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25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS –
Saturday, Sept. 26 - 4:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Queensport - ♥*For the Faithful*
Saturday, Sept. 26 - 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix - *†Patricia Mannette*
Sunday, Sept. 27 - 9:30 a.m. St. Agnes Church Hall, Little Dover - *†Anna Haines*
Sunday, Sept. 27 - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea, Canso - *†Bobby James Roberts*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES –
Thursday, Sept. 24 - 6:00 p.m. – St. Anthony's Chapel, Canso - ♥*For the Faithful*

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS – ***Now How Long, But How Well!***

The parable of the workers in the vineyard may not fit into the ideal working conditions of the business world. In the ideal business world, each is employed and rewarded according to the length of labour and probably years of experience. But in the language of heaven, the pay is not based on the length of labour and energy but on grace. Those who started the faith (journey) early and have lived it for years, and those who have come to the faith very late or towards the end of their years of life on earth, the Lord rewards all equally. He rewards each out of a heart of care: mercy is shown to the latecomers, a full wage; justice is shown to eager workers, a full wage. Our life in God is a demonstration of God's care and grace. As Christians, let us grow beyond the notion of being better than the other. We are all equal in the sight of God. When we try to prove that we are better than others, we end up like these men. We should keep God's commandment not for show-off, because on the last day, we shall all stand one by one before God.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 12th/13th Sept. 2026	
Star of the Sea	
Envelopes (23)	**580.00**
Loose	**25.00**
St. Agnes	
Envelopes (20)	**285.00**
St. Joseph's	
Envelopes (18)	**237.00**
Cemetery	**200.00**
1St. Vincent de Paul	
Envelopes ( )	**N/A**

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

Wooden Crosses for Unmarked Graves:
This is to once again remind the parishioners that we still have available 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.

Prize Bingo: This will take place on ***Saturday 17th October 2026***, at Canso Fire Hall. Time is **7 pm.**

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: This event will be taking place on the ***24th of October 2026*** at the Canso Legion. The time is **6 pm.**

Ministries Schedule – September 27, 2026
Lector – ***Donna Lewis***
Cleaners – Sept. 20 – 26 – ***Irene MacDonald***

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

Family Fun Day – This Fundraising will take place on *Saturday 10th October 2026*. We are looking for suitable Prizes for the ***Variety Wheel, Children's Wheel, Chinese Auction, and Cake Wheel.*** If you are interested in assisting, please contact Charlene, Colleen, BarbaraAnne, and Kim for the prize pick-up.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

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

Benefit Bingo – A benefit Bingo will be held for ***Betty & Wayne Ehler*** for medical reasons on Sunday **18th October 2026 at 2:00 pm**. The venue will be St. Joseph's Hall, Port Felix. If you would like to donate, please call **Kay – 358-2750**, **Joan – 358-2689**, **Marg R – 3582407** or **Jean Pennington – 870-9332**

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

Oct. 3-4 Indigenous Reconciliation Fund
Annual Collection
The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund was established in 2022 by Canada's Catholic Bishops to support healing and reconciliation initiatives.
The fifth annual collection in our diocese will launch the weekend of Oct. 3-4, 2026, concluding the Season of Creation and on the first weekend of Mi'kmaq History Month.
Donations may be made at any time in church collections with envelopes marked 'Indigenous Reconciliation Fund" or online through the Donate link on our website.
Money contributed by our diocese will be returned to our diocese through funding for initiatives that support healing, cultural revitalization and community building.
For details on funded projects and the application process: https://irfund.ca/

Sept. 26-27
Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada
Your offering helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese could accomplish alone - from providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for

human life and the dignity of every human person, and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Donate with your envelope, or online through our diocesan website: www.antigonishdiocese.com, or visit cccb.ca/donate.

Parish Census 2026 – The Parish Census is still ongoing. Pls complete yours at https://parish-census.netlify.app if you are yet to do so. This will only take a few minutes.

September 20, 2026 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

Day Laborers

This Week's Readings at Mass ►

Isaiah 55:6-9 - Seeking the Lord

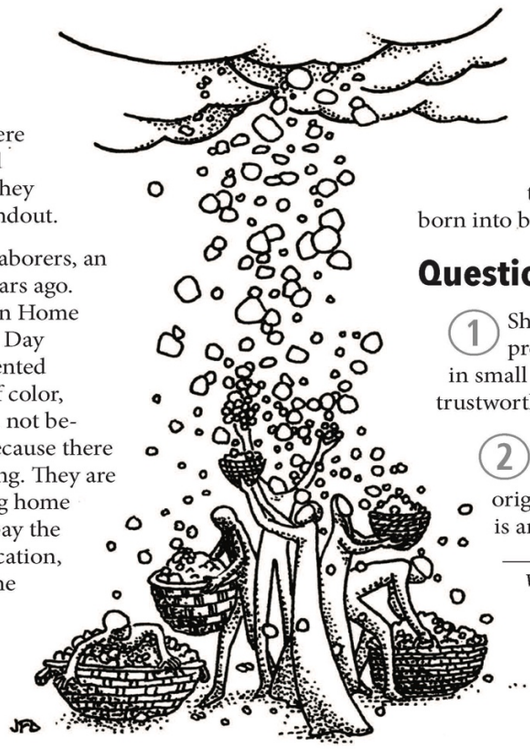
► Philippians 1:20-24, 27 - Spreading the gospel ►

Matthew 20:1-16 - The laborers in the vineyard

As always, our place in life affects how we hear Jesus' message. For people who are fully employed and well-paid in this life, this parable may be troubling. For those under- or unemployed, this Gospel reading may be wonderful news about who God is and how God works.

For those of us who have enough in life, we may interpret this parable as about hard work and fairness. According to our values, those who work hard and long deserve more; they've earned it. We may find fault with those who weren't hired earlier in the day, judging them as lazy or in some other way as moral failures. Notice, though, that nothing in Jesus' words suggest the workers hired later were "slackers" or lazy. They were "idle" because no one had hired them, not because they were hoping for a free handout.

This is a story about day laborers, an economic reality 2,000 years ago. This scene still plays out in Home Depot parking lots today. Day laborers, often undocumented immigrants and people of color, may stand around all day, not because they are lazy, but because there aren't enough people hiring. They are desperate to work to bring home food to their families or pay the rent. Without higher education, social connections, and the pure luck of being born in the right place at the right time, they have little choice but to stand around all day hoping to land a job. The landowner, whom Jesus equates with God, responds with pure generosity, seeing the needs of the day laborers who deserve to feed their families and have a safe place to sleep, just as surely as those born into better circumstances.



"So high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

Sheepish Question:

It's not in my bag, so where can I look to deepen my relationship with God?

Questions of the Week

1. Share an example of someone proving him/herself trustworthy in small matters and graduating to being trustworthy in greater ones.

2. How have you seen money/wealth corrupt someone who originally had good intentions? What is an example?

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