Sunday, October 6th, 2:00-3:00 PM

Where: Sidewalk in front of the Mayflower Mall (800 Grand Lake Rd)

Contact: Pat Moore, (902) 322-5624

Visit: [campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain](http://campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain)

## Are You First?

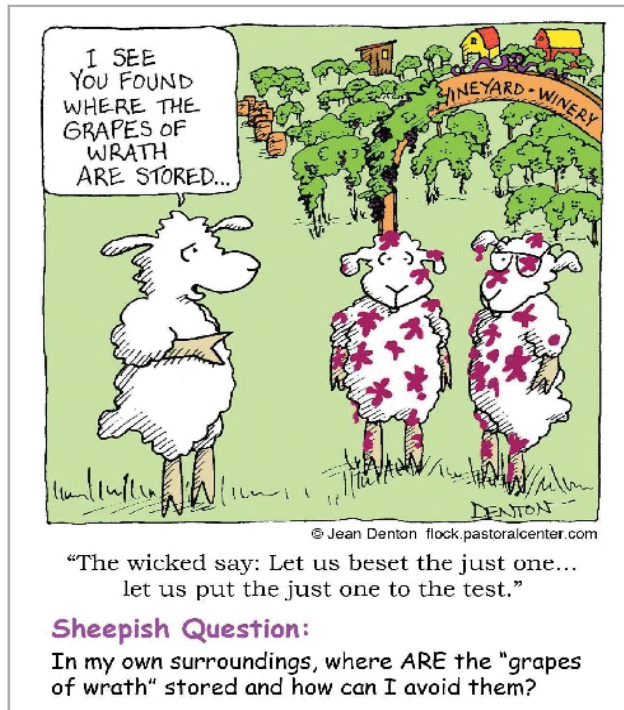
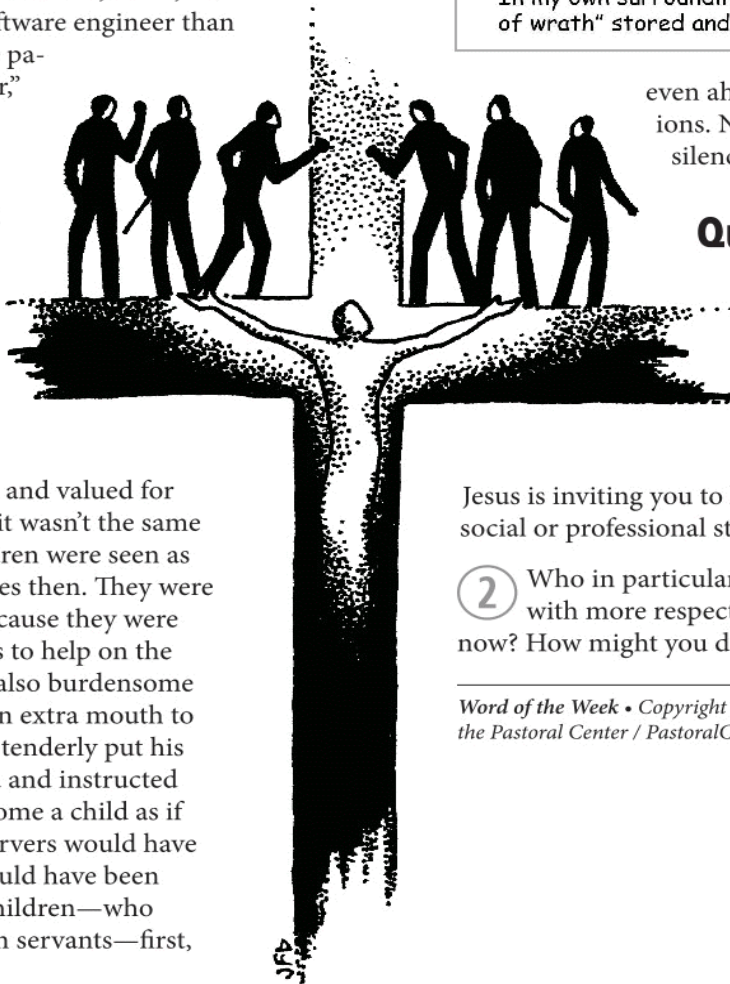
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 - The wicked speak
- ▶ James 3:16-4:3 - True wisdom and worldly desires
- ▶ Mark 9:30-37 - Who is the greatest?

At times, the twelve apostles displayed great faith; some left their jobs immediately to follow Jesus, and at other times they healed the sick, cast out demons, and preached with the same power as Jesus. However, in Mark's Gospel today, Jesus catches them arguing about who was the greatest.

We may think we are above that kind of squabbling, but how often do we make comparisons to others in our own lives? It may take the form of thinking to ourselves "I'm a better, faster, and more productive software engineer than him" or "I'm a more patient parent than her," or even "My child is smarter, kinder, or more talented than hers." It is then that we need to remember Jesus' counter-cultural lesson to the disciples.

In our society, children are honored, cherished, and valued for their own sake, but it wasn't the same in Jesus' time. Children were seen as little more than slaves then. They were primarily valued because they were another set of hands to help on the farm but they were also burdensome because they were an extra mouth to feed. So when Jesus tenderly put his arms around a child and instructed the apostles to welcome a child as if it was him, the observers would have been shocked. It would have been unheard of to put children—who were little more than servants—first,



even ahead of Jesus' closest companions. No wonder the apostles were silenced.

### Questions of the Week

- 1 What form does social comparison take in your personal and professional circles? Are there particular ways

Jesus is inviting you to let go of concerns about your social or professional standing? How so?

- 2 Who in particular is Jesus asking you to receive with more respect and openness in your life now? How might you do that?

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