

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 20, 2009

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 26 - 4:30 - St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, Dec. 26 - 6:00- St. Joseph

Sunday, Dec. 27 - 9:30 a.m. - St. Agnes

Sunday, Dec. 27 - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea - *+Intentions of all parishioners*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, December 21 - 9:00 a.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel

Wednesday, December 23 - 2:00 p.m. - Seaside Manor

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS: by appointment, please contact Fr. Andrew

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - will be held Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Star of the Sea Church. We are all invited to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Christ. Father Andrew and Father Jonathan will be available for individual confession.

COMMUNION CALLS: Please contact the parish office if you wish to receive communion on First Friday. Communion will be brought to the sick and shut-ins the first Friday of each month.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. - St. Vincent de Paul

6:00 p.m. - St. Joseph

8:30 p.m. - Star of the Sea

Friday, December 25

9:30 a.m. - St Agnes

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES

Friday, January 1, 2010

11:00 a.m. - Star of the Sea

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Group Sessions will resume Monday,

January 11 for Star of the Sea, St. Agnes

and St. Vincent de Paul. We wish children

and their families a Holy and Blessed

Christmas. Come and celebrate Christmas

Mass.

The Christmas play "The Very Important

Christmas Pageant" will be held **SUNDAY,**

DECEMBER 20 AT 6:00 P.M. All are

invited to attend. The children have worked

very hard and are going to be great. It does

the heart good to see their faces.

Year's - is available in the entrance of the church, readers for the Carol Sing will be mailed their copies with their readings.

Ministries Schedule for Sunday, December 27

Lectors - Veronica Peitzsche & Juanita Dort

Euch. Ministers - Dorothy Bennett

Presentation of Gifts - Baker family

Church Cleaning - Irene Macdonald &

Karen Swaine

Ushers/Coll.- Paul Horne & Lawrence Dort

Hospitality - Ed & Nina Roberts

Sacristan - Juanita Dort

Servers - Whoever is available

Parish Council - Regular monthly meeting

is scheduled for **Sunday, December 13**

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Ministries Schedule for Christmas/New

immediately after Mass. All members are requested to attend.

Christmas Bazaar - profits realized were \$2,376.38, great job everyone and thanks again.

Tickets on Grocery Voucher - the winner was Betty Ryan and profit was \$1,175.00. Just fantastic!

Church decoration for Christmas - can take place any time after Monday, December 21 or after the Reconciliation Service.

Note - The seating capacity in the Star of the Sea Church balcony is limited to 20 persons. During the Christmas services, in the event of a larger than usual congregation, the main floor of the church will be seated first. If it becomes necessary to use the balcony area, we ask people to use their own good judgement and follow the direction of our ushers.

Your cooperation in this matter is important for the safety of everyone.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

St. Agnes (34)	257.00
Loose	27.00
Star of the Sea (63)	662.00
Loose	41.00
St. Joseph (27)	189.00
Loose	17.50
St. Vincent de Paul (10)	90.00
Loose	10.00

NOTES

Collection Envelopes are available in the entrance of the churches, please pick the box with your name. Some extra boxes of blank (no name) envelopes for collection have been placed in each of the churches. If you wish you may take a box for your use.

Please record your name on each envelope so we can keep a record of your donations.

Christmas Flowers - Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of a loved one to help with the Christmas flowers and decorations can do so by dropping the information into the collection basket in an envelope marked Flowers. Christmas flowers can be placed in the vestry of Star of the Sea after December 21.

Food Bank Donations - Boxes have been placed in the entrance of the churches to

accept donations for the local Food Bank. Please feel free to drop in any non-perishable items. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on the difference between justice and charity.

Christmas 2009

To the Faithful of the Roman Catholic Church in Nova Scotia,

Dear Friends,

On the occasion of Christmas 2009, my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you and I wish you, your families and friends, a holy and blessed Christmas.

This time of the year is usually associated with feelings of joy and a spirit of celebration. We take time to express to each other, our personal greetings and best wishes. We also go out of our way to exchange gifts with those whom we love. Such traditional practices come from our desires for a better world and from our realization that our lives could be better. The fact of the matter is that too often what we experience on a daily basis is much less joyful or happy than what we dream and hope for.

In spite of difficulties and even dark days, we keep hoping for One to shed light in our lives and we draw strength from Christ's message of mercy, his mission of redemption and his promise of new life. And so, Christmas continues to speak to us. We can again be quite excited by the birth of Christ and what it signifies for humanity. My prayer for all of us is that Christmas may revive in all of us a new spirit and that the face of Christ may be visible and welcomed again in our midst.

May Christ, the light of the world, dispel our darkness and may the Prince of Peace settle into our hearts.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Most Reverend Anthony Mancini
Archbishop of Halifax,
Apostolic Administrator of Yarmouth and
Apostolic Administrator of Antigonish