

**STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO
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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, MAY 26, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, June 1 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

Saturday, June 1 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Violet Bellefontaine*

Sunday, June 2 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Isaac & Louise Harnish*

Sunday, June 2 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Frank Richard*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, May 30 - 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 Trinity of God*

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – the core of our faith. Though we can never understand fully the dogma of the Holy Trinity, it is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. God makes Himself known as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pope Francis rightly teaches, “Celebrating the Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life.” The existence of God as a community of persons reminds us that we are related to one another and we have no existence without the other because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Since our communities are modeled on the image of the Trinitarian community, there ought to be a new way of being Christian today. There is no room for individualism or self-glorification in the Christian community. There should exist, as in the Trinity, perfect harmony, complementarity of functions and mutual self-giving.

BUTTERFLY MEMORY TREES - Your support is much appreciated, thank you to all who helped any way. Profit recorded below.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (20)	590.00
Loose	9.00
Butterfly Memory Tree	920.00
Cemetery (2)	100.00
Letter Campaign Donations	13,700.00

St. Agnes (16)	220.00
Loose	10.00
Cemetery Donation	50.00
Butterfly Memory tree	415.00

St. Joseph (19)	215.00
Loose	25.00
Cemetery (1)	50.00

St. Vincent de Paul (3)	155.00
Butterfly Memory Tree	15.00

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.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, June 4 at 4:00 p.m. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, June 2

Lector - Edmund LeBlanc

Cleaners - May 26 - June 1- Baker girls

Raking rocks - a very special thank you to those who helped out with this, much appreciated. It looks great!

WAYS & MEANS

Ticket Sales - on a Camping Package will be the next event - Tickets are available now from committee members, Draw date July 9. If you would like to donate a camping item/gift card, it will be most appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: With the approach of mowing season we are asking parishioners & general public to remove any items (that will interfere with mowing) from graves in parish cemeteries. . Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF DEACON DAVID RANKIN

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish - May 31, 3:00 p.m. Deacon David Rankin warmly invites all to his ordination to the priesthood. There will be a light reception to follow.

NOTES

Conscience Protection for Nova Scotia Doctors

Imagine a healthcare system where death is considered a therapeutic treatment. *Imagine being a Christian doctor in that system.* Imagine being told by your medical regulator that you are abandoning your patient if you don't make arrangements for them to get an assessment for euthanasia. That healthcare system is in Nova Scotia today. The Nova Scotia medical regulator has a policy that forces physicians to refer patients for euthanasia and other controversial procedures. *Thirty courageous Christian physicians* have told Nova Scotia's medical regulator that they cannot abide by this policy.

When they are at their most vulnerable, people may choose euthanasia if they don't have suitable options to live. We need physicians who will go the extra mile to ensure their patients are connected with the support and services they need. Nova Scotia's physicians are too important to patient care to be sacrificed for the sake of an unnecessary policy. Write the Nova Scotia regulator today to tell them you want this policy to be changed: <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>

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It's Okay to Be Conflicted

This Week's Readings at Mass

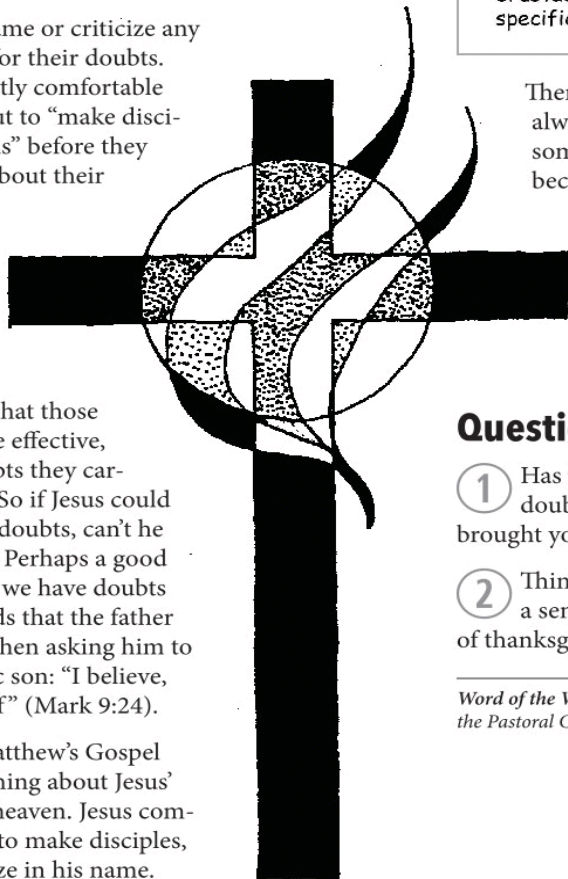
- ▶ Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 - Proofs of God's love
- ▶ Romans 8:14-17 - Children of God through adoption
- ▶ Matthew 28:16-20 - Commission of the Apostles

The Gospel reading today is from the very last verses of Matthew's Gospel. The eleven disciples (Judas is no longer with them) have the experience of both worshipping and doubting. We don't know whether some of them worshipped Jesus while others doubted him, or if all of them had the conflicting experience of worshipping and doubting simultaneously. Either way, this detail by Matthew can be helpful to anyone in the 2,000 years since then who has struggled with doubts about Jesus.

Jesus doesn't shame or criticize any of the disciples for their doubts. He seems perfectly comfortable sending them out to "make disciples of all nations" before they are 100% clear about their faith. Because we and two billion other Christians in the world today worship

Jesus, we know that those 11 disciples were effective, despite any doubts they carried with them. So if Jesus could work with their doubts, can't he work with ours? Perhaps a good prayer for when we have doubts include the words that the father spoke to Jesus when asking him to heal his epileptic son: "I believe, help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

Interestingly, Matthew's Gospel doesn't say anything about Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Jesus commissions the 11 to make disciples, teach, and baptize in his name.



Then, his last words are "behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Obviously, something happened to his body physically because we can no longer see Jesus, but we are left with the promise that he is, and will always be, with us invisibly. His words bring us full circle to the promise before his birth that he would be "Emmanuel," meaning "God is with us."

Questions of the Week

- 1 Has there been a time(s) when you have doubted Jesus, God, or your faith? What brought you through that period?
- 2 Think about a time when you have experienced a sense of God or Jesus with you. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for that gift of awareness.

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