

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

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 16, 2025**

**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 22-** St. Joseph, Port Felix - 6:00 pm - ♥*For the Faithful*

**Sunday, March 23** - St. Agnes Parish Hall - 9:30 a.m. - †*Wilfred & †Elizabeth Bouchie*

**Sunday, March 23** - Star of the Sea - 11:00 am - †*T. Raymond E & †Utilia Watkins*

**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 – 2:00 pm;      **Canso** – Thursdays – 6:00 pm

**REFLECTION TODAY'S READINGS -***The Beatific Vision of the Kingdom of God*

*"It is wonderful that we are here." Why not remain here permanently, praying and enjoying this holy companionship? Such a religious experience is good and transforming - it brings one closer to God. But the test of a good spiritual experience is our everyday life with its challenges. It is wonderful that we gather every Sunday to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus and, like the disciples to have a religious experience. We come with our joys and hopes, our anxieties and sorrows, our thanksgiving and praises, our needs and desires. We listen to the Word of God and receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. At the end of the Mass, we are sent back to our everyday lives, to our homes and places of work - to become witnesses of the transforming religious experience we had at Mass. The question now becomes: How much of the Mass do we take home? How much of it is reflected in our lives and encounters with other people?*

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Thank you so very much for your support!!

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| <b>Star of the Sea (23)</b> | 500.00 |
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| Fuel (1) | 20.00 |
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| <b>St. Agnes (15)</b> | 285.00 |
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| Initial (3) | 20.00 |
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| <b>St. Joseph (12)</b> | 150.00 |
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| Cemetery | 95.00 |
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**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. Start date is June, 2025. For more information contact Fr. Jonathan or a member of the Property and Finance committee.

**ST. AGNES PARISH**

**General Meeting - Tuesday, March 18 at 7:15 p.m. in the parish hall to discuss replacing the roof of the hall. All parishioners are asked to attend.**

## **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, April 1st at 6:15 p.m. We encourage you to consider coming to a meeting. Our parish cannot continue without this committee, Canon 537 of the Code of Canon Law requires each parish to have a financial committee.

### Ministries Schedule, March 23

Lector - Juanita Dort

Cleaner - March 16 - 22 - Harry Delorey

Trivia Night - will be held Saturday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Pre-register with a committee member. Looking for donations of homemade pizza for this event, participants love homemade pizza!

**Prize Bingo - Sunday, March 16, 2:00 p.m. - will be held at Canso Hazel Hill Volunteer Fire Hall. Donations are needed. We appreciate your support.**

## **NOTES**

MASS for Shut Ins - airs at 11:30 am on CTV. It is also available for viewing on our diocesan website and YouTube channel.

Jubilee Year: 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 and online details will be available soon! You 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.

Healing Mass - Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Saturday, March 29, 1:30 pm. Father Albert MacPherson, OSA, Augustinian Healing Ministry

"MAID, Ethical Considerations" - What does the Church teach about MAID? What are the moral questions that arise from this practice of dying? StFX Philosophy Professors Louis Groarke and Will Sweet will discuss these and other questions about MAID.

**Wednesday March 19, 2025, 7pm** - St Ninian place, Antigonish Sponsored by the Antigonish/Guysborough Deanery

Lent 2025 online: Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's Lenten letter, Lenten message of Pope Francis, and a weekly reflection from diocesan hermit Sheila O'Handley, plus CCCB Journey Through Lent videos and more: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/lent-2025/>

# Listen, Even if You Don't Understand

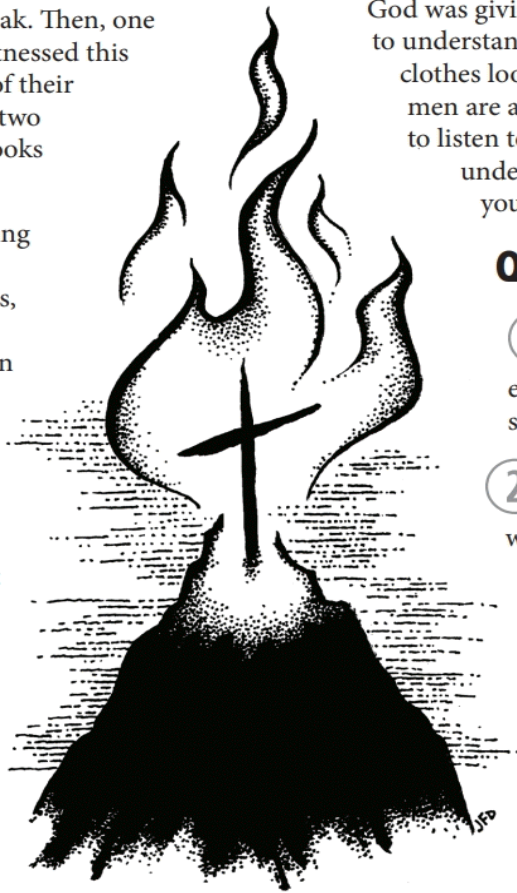
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 - The covenant with Abram
- ▶ Philippians 3:17-4:1 - Christ our goal
- ▶ Luke 9:28b-36 - Jesus transfigured

As the apostles followed Jesus around the land of Galilee, they would have had plenty of ordinary moments with a seemingly average human: hiking from town to town, looking for places to camp or sleep, meeting all sorts of different people and sharing meals and wine with them, praying in synagogues on the Sabbath, etc. Then there were the incredible experiences that would have convinced them Jesus was more than an ordinary human: feeding crowds of thousands, healing the sick and crippled, speaking words of forgiveness that Jews thought only God could speak. Then, one day, three of the apostles witnessed this mysterious transfiguration of their friend on a mountaintop as two people from their history books appeared with him.

The experience was something the apostles couldn't have understood with their minds, yet they were asked by the voice from the cloud to listen to Jesus. They were asked to trust in him, to listen to him, and to follow him, even *though* he was such a mystery to them.

The transfiguration may not have cleared up any of the apostles' questions about Jesus' identity, but they were still asked to trust in this person who was bringing healing, freedom, and new life to so many people. It's as if



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“Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a savior.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
God has kept his promise, but how am I doing with mine?

God was giving them a gift in saying “You don’t have to understand how this is happening, how Jesus’ clothes look whiter than white, or how two dead men are alive here. What I do want you to do is to listen to him.” Only that. Don’t worry about understanding with your head. Follow with your heart.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you had any experience of being asked to trust Jesus/God even though you couldn’t understand something with your mind?
- 2 In what ways is God inviting you to give up trying to understand his workings so that you can more freely follow Jesus’ call to you?

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