

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 28, 2024

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, August 3 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*

Saturday, August 3 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - ♥*For the Faithful*

Sunday, August 4 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes Hall - †*Mildred & †Bud Rhynold*

Sunday, August 4 - 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Mary Cecile Sampson*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 1 - 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 Feeding of the Five Thousand*
The readings of today, especially the first and the gospel point out the feeding of the people as a sign of God's care for His people. In the First Reading, Elisha received the gift brought to him by someone who offered bread from the first products of his land in accordance with the law. The prophet used the bread immediately to feed people in need, the numbers of whom were many, insisting that it would be enough in fulfilment of the word of God. This happened as the prophet had foretold. In the gospel, Jesus feeds a hungry crowd of five thousand men with five barley loaves and two fish, after which there were leftovers as well. Jesus teaches us that with God all things are possible. God has provided enough for all those He created in the world, but sometimes lack of charitable spirit militates against the realization of integral human welfare. While some people in some parts of the world live in affluence others suffer hunger and deprivation. And even when we try to put into practice the call for charity towards those in need, Jesus is saying that we should do that with humility and never fall into the temptation of pride. The message of today's readings, therefore, is that with faith in the Word of God, no gift is too small to be useful to the community. Thus, individual resources, spiritual or material, when pulled together for the common good, receive God's blessings and enrich the whole community of God's people.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property/Finance Committee - Tuesday, September 3 at 6:15 p.m. New members needed!!

Ministries Schedule, August 4

Lector - Juanita Dort

Cleaners - August 4 - 10 - Theresa & Eileen

Regatta Prize Bingo - Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Donations are needed.

Chowder Luncheon - Saturday, August 17 after the parade, Shamrock Club.

Please contact a committee member or Flo to contribute.

Cake Booth - Saturday, August 17, Midway Grounds

ST JOSEPH NEWS

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Joseph Parish Hall.

STAN FEST - A welcome is extended to visitors joining us this weekend. Asking God to bless you with a great weekend of music, fun and hospitality and safe travels. Take care

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (33)	845.00
Loose	10.00
St. Agnes (17)	240.00
Loose	10.00
St. Joseph (13)	130.00
Loose	16.00
St. Vincent de Paul (56)	65.00
Loose	10.00

NOTES

In Nova Scotia, the College of Physicians and Surgeons has drafted a Professional Standard Regarding Conscientious Objection policy, - proposing an effective referral policy for all physicians who have patients seeking Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD.) Nova Scotia's draft policy is the most restrictive in Canada, and creates unnecessary challenges in retaining and recruiting more physicians. There is already a system in place allowing patients to access euthanasia without a formal referral. Some physicians have said they cannot recommend a procedure that they feel will harm their patient. If changes are not made to the College's policy, physicians across the province – in rural and urban areas – may be forced to move or retire early. To learn more:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope-for-end-of-life/>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - July 28 - 'Do not cast me off in my old age' (cf. Ps71.9) is the theme for this 4th annual observance. *“Dear grandchildren, your grandparents are the memory of a world without memory, and when a community loses its memory, it's over. We must not lose our memory. Listen to your grandparents, especially when they teach you, with their love and with their witness, to cultivate the most important affections, which are not obtained by force, which do not appear through success, but which fill life.”* - **Pope Francis**

Love's Math

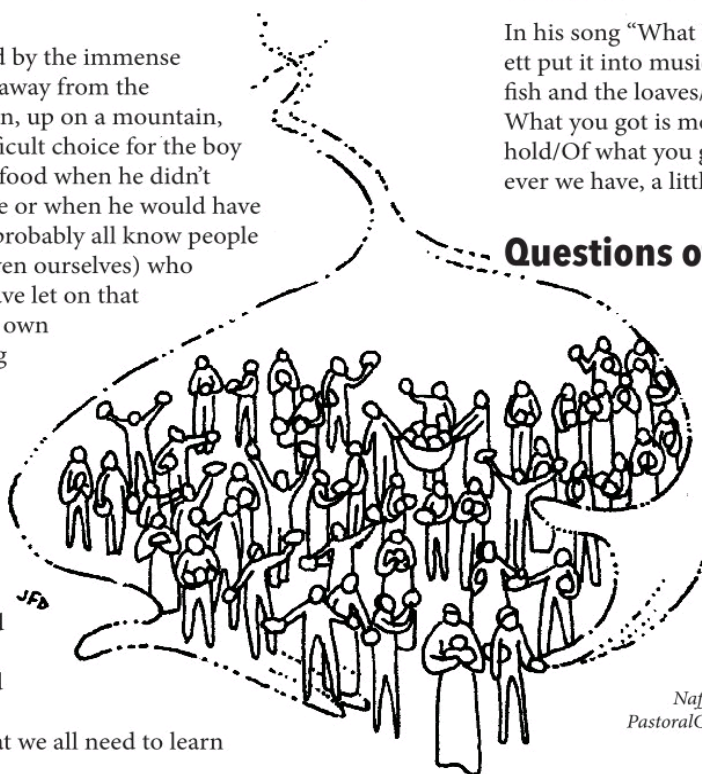
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ 2 Kings 4:42-44 - Elisha: the multiplication of loaves
- ▶ Ephesians 4:1-6 - Unity in the mystical Body
- ▶ John 6:1-15 - Multiplication of the loaves

All four Gospels tell a story about Jesus miraculously feeding a large crowd with the lowest estimate set at 5,000 men, not including women and children. Matthew, Mark, and Luke don't tell us where the food came from; it is John's Gospel that gives us the detail of the boy who has five loaves of bread and two fish that Jesus multiplies. What was that boy's experience that day?

Probably those loaves and fish were meant to be the boy's lunch—or lunch for his whole family. The crowd had converged from the entire surrounding region, and many would have walked from many miles away. What had brought the boy there? What might he and his family have heard about Jesus? Why had they come?

Surrounded by the immense crowd out, away from the nearest town, up on a mountain, was it a difficult choice for the boy to offer his food when he didn't know where or when he would have more? We probably all know people (perhaps even ourselves) who wouldn't have let on that we had our own food among a hungry crowd. Yet something inspired the boy to share his, and Jesus used a little to feed a lot. The boy learned something that day that we all need to learn



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"They shall eat and there shall be some left over."

Sheepish Question:

How can what I have to offer possibly change the world?

and re-learn. We can trust Jesus with whatever we have, a little or a lot, to do miraculous things.

In his song "What You Got," songwriter Billy Crockett put it into music this way: "But oh/remember the fish and the loaves/How love has a math of its own/What you got is more than enough/When God gets a hold/Of what you got." We can trust Jesus with whatever we have, a little or a lot, to do miraculous things.

Questions of the Week

- 1 If you were the boy in the crowd, do you think you would have shared your food? Why or why not?
- 2 Is there anything you are feeling a bit stingy or possessive about sharing now that God might want to put to use for the good of others?

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