

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 28, 2024

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

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WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3 - Port Felix - 6:00 pm - ♥*For the Faithful*

Sunday, February 4 - Star of the Sea - 11:00 am - †*Louise Harnish*

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

REFLECTION TODAY’S READINGS - *The Power of the Word of God*

God’s word is powerful. It has the ability to free us and transform our lives. When Jesus taught, he spoke with the authority of God as no one had before. The Rabbis while teaching would support their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with authority which they had received and that’s why they used the words “Thus says the Lord.” When Jesus spoke, he needed no authorities to support his statements. He was authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. In his ministry, Jesus manifested his authority both in words and in deeds as the Chosen One of God. When he spoke, God spoke. Even the demons obeyed his commands. When we are confronted with the demons of our today’s circumstances, do we use the power of the words of Jesus to make inroads in our lives?

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Star of the Sea (21)	510.00
Initial (3)	32.00
Winter Fuel (1)	20.00
Loose	5.00
St. Agnes	Nil
St. Joseph (21)	192.00
Loose	10.00
Initial (1)	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	
Cemetery	300.00
Memory Tree	35.00

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. *Come Celebrate "350 years of Meaning and Action" in Quebec City!* From December 8, 2023 to December 8, 2024, the Catholic Church in Quebec City will celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding of its Diocese. The oldest diocese

north of Mexico, the cradle of faith in our country, has given birth to more than 150 dioceses over the years. The Catholic community of the Diocese of Quebec opens wide its arms to you. Cross the threshold of America's only Holy Door. Come and experience a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the founding saints of the Church in Canada. Details are available on the website: fetes350.ca.

What is Lent? Wednesday, February 14, 2024 - Thursday, March 28, 2024

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).- USCCB

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

Ministries Schedule, February 4

Lector - Donna Lewis

Church Cleaning - February 4 - 10 - Baker girls

WAYS & MEANS EVENTS

Events Calendar 2024 - is available in the entrance of the church. Please pick one up. Please contact a committee member if you want to donate or are interested in helping out. An important note: if you belong to other organizations, please share the calendar and consider the events that are already scheduled.

Tickets on Heat Certificate - are available from committee members, value is \$300.00, draw date is February 27.

Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Preregistration is required. Pizza, chips and drinks will be available. Thank you

ST. AGNES NEWS

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

They Liked Listening to Him!

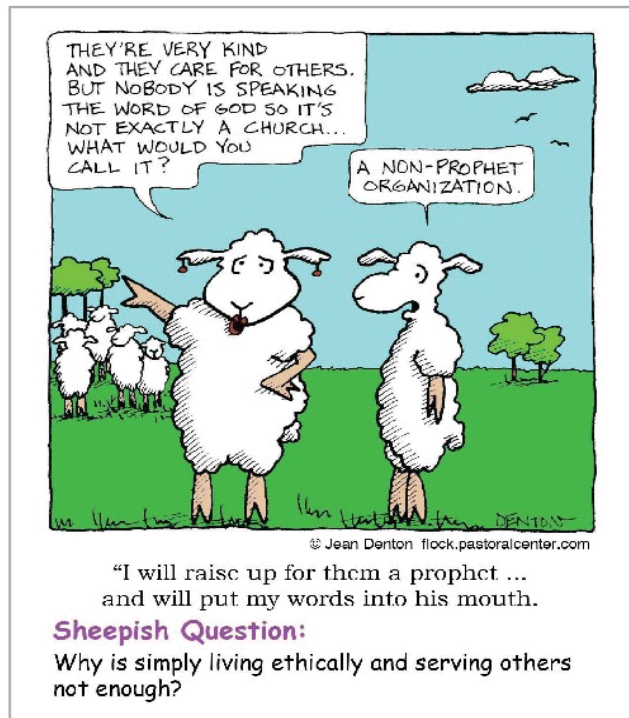
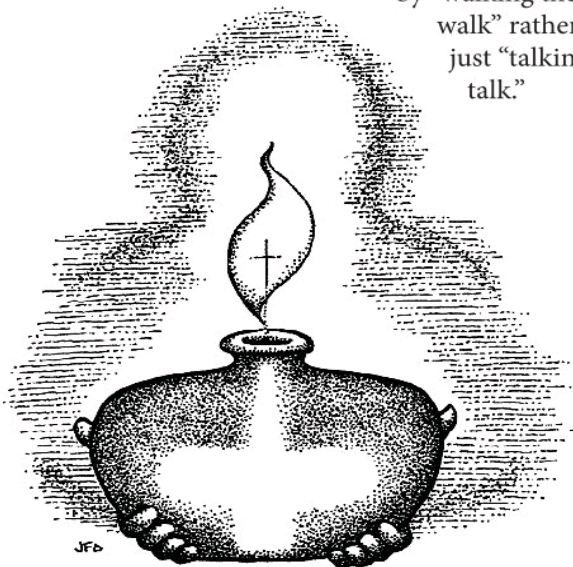
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Deuteronomy 18:15-20 - A prophet like Moses
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 - The state of virginity
- ▶ Mark 1:21-28 - Cure of a demoniac

It's easy to be impressed by all the miracles Jesus worked: he healed the sick, raised the dead, gave sight to the blind, and fed thousands starting with only a small amount of bread. What we might not always catch from hearing the gospels is what an amazing speaker and teacher Jesus was.

We've probably all had a mix of good, average, and bad teachers in our day. The bad ones might have bored us as they taught something that didn't seem very relevant. Maybe they didn't seem interested in us as individuals. Maybe they were rigid in the classroom. Perhaps they talked like know-it-alls and didn't have patience with students who "didn't get it" or didn't follow their directions exactly.

Then there are the great teachers. They are excited about what they are teaching, and they get the students excited about it too. They care about their students as individuals. They offer support and encouragement, but also expect a lot from their students, who usually rise to the occasion. Great teachers win the respect of their students by "walking the walk" rather than just "talking the talk."



In this reading Mark gives us a glimpse of what people thought of Jesus as a teacher. For someone who didn't have all the fancy education that the scribes and Pharisees had, Jesus amazed and astonished the crowd with his words. The gospel doesn't tell us exactly what Jesus taught that day, but whatever it was thrilled and excited his listeners. They recognized him as having authority beyond the religious leaders who usually preached during their synagogue services. On top of that, Jesus matched his teaching with his actions when he healed the man with an unclean spirit. No wonder his fame spread throughout the whole region. People recognize a great teacher and leader when they see one.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Talk about great teachers you've had in your life. What made them so good? Can you imagine Jesus having these same qualities as a teacher?
- 2 What do you think the difference was between Jesus teaching "as one having authority" and the teachings the people were used to by the scribes?

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