

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 11, 2025

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 17 - St. Joseph, Port Felix - 6:00 pm - ♥*For the Faithful*

Sunday, May 18 - St. Agnes Parish Hall - 9:30 a.m. - †*Harold Gillis*

Sunday, May 18 - Star of the Sea - 11:00 am - †*John Allan Baker*

WEEKDAY MASS -

Thursday, May 15 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel - ♥*For the Faithful*

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS: *Witnessing to the Gospel*

In the first reading, we see Paul and Barnabas speaking fearlessly to the Jewish officials, who were envious that the preaching of the apostles was attracting more people to the Christian faith. In the Gospel, Jesus is also speaking fearlessly about the mission entrusted to him by the Father. Jesus, Paul, Barnabas and even the other apostles were all filled with zeal and enthusiasm to proclaim the Good News and their conviction was reflected in their speech. They were ready to face any opposition because, as the reading from the Acts says, "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." There are occasions in our own lives when we are called to speak with conviction, when we are called to witness to the faith even in adverse circumstances. If the apostles had buckled under fear and opposition, then none of us would have been celebrating the faith today. So, it is our responsibility then to fearlessly witness to the faith, to speak against injustice, to work for the community in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. For this, like the apostles, we, too, need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, let us pray for an abundance of the gifts of the Spirit so that, empowered by Him, we can boldly proclaim the Lord and give witness to the faith we have received.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Thank you so very much for your support!!

Star of the Sea (31)	650.00
Fuel (1)	20.00
Loose	15.00
Cemetery (21)	1,102.00

St. Agnes (20)	290.00
Cemetery (10)	500.00

St. Joseph (19)	252.00
Loose	5.00
Cemetery (4)	225.00

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 16, 2025. For more information contact Fr. Jonathan. Deadline is May 20, 2025

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Cemetery Clean-up -Special thanks to all who helped out in any way. We wish to welcome Tim Haines who will mowing the cemetery and grounds this year, thank you Tim

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, June 10 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, May 18

Lector - Harry Delorey

Cleaners -May 18-24 - Harry Delorey

Club 200 Ticket Draw - winners were Eileen Carrigan (2), Marg Parker, Destiny Larocque, Rita Colp, David Casey, Jim Geddes, Laurie Ann Myatt, Sheila Carter, Darlene Kavanagh. Congratulations! A huge thank you to sellers and buyers, profit was \$1,000.00

Spring Fling/Lobster Card Play - a huge thank-you to organizers, donors and supporters. You are much appreciated!

CEMETERY NOTICE - ALL PARISHES

Reminder - the Cemetery maintenance fee (\$50.00) is now due, it can be paid in a lump sum or in installments. All support is much appreciated

ST. AGNES NEWS - We are pleased to announce that the parish has received a donation from Harry Myatt of \$5,000.00 to help defray the costs of replacing the hall roof. This is much appreciated!

Chase the Ace - began Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Agnes hall.

Spring Fest - will be held Saturday, May 17, starting at 1:00 p.m. This will include Straws, Cake Walk, Chocolate Wheel, Chinese Auction, Ticket draw and Lunch of Chili & Hot Dogs. We are requesting donations to help out.

ST. JOSEPH NEWS

Regular Weekly Bingo - continues Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Weekend Fund-Raiser - Sunday May 18 - Breakfast, 9:00 - 12:00 noon

Banana Split Sale - 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Annual Picnic - June 28/ In need of prizes for this event.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER: For all mothers both living and deceased: that they may be blessed for their loving service to our families as we celebrate Mother's Day, Thank you so very much for all you do and have done.

BUTTERFLY MEMORY TREES - are 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.

We Can Know His Voice

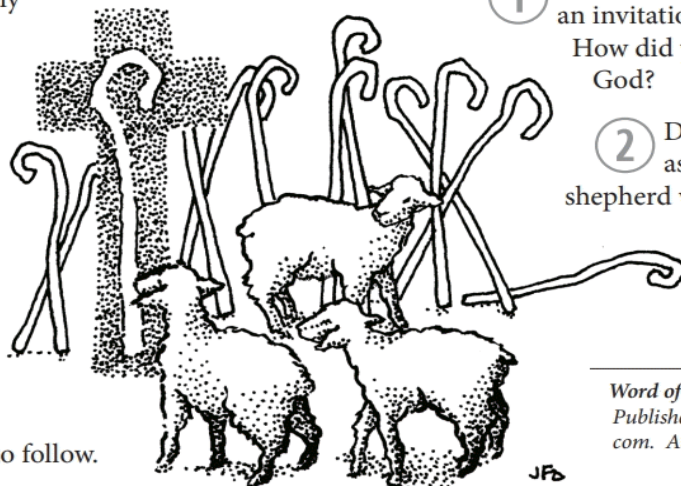
This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 13:14, 43-52 - Paul's and Barnabas' address to the gentiles
- ▶ Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 - Rejoicing of the elect of every nation
- ▶ John 10:27-30 - Words at the feast of the dedication of the Temple

Today's Gospel reading emphasizes that Jesus is the ultimate good shepherd. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." We might wonder how we can recognize Jesus' voice as humans living in the 21st century, not sheep following a shepherd in the first century. It begins by trusting that the shepherd wants what is best for the sheep. Do we believe that God wants what is best for us? Because he does.

Jesus also said, "I have come that they may have life in abundance." God wants us to have joy, freedom, fulfillment, and love, not deprivation, emptiness, and loneliness. If we have internalized the latter message, we have been tricked into following a shepherd who is not interested in our care and protection. In that case, the first step is to ask God for a greater trust that he wants us to have life in its fullness, here and now, not just after we die.

When we do believe that Jesus loves us enough to have our very best interests at heart, we can practice listening for invitations that bring us more energy, excitement, joy, and peace. Maybe a new job offer is particularly invigorating—that is probably Jesus' voice calling us to follow. Perhaps an invitation from a friend or acquaintance leads us to a sense of greater joy or contentment than what we are currently spending our time on. That could be the voice of Jesus calling us to follow.



Maybe an activity or relationship we are engaged in is contributing to depression, anxiety, self-hatred, or substance abuse. In that case, the thought of ending that activity or relationship may give us a glimpse of freedom and relief. If that is the case, perhaps it is the voice of Jesus calling us to leave that behind us. There are many ways Jesus can call to us. If we listen for and follow the invitations that lead to greater life, then we will know we are following Jesus' voice.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Share about a time when you have followed an invitation that you felt was from Jesus. How did you know the "voice" was from God?
- 2 Describe a time when you went astray by following another shepherd who didn't care for you as a good shepherd cares for his sheep. How did you realize you were astray? How did you find your way back to God's path for you?

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