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13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – JUNE 28, 2026

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS –
Saturday, July 04 - 4:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Queensport - ♥*For the Faithful*
Saturday, July 04 - 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Port Felix - *†Leonard Fougere*
Sunday, July 05 - 9:30 a.m. St. Agnes Church Hall, Little Dover - *†Clarence & †Theresa Keefe*
Sunday, July 05 - 11:00 a.m. Star of the Sea, Canso - *†Ronald Cashin Sr. & †Ronald Cashin Jr.*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES –
Thursday, July 02, 2026 - 6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony's Chapel, Canso - ♥*For the Faithful*

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S READINGS – ***The Dilemma of Christianity and the Cross!***

Jesus seemed harsh, given the words used in today's Gospel. He said that loving a father or mother more than Him indicates that one is not worthy of Him. This also applies to one who does not take up his/her cross and follow Him. Surely these are not pleasant things present-day Christians want to hear, especially as there are several prosperity gospels everywhere, replacing the cross. Is Christ promoting family division and neglect for parents? Is he ignorant of the commandments in the Torah that state, "Honour your father and mother so that your days will be long?" That is not the case here, because even he who loved to linger in the Father's house still obeyed his parents when they found him in the Temple. The thrust of this gospel is that loving Christ means that you will love everyone because he is the image of the invisible God, who is love. Familiar relationships should not be an obstacle to worshipping God.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 20th/21th June 2026

1Star of the Sea	
Envelopes (26)	**440.00**
Loose	**40.00**
Cemetery Fund (3)	**150.00**
Building Fund (1)	**20.00**
IMO Donation	**100.00**
St. Agnes	
Envelopes (17)	**260.00**
Building Fund (1)	**20.00**
St. Joseph's	
Envelopes (-)	**N/A**
1St. Vincent de Paul	
Envelopes (1)	**40.00**
Loose	**5.00**

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**

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 instalments. All support is very much appreciated.

STAR OF THE SEA NEWS

Fund-Raising Events:
Club 200 – Tickets are now available at ***$10.00*** each. The draw date will be **June 30th 2026**.

Trivia Night – is scheduled for **July 11th 2026**, at ***7:00 pm*** at *Canso Hazel Hill Volunteer Fire Department*. Pizza donations are highly welcome.

Prize Bingo (Regatta) – This event is scheduled for **August 9th 2026**. Prizes are needed. Thanks in advance for your usual generosity.

Ministries Schedule – July 05, 2026
Lector – ***Donna Lewis***

Cleaners – June 28 – July 04 – ***Harry Delorey***

Property & Finance Committee Meeting -
The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 7th July 2026** at ***4:00 pm***. If you have any issues that you want discussed, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Proceeds from Spring Fling – The proceeds from this fundraising event were **$2,521.55**. Thanks so much to the organizers of this event and to those who participated as well.

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***.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS

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

Parish Picnic – The date is scheduled for ***27th June 2026***. Prizes are needed.

WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE

Is Canada On Track For Justice?
Education and action campaign - Fall 2026
This fall, join our Is Canada on Track for Justice? campaign. We will call the Government of Canada to continue funding international development aid by demonstrating its positive impact on the Global South over the years. People will be encouraged to participate by:

- Becoming a member of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada
- Meeting Federal Members of Parliament to discuss this issue
- Organizing community discussions or video screenings

Campaign materials are now available.
For print materials, please place your order by June 30.

Materials and information are also on our website:
https://devp.org/

Mass for Shut-Ins has concluded its 63rd Season
Masses are available to watch on demand on our diocesan website and YouTube channel. If you would like to make a donation to Mass for Shut-Ins, please contact Nick Vince at nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca or by phone at (902) 539-6188 ext. 222

Following Jesus Will Cause Conflict

This Week's Readings at Mass

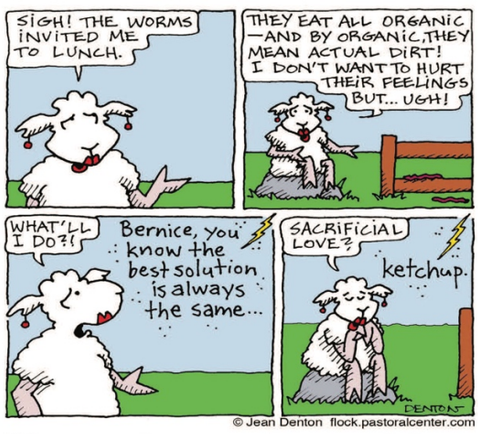
► 2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16 - Elisha and the Shunammite woman ► Romans 6:3–4, 8–11 - Death to sin, life in God

► Matthew 10:37–42 - Conditions and rewards of discipleship

The Gospel reading today is a continuation of last week's instructions to the apostles as Jesus sends them out to expand his work of healing, teaching, and driving out demons. The first half of the reading contains some solemn teachings: disciples must love Jesus more than their own families, and they must be willing to lose their lives in to find it.

It is easy for us to get defensive or upset about being asked to love Jesus more than our parents or our children. Yet what Jesus was asking wasn't a new teaching in his tradition, a tradition which emphasized that one must follow God before one's parents. We should be clear that Jesus is *not* telling us it is wrong to love our family or that we should love them less than we do.

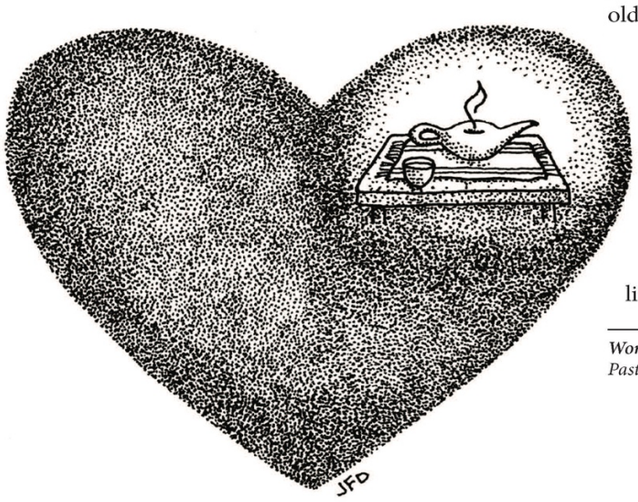
What he *is* saying is that sometimes following him will create conflict within our families. We should expect resistance and breaks in some relationships if we are faithful to what Jesus is asking of us. In those times, we will lose the life as we know it to be faithful to him. Still today, it is not unusual for there to be family conflict when one person begins to deepen in his or her faith commitment while others around them don't. Ask any parish RCIA director, and she can tell you stories of how painful it is for catechumens to become Catholic when their family disagrees or even disowns them for their faith in Jesus. Yet all of them who go through with it do so because they believe they are "finding" new life despite losing their old life.



"Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

Sheepish Question:

How have I been blessed by the hospitality of another? How did I express my gratitude?



Questions of the Week

1. Has your faith ever caused disagreements or conflicts with loved ones? Please share.

2. Share about something you have "lost" in your life because of your faith, and also about how your faith has helped you to find new life.

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