

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

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ APRIL 6, 2025

### PALM SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, April 12-** St. Joseph, Port Felix - 6:00 pm - †*Charles MacDonald*

**Sunday, April 13 - St. Agnes Parish Hall - No Mass**

**Sunday, April 13** - Star of the Sea Main Church - 11:00 am - †*Theresa McPhee*

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES & STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stations of the Cross before the weekday Masses in both Canso and Port Felix.

**Port Felix** – Wednesday, April 9 - 2:00 pm - ♥*For the Faithful*;

**Canso - No Mass**

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - in preparation for Easter on Thursday, April 10 at Star of the Sea Vestry at 6:30 p.m.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** - We need volunteers to participate in Holy Thursday (lectors, washing of the feet, 12), Good Friday, (lectors) and Easter Vigil (6 lectors). There will be sign-up sheets in all three churches. Please volunteer as this saves an great number of phone calls.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES - Easter Triduum Schedule:**

April 17 - *Holy Thursday* - 7:00 pm - Star of the Sea, Canso.

April 18 - *Good Friday* – 3:00 pm - Star of the Sea Church, Canso.

April 19 - *Easter Vigil* - 8:30 pm. - Star of the Sea, Canso.

*Easter Sunday, April 20* - 9:30 am - St. Agnes Hall;

11:00 am - St. Joseph Church

### **REFLECTION TODAY'S READINGS - *Stick and Stones***

*The Jews brought before the Lord a woman caught in adultery. Jesus silenced them by showing them that they were not faultless. In a world where everyone is a sinner, the blame game or finger-pointing solves nothing. In our survivalistic struggle amidst the evil that abounds in this world, let us not be fault-finders but fault-menders. Let us always bear in mind that the best way to dispel darkness is not by cursing darkness but by lighting a candle.*

### **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Please note - The Star of the Sea Cemetery, Canso will have restricted access during Spring thaw conditions. Thank you for your understanding.

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, May 6 at 6:15 p.m We encourage you to consider coming to a meeting. Committee members are Catherine DeRabbie, Harry Delorey, Pat Steele and Pat Rhynold, Fr. Jonathan and Marie Parker.

Ministries Schedule, April 13

Lector - Harry Delorey

Cleaners - **April 13 - 17 - a major clean-up for the Easter Triduum**, Come when you are able and leave a note to indicate what was cleaned. Thank you.

Trivia Night - Next Trivia Night is Saturday, April 12. Please register with a committee member.

Club 200 Ticket Draw - will be held April 29. Ten prizes of \$100.00 each, cost is \$10.00 ticket. to support this draw, contact a committee member.

**ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

**Regular Weekly Bingo - will resume Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Thank you so very much for your support!!

**Star of the Sea (25)** 605.00

Fuel (1) 20.00

Loose 5.00

**St. Agnes (19)** 325.00

**St. Joseph (15)** 166.00

Loose 5.00

**St. Vincent de Paul (1)** 20.00

**THANK YOU** - We also wish to acknowledge MODG grant of \$500.00 to Star of the Sea. Special thanks to District 8 Councillor, Fin Armsworthy for your assistance.

**JOB POSTING** - we are inviting applications for the position of Parish Bookkeeper for our four parishes. This position is responsible for maintaining the parish books, cemetery lots and various office duties. Hours to be determined, start date is June, 2025. For more information contact Fr. Jonathan or a member of the Property and Finance committee.

**ST. AGNES NEWS** - At the recent meeting concerning the roof and general maintenance of the hall, it was decided to move ahead with a major fund-raising event. The cost is approximately \$35,000.00 which is a huge undertaking. We are asking for support from parishioners and local community businesses. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the committee. All help is much appreciated. Updates will be available periodically. The committee has applied for municipal assistance and is waiting for a reply.

**BUTTERFLY MEMORY TREES** - will be placed in Star of the Sea/St. Joseph Church/St. Agnes Hall, Easter Sunday, April 20 and will remain until Pentecost Sunday, June 8. If you wish to remember a loved one in this manner please fill out a Memorial Card and return it to the parish. 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

# A Third Way

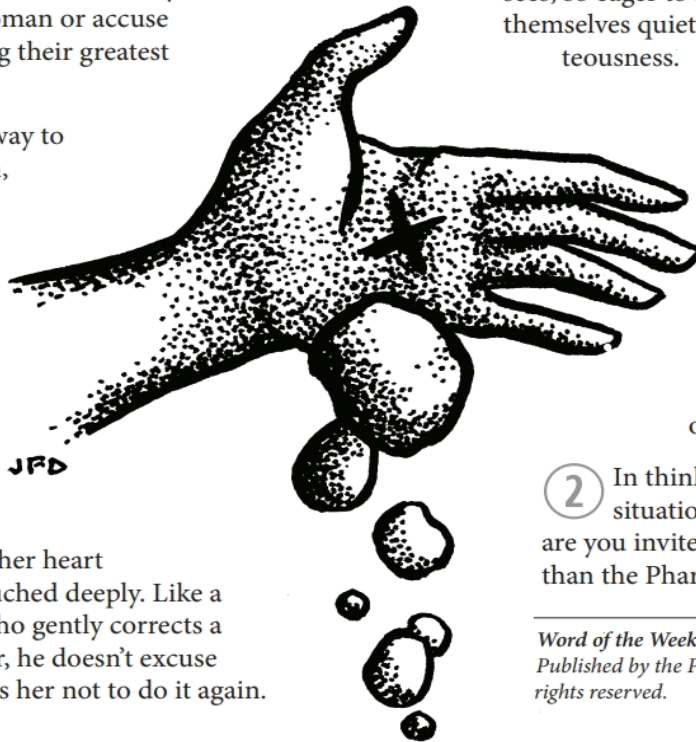
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 43:16-21 - Promise of restoration
- ▶ Philippians 3:8-14 - Breaking with the past
- ▶ John 8:1-11 - The woman caught in adultery

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks, reminding the Israelites that God—who brought their ancestors out of slavery in Egypt—can and will do marvelous things again. He gives them a reason to hope and to believe that God can still surprise them with unexpected new life. The passages creates a foreshadowing of Jesus' mercy with the adulteress which allows her to begin a new life after her nightmare of almost being stoned to death.

This Gospel story is a beautiful example of Jesus' ability to find a "third way" between two opposing options. At first, it appears that Jesus can either 1) follow the law of Moses and call for the woman's stoning, or 2) let her "off the hook" and thus disrespect Moses. The scribes and Pharisees want him to choose one or the other so that they can either punish the woman or accuse Jesus of disrespecting their greatest religious leader.

Jesus finds another way to address the situation, however. He exhibits mercy that does not result in violence, but will almost surely bring about the woman's conversion. Given the danger she was in, and then Jesus' utter compassion for her, her heart would have been touched deeply. Like a thoughtful parent who gently corrects a child's poor behavior, he doesn't excuse what she did but asks her not to do it again.



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"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

**Sheepish Question:**  
What are the obstacles to my fully forgiving others' failures?

His response saves her life, and she is then free to go on as a witness to the power of love rather than vengeance. At the same time, the scribes and Pharisees, so eager to see another person suffer, find themselves quietly convicted for their self-righteousness.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Jesus has a choice between showing mercy or justice here. Given the two options, which do you tend to move toward in your response to others?
- 2 In thinking about the people and situations in your life today, to whom are you invited to offer Jesus' mercy rather than the Pharisees' judgment?

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