

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

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A - MARCH 01, 2026

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS -

Saturday, March 07, 2026 - 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix - †Francis & †Velda Cashin
Sunday, March 08, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. St. Agnes Church Hall, Little Dover - †Millie & †Bud Rhynold
Sunday, March 08, 2026 - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea Church, Canso - †Fred Rhynold

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES –

Wednesday, March 04, 2026 - 2:00 p.m. - St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix - ♥For the Faithful
Thursday, March 05, 2026 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel, Canso - **NO MASS**

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS – *The Glory That Awaits Us at The End!*

The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain offered the disciples the privilege of a foretaste of the glory of Christ, so that, perceiving the correlation between the passion and the resurrection, they would be enabled to overcome their shock in the wake of the passion prediction and accept the reality of the cross as a path to the glory of the resurrection. In our own context, the transfiguration is a powerful reminder that our destiny as disciples of Jesus is tied to the destiny of the Lord. While we cannot escape suffering in our lives, there is nonetheless nothing like mere suffering, as suffering has a redemptive import; so that, if we share in Jesus' suffering, we will also share in his glory. As we unite ourselves with the passion of the Lord, we must keep alive the memory of God's past goodness to us, so that it will serve as motivation for us to persevere as we look beyond present difficulties with the assurance that good times are bound to follow the bad, as surely as the dawn follows the night.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 21st/22nd Feb. 2026

1 Star of the Sea

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| Envelopes (17) | 340.00 |
| Winter Fuel | 40.00 |

St. Agnes

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| Envelopes (24) | 315.00 |
| Loose | 5.00 |
| Initial (3) | 60.00 |

St. Joseph's

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| Envelopes Feb. 15 (14) | 190.00 |
| Envelopes Feb. 22 (14) | 157.00 |



Notice: For the Season of Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross** every week before the start of the normal Weekday Masses in Port Felix (**Wednesday**) at **2:00 pm** and Canso (**Thursday**) at **6:00 pm**. Weather Permitting!!

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. You can also sign up by clicking/copying this link - <https://forms.gle/R5TtfpdfBxr2wxxG9>

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Property & Finance Committee Meeting - The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 3rd March 2026** at **4:00 pm**. If you have any issues that you want discussed, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Fundraising Proceeds: The following were the proceeds from our last fundraising activities. **Tickets = \$760.00**, while **Prize Bingo = \$633.10**. Thanks to all who helped out with organising these activities. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Trivia Night – March 7 2026, by **7:00 pm**. The venue will be at the **Canso/Hazel Hill Fire Hall**.

Ministries Schedule – March 08, 2026

Lector – **Buzz Lumsden**

Cleaners – March 08 – 14 – **“Baker Girls”**

ST. AGNES NEWS

Money Bingo: Every **Sunday**. The time is **7:00 pm**.

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

Tickets - are available on a donated 8000 Watts Generator. The draw date will be **April 26, 2026**.

ST. JOSEPH’S NEWS

Card Plays: Every Tuesday, and it starts at **7:30 pm**

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

Ramadan 2026: (Feb. 17 - March 19)

“This year, through a providential convergence of calendars, Christians observe this period of fasting and devotion alongside you during the holy season of Lent, which leads the Church toward the celebration of Easter. During this spiritually intense period, we seek to follow God’s will more faithfully. This shared journey allows us to acknowledge our inherent fragility and to confront the trials that weigh upon our hearts.”

Read the message for Ramadan from the Dicastery of Interreligious Dialogue:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2026/02/20/0147/00283.html#en>

Development and Peace: “As we journey through this Season of Lent, let us embody Christ’s compassion by turning our collective hope into tangible help for those in need. Your generosity can help transform lives and foster lasting change.” - **Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick**

Read Bishop Kirkpatrick’s letter for Development and Peace:
<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/on-track-for-justice/>

Call for Applications: Grants From The Rev. Alison Etter Memorial Fund

Application Deadline: March 20, 2026

The Rev. Alison Etter Memorial Fund was established by Alison’s family at Atlantic School of Theology to directly support AST alumni (graduates of any degree, diploma, or certificate program), lay or ordained, of any denomination or spiritual tradition.

This is the second annual call for applications. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available for a project or for continuing education by alumni that reflects Alison’s work or values.

2026 Theme: Peace

This year, we would like to support a project or initiative (or a few projects) that builds or promotes peace in our communities or peace in our world.

To learn more and apply: <https://www.astheology.ns.ca/alumnigiving/alumnibenefits/>

Human or Divine?

This Week's Readings at Mass

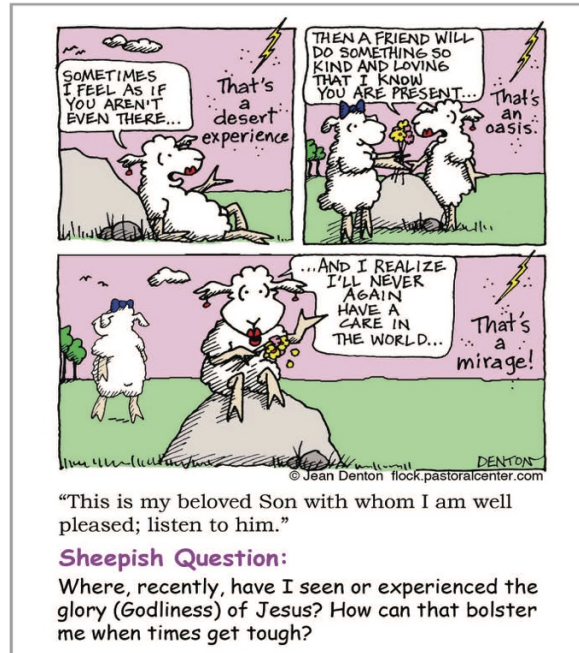
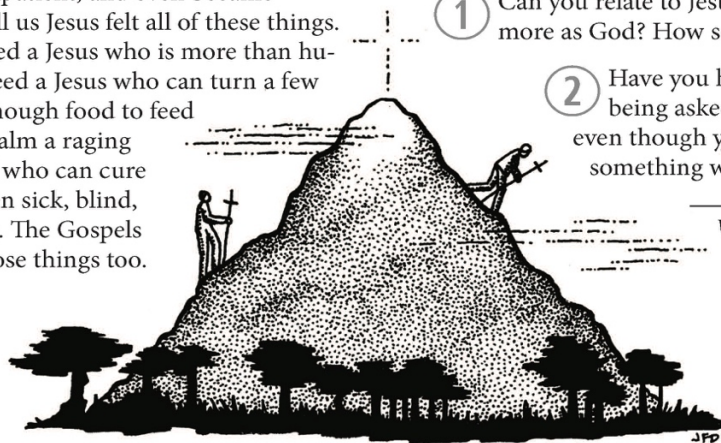
- ▶ Genesis 12:1-4 - Call of Abraham
- ▶ 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 - Exhortation to faithfulness
- ▶ Matthew 17:1-9 - Jesus transfigured

In this week's reading from Genesis, God makes a "big ask" of Abram, asking him to leave the only place he knows to travel to an unknown land and start over. The ask comes with a promise, and because Abram takes the risk, God rewards him with descendants who multiply and eventually become the Jewish people. The three disciples who climb the mountain with Jesus in today's Gospel reading have Abram to thank for their existence as worshipers of Yahweh.

While last week's reading about Jesus' temptations in the desert showed us how fully human Jesus was, this week's reading of Jesus' transfiguration shows us another side of him, his more-than-human side. These different sides of Jesus that show up in the Gospels can, at times, seem confusing or even contradictory. Is Jesus human, or is he divine? Which is it? We can make ourselves crazy trying to figure this out intellectually. Instead, if we allow it to be a mystery that we don't have to explain, we can more readily accept the gift in the mystery.

Sometimes we need a Jesus who knows what it was like to be human like us. We need to be able to relate to him as someone who knew physical hunger, thirst, and fatigue, and someone who, at times, cried, was filled with fear, got impatient, and even became angry. The Gospels tell us Jesus felt all of these things. At other times, we need a Jesus who is more than human to save us. We need a Jesus who can turn a few fish and loaves into enough food to feed thousands, who can calm a raging storm on the sea, and who can cure someone who has been sick, blind, or paralyzed for years. The Gospels tell us Jesus did all those things too.

When Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, along



"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Sheepish Question:

Where, recently, have I seen or experienced the glory (Godliness) of Jesus? How can that bolster me when times get tough?

with two of the greatest people from their history, they couldn't have understood what they were seeing. They could have spent the rest of their lives trying to "figure out" what happened up there, and what it all meant. Instead, they are told to let the intellectual debates go. Simply enough, the voice from heaven instructs them to listen to Jesus. With that, they get up, go down the mountain, and spend the rest of their lives studying him closely and trying to live out his teachings.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Can you relate to Jesus more as a human or more as God? How so?
- 2 Have you had an experience of being asked to trust Jesus/God even though you couldn't understand something with your mind?

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