

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 28, 2024**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, May 4** - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - †*Arthur Martin*

**Saturday, May 4** - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph, Port Felix - †*Francis & †Velda Cashin*

**Sunday, May 5** - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Percy George*

**Sunday, May 5** - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Angus MacKinnon*

**WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday, May 2** - 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:** *Jesus Christ, Our Source of Life and Strength....While it is true that all parts of a tree form the tree; it is equally true that a tree banks on its tap root for survival. For us to understand our dependence on Christ, Christ presents himself as the Real Vine. Just as each branch lives as long as it remains attached to the tree, the followers of Christ are alive only when they remain in Christ, the life. **But what does it mean to remain in Christ?** Remaining in Christ refers to a continuous life lived on Christ's love. In a world torn apart by the "dictatorship of individualism" Christ invites us to remain attached to him and be fruitful for his kingdom. We are part of the new vineyard, but we shall be able to grow and bear fruit only if we remain in Christ, the source of our life.*

**BUTTERFLY MEMORY TREES** - in Star of the Sea/St. Joseph Church/St. Agnes Hall will remain until Pentecost Sunday, May 19. If you wish to remember a loved one in this manner please fill out a Memorial Card (available in the entrance of the church) and place it in the Collection Basket. 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.

## **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, May 7 at 6:15 p.m. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, May 5

Lector - Edmund LeBlanc

Cleaners - April 28 - May 4 - Irene/Juanita

Ways & Means Events

Club 100 Tickets - are available and can be purchased from committee members. Draw date is April 30

Spring Fling/Lobster Card Play - May 4, 12 noon, flyer will be available next week. Donations for Variety Wheel, Bake Table and Chocolate/Candy Wheel would be appreciated!

**PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER OR THE PARISH OFFICE TO HELP OUT**

## **ST. AGNES NEWS**

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.

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

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!**

**Star of the Sea (28)** 900.00

**St. Agnes (19)** 265.00

Loose 10.00

**St. Joseph (16)** 172.00

Initial (1) 5.00

Loose 2.00

## **St. Vincent de Paul**

Donations 150.00

Memorial Donations 255.00

## **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 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 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m. (vigil for Corpus Christi) at his home parish, St. Mary's in Mabou. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/84gSED3igMoVV99z9>

## **NOTES**

Mass for Shut ins - now airing its 61st season. Mass for Shut Ins airs Sunday mornings on the CTV channel and is available for viewing on demand on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel.

Celebrating 400th Anniversary of Dedication of Canada to St. Joseph - St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, Quebec is a world centre of devotion to St. Joseph. To celebrate the 400th anniversary, all dioceses, parishes and religious

communities in Canada are invited to make a pilgrimage to the Oratory now through October 19, 2024. This year the Oratory also celebrates the 150th anniversary of the perpetual vows of Oratory founder, Brother Andre Bessette, who was dedicated to leading pilgrims to St. Joseph. Watch the video invitation: <https://www.saint-joseph.org/en/4th-centenary-of-the-dedication/>

April 28, 2021 • 5th Sunday of Easter • Year B

## Human Beings, Not Human Doings

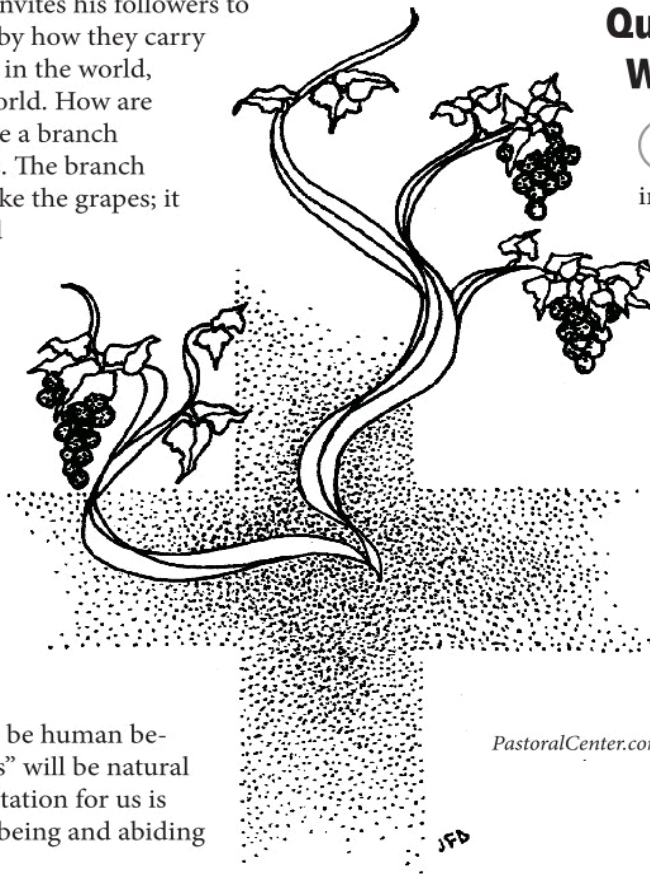
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Acts 9:26-31 - Saul visits Jerusalem
- ▶ 1 John 3:18-24 - The actions of believers
- ▶ John 15:1-8 - The vine and the branches

We hear often from John's Gospel during the Easter season, and Jesus' message to us includes many invitations to abide, rest, and remain in him. The other Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke have Jesus giving us many directions for the actions we should be taking as his followers: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, love your enemies, forgive others repeatedly, turn the other cheek, etc. They are Gospels for "human doings." John's Gospel, on the other hand, is a Gospel for "human beings."

In John, Jesus repeatedly invites his followers to express their discipleship by how they carry themselves—how they *are* in the world, not what they *do* in the world. How are we to be in the world? Like a branch on a grape vine, Jesus says. The branch doesn't *do* anything to make the grapes; it simply remains connected to the vine and allows itself to be pruned. If the branch stays connected, all it has to do in order to bear fruit is to be open while God works the miracle of creating the grapes.

Jesus is calling us to trust that if we do our primary "work" of remaining in him and allowing him to remain in us, then God's works will automatically flow through us. If we can be human beings first, then our "doings" will be natural outcomes of that. The invitation for us is to relax into that sense of being and abiding with Jesus.



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"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."  
**Sheepish Question:**  
 What rewards of my relationship with God can I share with others?

### Questions of the Week

- ① Which do you more naturally gravitate toward in your sense of discipleship: "doing" things or "being" a particular way? Put another way, are you naturally more active or contemplative?
- ② When you consider abiding with/remaining with/resting in Jesus, what comes to mind for you? How might you build more time for that into your life?

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