

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

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27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR - OCTOBER 05, 2025

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS -

Saturday, Oct 11 - 4:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Queensport - ♥*For the Faithful*
Saturday, Oct 11 - 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix - †*Francis Marr & †Rita David*
Sunday, Oct 12 - 9:30 a.m. St. Agnes Church Hall, Little Dover - †*Genesta Haines*
Sunday, Oct 12 - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea Church, Canso - †*John Baker*

WEEKDAY MASS TIME

Thursday, October 09 - St. Anthony's Chapel, **NO MASS**

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS – *We are mere servants of the Lord*

“We are unworthy servants; we have only done what we are supposed to do.” People want affirmation and frown if it does not come. In life, as we grow spiritually, we must learn how to shift our attention from ourselves to God and others. Attention to self makes one the center of all things. The tendency is to allude to the following: my work; my talent; my house; my person; my wealth; my intelligence; my achievements, etc. When we succeed in proclaiming the ‘my litany’, we find it hard to appreciate God, who gives us opportunities to serve Him through the gifts and favours He bestows. Again, when misfortunes come to challenge our faith, we easily lose focus; we get disappointed and slacken in our belief (faith). Prophet Habakkuk warns: “For still, the vision awaits its time; it hastens to the end; it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not delay” (Hab 2:2-4). This can only happen smoothly for someone who has God at the center and not oneself at the center.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Office Hours – The Parish Office will be open from **9:00 am – 4:00 pm**. only on **Tuesdays** for any business that needs to be conducted with the Parish Secretary. You can still reach the Parish Priest at any time by calling the Parish Phone at **+1 902 366 2927** or on my cell phone at **+1 613 929 7089**.

Property & Finance Committee Meeting -

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 7, 2025**, at **4:00 p.m.** The venue will be at the Meeting Room, **Star of the Sea, Canso Glebe House**. If you have any issues that you want discussed, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee.

Ministries Schedule – October 12

Lector – *Juanita Dort*
Cleaners – Oct. 5 – 11 – *Harry Delorey*

Ways & Means Committee:

Prize Bingo – This takes place on **Sunday, October 19th 2025**, at Canso Fire Hall by **2:00 pm**. Prizes are needed!

Club 200 winners from the Draws:

- 1. #99 – Kirk Rossong
- 2. #72 – Mike Feltmate
- 3. #183 – Shelley/Gerry Parker
- 4. #77 – Brent McKinnon
- 5. #26 – Shirley Greencorn
- 6. #185 – Bill MacMillan
- 7. #115 – Gertie Snow
- 8. #53 – Donna Lewis
- 9. #71 – Mike Feltmate
- 10. #131 – Bernice Meade

ST. AGNES NEWS

Family Fun Day – Saturday, **October 11 2025** starting at **1:00 pm**. We are looking for Prizes and Cake.

Chocolate Bar Bingo – Saturday, October 18 2025, at 1:00 pm.

Chase the Ace – continues Thursdays at 7:00 pm in St. Agnes Hall.

General Church Meeting – There will be a meeting for all members of St. Agnes Church, Little Dover, on **October 15, 2025**, at **6:30 pm**. The venue will be **St. Agnes Church Hall**. All members of the Church are encouraged to attend this meeting as we will be discussing important issues concerning our church.

ST. JOSEPHS NEWS

Card Plays – will be starting again on Tuesday, **October 14 2025**. Time is **7:30 pm**.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 27th/28th Sept. 2025

Star of the Sea

Envelopes (21)	415.00
Cemetery Maintenance Donation (1)	400.00
Winter Fuel	20.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	10.00
Loose	5.00

St. Agnes

Envelopes (20)	305.00
Needs of the Canadian Church (1)	20.00

St. Joseph

Envelopes ()	N/A
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St. Vincent de Paul

Envelopes (5)	80.00
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WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

Notice: This is to inform all the Parishioners that I will be away from the 6th of October to the 10th of October 2025 for the Annual Meeting/Retreat of my Religious Order in Miramichi, New Brunswick.

Beginning Sept. 23: CORAH (Centre of Rural Ageing & Health) For Older Adults Age 55+ NSCC Strait Area Campus in Port Hawkesbury

Join us for opportunities to connect, move, and stay socially active. Share a coffee at our café, catch a film in the theatre, and take part in engaging sessions on Provincial Government Grants, Square Roots Food Services, Foot Care, Cooking Sessions, Next Season Garden Prep, and much more. For more information, or to register, call 902-625-4252, or email corah-strait@nsc.ca We look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new friends!

Jubilee Pilgrim's Way ~ March 19 – December 28, 2025

Our Diocesan Pilgrim's Way for the Jubilee Year includes parishes, shrines, and sacred celebrations honouring namesake saints, cultures, and traditions woven into the rich tapestry of our diocese. The Way begins with the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, and ends with the Jubilee closing Mass at St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish.

Passports are being prepared. Map now available online:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/pilgrims-way/>

We are invited to visit any of our diocesan sites on or around their special dates, or at any time throughout the year. Events for each site will be posted online and shared via bulletin notices as details are available.

A Little Goes a Long Way

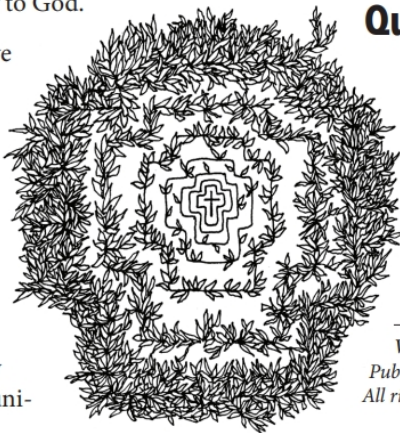
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 - Habakkuk's complaint
- 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 - Exhortation to faithfulness
- Luke 17:5-10 - Sayings on the requirements of faith

Although all three readings today seem only superficially related, each implores the readers to persevere with confidence through times of trial. The prophet Habakkuk cries out to God for deliverance in a time of crisis. God responds, not with an immediate rescue, but with a promise that he will ultimately save “the just one.” Likewise, St. Paul encourages Timothy to live from the spirit of power, love, and self-control rather than falling back into cowardice. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds the apostles that even a little faith will suffice to do great things. Taken together, the scriptures for the day offer consolation and strength for everyone struggling with the challenges of daily discipleship in an imperfect world.

As they travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, the apostles acknowledge to Jesus that they don't think they have enough faith. Instead of berating them for this, Jesus surprises them with the assurance that even a tiny amount of faith is enough to work miracles. If faith the size of a mustard seed is enough to uproot a mulberry tree, Jesus' followers won't have any excuses for why they can't do great things in his name. In the meantime, while they are praying for greater faith, the disciples can do what they can with what they have. With faith the size of a mustard seed a person can plow, tend sheep, or serve at table and all of those actions can give glory to God.

As St. Teresa of Calcutta wrote, we all have “the opportunity to become holy through the works of love that we do because holiness is not the luxury of the few. It is a very simple duty for you, for me—you in your position, in your work, and I and others, each one of us in the work” (*Where There Is Love, There Is God*). How many times do Christians miss opportuni-



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“For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint.”

Sheepish Question:

How would I describe the scale of my faith?

ties to serve God because the opportunities seem so trivial or commonplace? Or how many times do we not even attempt to do amazing things because we assume we don't have what it takes to make a difference? Jesus doesn't want excuses for not trying.

The second half of the reading changes the subject to the expectations of faithful disciples. We are called to be like servants, going diligently about our work without the expectation of reward (although Jesus promises a reward in other parts of the Gospels). He wants his disciples' motives to be pure—do the work of God because it is right and good, not because it will profit us personally.

Questions of the Week

- 1 When have you felt like your faith wasn't enough? When did you find that a small amount of faith went a long way?
- 2 Describe someone you know or have heard of who was able to do great things because of their faith.

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