

STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO
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PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY YEAR B ~ MARCH 24, 2024

EASTER WEEKEND MASSES -

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. St. Agnes Church Hall, Little Dover - †*Cecile Mary Sampson*

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea Church, Canso - †*Fred Rhynold*

2024 EASTER TRIDIUM SCHEDULE -

28th March 2024 - Holy Thursday – 7:00 pm - St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix

29th March 2024 – Good Friday – 3:00 pm – St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix

30th March 2024 – Easter Vigil – 8:30 pm – St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix - †*Geraldine & Stanley Cashin*

Volunteers for Feet Washing

We are calling for volunteers who would like their feet to be washed on Holy Thursday Mass to indicate in the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church or by contacting the Parish Office.

COMMUNION CALLS – If you know of someone unable to get out to Mass and would like to receive the Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office to have their name added to the list.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS – *From Hosanna to Crucify Him! The celebration of the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and the narration of his passion and death. These two events that historically took place on different occasions have been united into a single Liturgical celebration. This celebration is a story of our own lives. Just like Jesus, there are times when we meet with success and receive appreciation and support from others. At other times, we encounter failure and experience rejection and condemnation. Jesus was a picture of majesty and serenity on both occasions because of his unflinching trust in his Father. He has left us an example to be imitated.*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 16th/17th March 2024

1Star of the Sea

Envelopes (22)	\$435.00
Fuel (1)	\$20.00
Loose	23.00

St. Agnes

Envelopes (18)	\$300.00
Loose	\$15.00

St. Joseph

Envelopes (17)	\$250.00
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STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Please Note - The Star of the Sea Cemetery, Canso will have restricted access during Spring thaw conditions. Thank you for your understanding.

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, April 2 at 6:15 p.m. We are encouraging and begging for new members!

Ministries Schedule, March 31

Lector - Donna Lewis

Cleaning - March 31 – Apr. 6 – “Baker”
Girls

Ways & Means Events:

Easter Prize Bingo - will be held Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Donations are needed and would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your past support.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Even Split Draw - profit was \$250.00, special thanks to the organizers! The winner was Myrna Casey congratulations! A huge thank you for the support.

Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Card Plays - continue Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

Our Annual Holy Land Collection, taken on Good Friday, March 29 unites the generosity of our Canadian churches with the Catholic communities across the world. United in solidarity with the Holy Land, they support the Christian peoples and the holy sites in the land where Christ lived and where the earliest Christian communities arose.

BUTTERFLY MEMORY TREES - will be placed in Star of the Sea/St. Joseph Church/St. Agnes Hall for Easter Sunday, March 31 and will remain until Pentecost Sunday, May 19. If you wish to remember a loved one in this manner, please fill out a Memorial Card and return it to the parish. 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

March 25, 3 pm - MASS OF CHRISM
St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish
Hosted by St. Ninian Cathedral Parish, celebrating its 150th anniversary. All are welcome to attend.

May 31, 3 pm

Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon
David Rankin

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish

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 pm on Saturday, June 1** at 4:00 pm (vigil for Corpus Christi) at his home parish, St. Mary's in Mabou.

Not Wearing a Costume

This Week's Readings at Mass

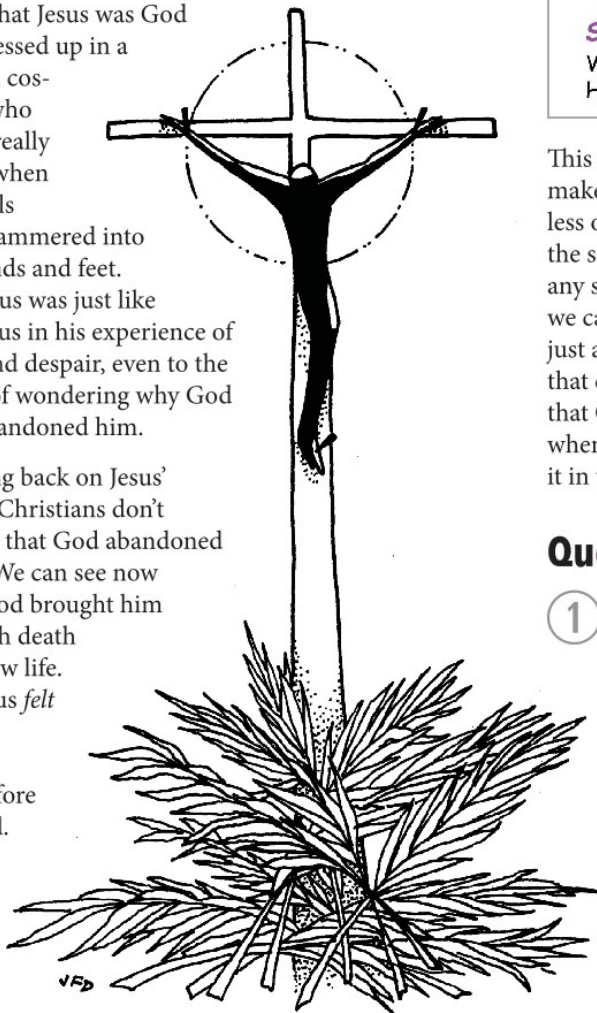
- ▶ Mark 11:1-10 - Welcomed with palms
- ▶ Isaiah 50:4-7 - The suffering servant
- ▶ Philippians 2:6-11 - Jesus, compassionate high priest
- ▶ Mark 14:1-15:47 - The passion of Jesus

Each Gospel writer tells the story of Jesus' passion and death slightly differently, emphasizing particular aspects of Jesus that each especially wants future generations to remember. Mark's gospel makes it very clear that Jesus suffered intensely, and that he experienced deep human emotions.

Mark does not want us to think that Jesus was God just dressed up in a human costume who didn't really suffer when the nails were hammered into his hands and feet.

No, Jesus was just like one of us in his experience of pain and despair, even to the point of wondering why God had abandoned him.

Looking back on Jesus' death, Christians don't believe that God abandoned Jesus. We can see now how God brought him through death into new life. Yet Jesus *felt* abandoned just before he died.



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"The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced."

Sheepish Question:

What am I searching for as I approach Holy Week?

This point can remind us that our feelings do not make up all of reality. If we feel despairing or hopeless or that all is lost, we can remember that Jesus felt the same. If we are terrified of death, or we can't feel any sense of God's presence with us in our suffering, we can be assured that God has not abandoned us, just as God did not abandon Jesus. Sometimes all that can be done is to stay the course, remembering that God found a way to bring life out of death, even when Jesus and the others around him could not see it in the moment.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you ever felt abandoned by God? Looking back on that time now, do you have a sense of how God was still present and active then? How?
- 2 Think of people in your life now who are suffering or despairing for any reason. How might you make yourself available to them so that they will know they are not alone?

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