

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

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**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – JULY 12, 2026**

**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS –**

**Saturday, July 18, 2026** - 4:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Queensport - ♥*For the Faithful*  
**Saturday, July 18, 2026** - 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix - †*Patricia Mannette*  
**Sunday, July 19, 2026** - 9:30 a.m. St. Agnes Church Hall, Little Dover - ♥*For the Faithful*  
**Sunday, July 19, 2026** - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Emma Pogacar*

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES –**

**Thursday, July 16, 2026** - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel, Canso - ♥*For the Faithful*

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS – *The Power of the Word of God!***

*Jesus uses parables, which are very special kinds of stories; they are fictitious stories describing real-life situations. Every parable, therefore, invites the listener to pass judgement on the situation described in the story, which is in fact his or her own situation. Thus, in the parable of the Sower, Jesus invites us to look into our lives and see how we accept the seed, God's Word, each day of our lives and how much fruit we produce. If our hearts are open and if we treasure it in our hearts and are willing to do everything required for His Word to transform us, then our lives will bear fruit - fruits of love and goodness, and we can be sure to be in His kingdom forever. The seed grows where there is openness to the word (faith), trust in its power (hope) and a readiness to go out of oneself (love). **Are we open to God's Word that has the power to transform us? Do we treasure it in our hearts, and does the Word of God always guide our actions?***

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Star of the Sea**

Envelopes (29)	570.00
Loose	30.00
Building Fund (2)	75.00
Winter Fuel (3)	60.00

**St. Agnes**

Envelopes (20)	285.00
Loose	10.00
Cemetery Fund	100.00

**St. Joseph's**

Envelopes (15)    June 28/26	212.00
Loose	10.00
Envelopes (12)    July 05/26	130.00
Loose	35.00
Parish Donation	300.00
Cemetery Fund	50.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Envelopes (2)	45.00
Loose	5.00



**Confirmation Class Sign-up:** We are calling on all parents who have kids between Grades 8 – 12 who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are willing to do so to register by calling the Parish Office or sending an email to [frjonathan@cansoparishes.org](mailto:frjonathan@cansoparishes.org). You can also sign up by clicking/copying this link - <https://forms.gle/R5TtfpdfBxr2wxxG9>

**Cemetery Notice – All Parishes:** This is a reminder that the Cemetery maintenance fee of **\$50.00** is now due. It can be paid in a lump sum or in installments. All support is very much appreciated.

**Wooden Crosses for Unmarked Graves:**

This is to once again remind the parishioners that we still have available a well-made wooden crosses that can be used for the graves of our loved ones that have no headstone markers in the cemetery. Pls feel free to come to the office and pick one, if you wish.

**STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

**Prize Bingo (Regatta)** – This event is scheduled for **August 9th 2026**. Prizes are needed. Thanks in advance for your usual generosity.

**Ministries Schedule – July 19, 2026**  
Lector – *Eileen Carrigan*

Cleaners – July 12 – 18 – *Theresa Casey & Eileen Cohoon*

**Church Steeple Repairs -**

This is to inform the parishioners that the wind damage to the church steeple has been repaired (only that the colour of the shingles used was different). **NS Roofing Inc.** did this, and the cost of the repairs was **\$4,902.00**. If anyone wants to help out by making a donation towards the cost, that will be greatly appreciated.

**ST. AGNES NEWS**

**Money Bingo:** The Money Bingo is finished for the Summer. Special thanks to those who supported.

**Chase the Ace:** This takes place every *Thursday @ 7:00-8:00 pm*.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS**

**Bingo Game** – Every *Saturday*, starting at *7:30 pm*.

**WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE**

**Is Canada On Track For Justice?**

**Education and action campaign - Fall 2026**

This fall, join our Is Canada on Track for Justice? campaign. We will call the Government of Canada to continue funding international development aid by demonstrating its positive impact on the Global South over the years. People will be encouraged to participate by:

- Becoming a member of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada
- Meeting Federal Members of Parliament to discuss this issue
- Organizing community discussions or video screenings

Campaign materials are now available.

**For print materials, please place your order by June 30.**

Materials and information are also on our website:

<https://devp.org/>

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## Mass for Shut-Ins has concluded its 63<sup>rd</sup> Season

Masses are available to watch on demand on our diocesan website and YouTube channel

If you would like to make a donation to Mass for Shut-Ins, please contact Nick Vince at [nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca) or by phone at (902) 539-6188 ext. 222

## New *Our Life As Mission* is Now Available

17th edition, from the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Martha of Antigonish. **Read it here:**

[https://www.themarthas.com/cmsb/uploads/olam-17\\_2026-06-issue.pdf](https://www.themarthas.com/cmsb/uploads/olam-17_2026-06-issue.pdf)

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## Open or Closed?

*This Week's Readings at Mass* ▶ Isaiah 55:  
10-11 - Triumph of God's word ▶ Romans 8:18-23 -  
Destiny of glory ▶ Matthew 13:1-23 - Parable of the  
seed

This is one of Jesus' more famous parables, commonly called "The Parable of the Sower" or "The Parable of the Seed." It briefly describes a scenario that makes sense to most listeners. Of course, seeds sown on a path, on rocky ground, and among thorns wouldn't produce much, if any, harvest. And, of course, seed sown in fertile soil should produce a very good harvest. Anyone who knows anything about seeds and plants would understand this, so what is the point Jesus is trying to make? Knowing Jesus, the disciples immediately realize that a seemingly straightforward parable has a deeper meaning than what we understand on the surface. They also recognize that not everyone will read a more profound message into a simple parable, so they ask Jesus why he teaches like this.

This Gospel passage comes after Jesus has just clashed with the scribes and Pharisees, the ones who think they "know-it-all" when it comes to God and religion. He had been healing people and casting out



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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."

**Sheepish Question:**  
What new insights from God's Word have influenced my actions?

demons, and many people in the crowds received him with humility and gratitude. The scribes and the Pharisees, on the other hand, wouldn't accept the good work he was doing at face value, and they accused him of working for Satan. Jesus points out to his disciples that those religious leaders are just like their ancestors who refused to listen to the prophets of old. As the saying goes, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't force it to drink." The Pharisees and scribes could see the good and miraculous things Jesus was doing, but they willfully closed their ears and eyes to how God was acting in and through Jesus. At the same time, many people in the crowd were proving to be "good soil," hearing and seeing how God was acting in the world.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Share about a time when you have witnessed someone open to experience God's amazing or miraculous growth.
- 2 At this point in your life, what kind of soil would you say you are?

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