

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

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TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday, October 5 - 4:30 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul - ♥*For the Faithful*
- 6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph - †*Carmen Casey*

Sunday, October 6 - 9:30 a.m - St. Agnes Hall - †*Gerard & †Marion Myatt*
- 11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Marlaine Boudreau*

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE:

Thursday, October 3 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

COMMUNION CALLS - Available when requested, please contact the parish office.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *The Spirit Blows Wherever It Wills!*

The disciples in today's gospel reading are worried about the fact that someone is exorcizing in Jesus' name. They felt a sense of duty to stop the exorcist from continuing because he was not part of the group. It did not matter that the work of the kingdom was being discharged and those under captivity were being set free. Following them, and not Jesus had become the criterion of what should be permitted and what should be prevented. But Jesus had a different vision, hence his response "Whoever is not against us is for us". Unless others inject values contrary to the values of God, we must learn to see everyone as a potential ally of the kingdom. We have no right to exclude anyone. The priority is the kingdom and those who make contributions to this kingdom by way of good works regardless of what denomination they belong to must be accepted. Let us be more generous in understanding those who work for the kingdom of God. The first reading and the gospel teach us that the Spirit works through those who predispose themselves to God's work and are thus his collaborators. However, the Spirit can also decide to work through those who are not within this close circle of collaborators! This is because the Spirit blows wherever it wills. Today's gospel teaches us two important lessons: that no one can contain or control the Spirit of God and that we must not allow anything to come between us and our commitment to God. We are therefore challenged to predispose ourselves to the workings of the Spirit and rejoice when the Spirit decides to blow wherever it wills.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Vestry Clean - Up - is rescheduled for **Tuesday, October 1, 9:30 a.m.** This will be a major house cleaning. **I apologize for the mixup with the date**

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, October 1 at 6:15 p.m. We need members for this committee.

Ministries Schedule, October 6

Lector - Juanita Dort

Cleaners - Sept 29 - Oct 5 - Theresa/Eileen

Ways & Means

Club 100 winners were Juanita Dort, Trent Feltmate, Helga MacKinnon, Jennifer MacKenzie and Rob Murphy, congratulations! Thank you to all buyers and sellers.

Trivia Night - October 5, 7:00 p.m. - Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall, 7:00 p.m. Please pre-register.

Grocery Prize Bingo (Meal in a Box) - will be held Sunday, October 20. This will be a grocery bingo. We are accepting donations of grocery items, gift cards, etc.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

Please note - We are asking for donations to help cover the cost of painting the hall (\$11, 800.00. donations would be greatly appreciated.

ST. AGNES NEWS

Fall Fun Day - Saturday, October 12 at the parish hall. We are requesting donations of prizes and cakes. **Thank you for your past support.**

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU!

Star of the Sea (29)	595.00
Needs of Canadian Church (6)	62.00
Loose	15.00
St. Agnes (16)	265.00
Needs of Canadian Church (1)	20.00
Loose	20.00
St. Joseph (17)	222.00
Loose	6.00
Cemetery	1,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul (5)	85.00

NOTES

Wilmot Cemetery - A public meeting will be held at All Saints Anglican Church Basement Sunday, October 20th at 2:30 pm for those interested in forming a stewards committee to oversee the upkeep of Wilmot Cemetery in Canso. All welcome.

Gift Shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou, Cape Breton - is open seven days a week as follows: Mon to Sat - 10am to 4pm; Sunday - 11am to 5pm

The Shrine is open daily for visitation.

For inquiries 902-945-2221

Life Chain is an annual pro-life event to raise awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being. Participants pray silently and hold non-graphic signs with messages of love and truth at hundreds of locations across North America.

Join us for this year's Life Chain event in Sydney and bear witness to the sanctity of human life!

What: Life Chain pro-life event

When: Sunday, October 6th, 2:00-3:00 PM

Where: Sidewalk in front of the Mayflower Mall (800 Grand Lake Rd)

Contact: Pat Moore, (902) 322-5624

Visit: campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain

Afflicting the Comfortable

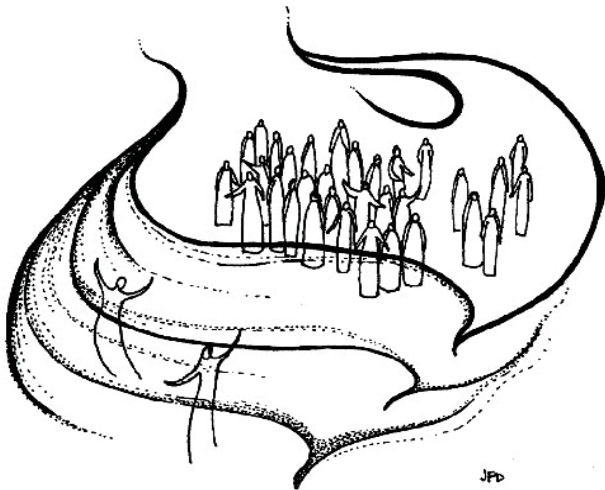
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Numbers 11:25-29 - Sharing the gift of prophecy
- ▶ James 5:1-6 - Saving the right focus
- ▶ Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 - Whoever is not against us is for us

Once again we focus on a lesser known passage from the Letter of James. It is one of those Bible passages that “afflicts the comfortable and comforts the afflicted.”

James’ strong words for the rich are perfectly in line with Jesus and passages in the Old Testament warning about making money by dishonest means, putting our security in worldly goods and accumulating wealth while neglecting the needy.

In fact, Jesus told more parables about economic injustice than he did about any other topic. His parable about Lazarus called out the sinfulness of one man being extravagantly wealthy while another man didn’t have enough to eat. Jesus critiqued the farmer who built bigger barns to store his harvest only to die suddenly. (If he had such abundance, maybe he hadn’t followed the Old Testament laws about sharing his harvest with the poor.) Another time, Jesus exposed the religious authorities who gave the required tithes but “neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith” (Mt. 23:23).



In the same way, James condemns the rich who have stored up material goods that will only rot away. (“You’ll never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul. You can’t take anything with you.”) He also criticizes those who have lived in pleasure and luxury because they have defrauded others. Although we may be tempted to ignore this reading, assuming it doesn’t apply to us, perhaps there is something here for us to acknowledge if we look deeper.

Questions of the Week

- 1 In what ways do people today continue to defraud, cheat, or take advantage of others, some of which may be socially acceptable (ex: paying less than a living wage to house cleaners, babysitters, or gardeners; skimping on tips for waiters; indirectly paying below minimum wage to farmworkers who pick produce, etc.?)
- 2 What invitation do you hear in this passage to change the way you relate to money or possessions?

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