

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

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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A – MAY 17, 2026

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS -

Saturday, May 23 - 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix - †*Geraldine & †Stanley Cashin*
Sunday, May 24 - 9:30 a.m. St. Agnes Church Hall, Little Dover - †*Val & †Martin Bouchie*
Sunday, May 24 - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea, Canso - †*Pat Vincent Parker*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES –

Thursday, May 21 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel, Canso - ♥*For the Faithful*

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS – *The Ascension of Christ and the Mission of the Church!* *The ascension of the Lord might be seen, on the one hand, as a feast that celebrates the completion of the Lord's work on earth. On the other hand, it might be seen as a feast that celebrates the beginning of the work of the Church. The Lord has done what he was meant to do; he had the courage of his convictions and even went to his death for them. He is now raised and has gone to his rightful place. What matters now is that the Church continues the work that he inaugurated. We are called to preach that same forgiveness, love, and repentance that Jesus brought from God. Since God, in Jesus, saves, sends, and blesses, the Church must, in continuation of God's action, do the same. In what ways do you manifest these missions in your life as a Christian? To preach and to love are tasks that must be accompanied by words and deeds (actions).*

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 9th/10th May 2026

Star of the Sea

Envelopes (18)	270.00
Loose	25.00
Cemetery (3)	120.00

St. Agnes

Envelopes (16)	225.00
Loose	5.00
Cemetery fund (2)	100.00
Butterfly Memory Tree	420.00

St. Joseph's

Envelopes (17)	215.00
Loose	20.00
Cemetery	100.00

St. Vincent de Paul

Envelopes (1)	20.00
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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.

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

Butterfly Memory Tree – This will be up from **April 5th** to **May 24th**. The cost is **\$5.00** per name (in memory of a loved one). This is for both ***Star of the Sea*** and ***St. Agnes Churches***.

Mass at Canso Seaside Manor – This is to inform all the parishioners that might be interested that we are going to celebrate Mass with our Seniors on the **11th of June 2026** at **1:30 pm**. We couldn't have it this past week as was earlier scheduled due to some unforeseen events.

Ministries Schedule – May 24, 2026

Lector – **Donna Lewis**

Cleaners – May 17 – 23 – **Theresa Casey & Eileen Cohoon**

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**.

Prize Bingo: Prizes are needed for this Prize Bingo Event. We solicit your generous donation towards this event. The date of the event is yet to be determined.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

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

Breakfast/Brunch – This will take place on **May 17 2026**, at **Port Felix Church Hall**. Time is **10:00 am – 1:00 pm**.

Prize Bingo – This fundraising event will take place on Sunday, **17th May 2026**, at the Dover Church Hall. The starting time is **7:00 pm**.

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

CLUB 7

Peace of Mind Planning with **Bruce Mackeen**, K.C.

Venue: **Port Felix Hall**. Time: **11:00 am – Friday, June 5**.

Ask & Learn About: Wills, Power of Attorney and Estate Planning. (Light lunch will be served).

July 29 – August 8, 2026

Medjugorje Youth Festival 2026

2026 theme: “Ad Fontes! – To the Source!”

Imagine 50,000–60,000 young people from around the world gathering in one place... worshipping, praying, praising, climbing mountains, encountering Jesus, and holding the hand of Our Blessed Mother. This is a call to return to the Source of all grace — to Jesus — through the Sacraments, prayer, Adoration, fellowship, and deep communion with God.

During our pilgrimage, we will:

- Climb Apparition Hill
- Pray at the Blue Cross
- Climb Cross Mountain
- Attend daily Mass, Adoration & the full Youth Festival program
- Grow in faith alongside thousands of other young Catholics

This is more than a trip — it's a life-changing encounter.

Spiritual Chaplain: Father Isaac Longworth, Saint Benedict Parish, Halifax

Group Leader: Rhonda-Lynn Cormier

Cost: **\$3,299 CAD** departing from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Stanfield International Airport.

Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Shared accommodations
- Three meals daily
- Airport transfers in Europe
- Travel from other airports in Canada and the United States can be arranged (price adjustments apply).

Seats are limited.

To book your seat with the group, call Rhonda-Lynn at **902-448-3660**.

May 17, 2026 • Ascension of the Lord • Year A

No Shame in Doubting

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 1:1-11 - The Ascension of Jesus
- ▶ Ephesians 1:17-23 - A Spirit of wisdom
- ▶ Matthew 28:16-20 - Commissioning of the disciples

As we near the end of the Easter Season, we read about Jesus' ascension into heaven in both the first and second readings. The Matthew's Gospel account is from the last few verses of that book, while the other comes from the first verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Some of the details differ. For example, in Matthew's Gospel Jesus meets the disciples in Galilee where the Ascension takes place, while in Luke-Acts he is in Jerusalem.

Like multiple eulogists at a funeral, the Gospel writers recount events and conversations from Jesus' life with different details and wording at times. What eulogists choose to say speaks to their memories of the person they knew and loved and some point they want to leave with the listeners, even if the exact details they remember aren't all factually accurate. Likewise, with the evangelists. Whether Jesus ascended from Galilee or Jerusalem is less important than the experience the disciples had of Jesus leaving them in glory, not in death.

Even after experiencing Jesus after his resurrection, the apostles remain fully human, still capable of believing in him and having their doubts at the same time. Fortunately, Jesus isn't into shaming; he doesn't scold them for doubting. He also doesn't wait until they pull themselves together perfectly to give them their next task, to "make disciples of all nations" and teach others what he has taught them. This is all good news for us 2,000 years later. It tells us that Jesus doesn't find fault with our questions or disbelief and that he can still work with imperfect vessels. If we were to skip ahead and read about what happens to the apostles next, we would see that they

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Sheepish Question:
What am I waiting for?

worked powerful miracles, taught with great persuasion, and attracted thousands to the new Christian way of life, all despite having some doubts.

The final verse of this Gospel offers a promise that can still console today: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Although we may not be able to physically see Jesus, he wanted future believers to know that his presence continues.

Questions of the Week

- 1 How has Jesus used you to be his hands, feet, ears, eyes, and heart, despite your imperfections?
- 2 When have you experienced a sense of Christ present with you, even though he no longer physically walks the earth?

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