

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

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## **NATIVITY OF THE LORD, DECEMBER 25, 2024**

### **WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 28** - Port Felix - Saturday 6:00 pm - ♥*For the Faithful*

**Sunday, December 29** - Star of the Sea- 11:00 am - ♥*For the Faithful*

### **NEW YEAR DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 31** - Port Felix - 6:00 PM - †*Sonny Surette*

**Wednesday, January 1** - Canso - 11:00 AM - †*Louise Harnish*

### **REFLECTION TODAY'S READINGS - *Unto Us, A Child is Born!!!***

*We are celebrating the birth of a new child. This is how the prophet Isaiah described him, "The government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isa 9:6). His presence on earth brings joy to all (Lk 2:10) because great peace follows the announcement of his birth (Lk 2:14) and his coming would mean good news to the poor, healing for the broken-hearted, deliverance to*

*the captives, sight to the blind, liberty to the prisoners and a year of favour to all (cf. Lk 4:1 8-19). Are you familiar with such things in your own celebration? Counsel to people around you? Are you giving people a reason to believe in God's protective and fatherly care? Are you a channel for peace? If people do not experience joy after encountering us during this time, then our celebration may be faulty. Let us respond to the joy of Christmas by ensuring that even after the celebration, our words, thoughts, and actions will always demonstrate that the Lord is within us. Lord, give us the spirit of Christmas, that the Word made flesh, and dwelling among us, will always direct our thoughts, words, and actions.*

### **CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:**

'It is Christmas again. A continuous Christmas without end and beyond season – The perennial birth of Love'. Please share joy during this Christmas. Make a visit (when it is safe to do so), give a card, send a word or a smile. And do your best to touch someone's life today. Let us all make the effort to be a light that will lighten someone's darkness in this season of light and joy. **Let sadness give place to joy, and despair to hope.** Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and God's blessings and protection in the coming New Year.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

I would like to inform all parishioners that I will be away for some weeks after Christmas to visit my family. The Parish Office will remain open for all your needs. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to come –  
Fr. Jonathan

**THANK YOU** - To all who have contributed to our parishes, your gifts of time, energy, prayers and finances are much appreciated!!! We are grateful for all you do. Thanks so much!

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

**Star of the Sea (18)**     \$280.00

**St. Agnes (13)**             \$210.00

Fuel (3)                     60.00

Loose                         10.00

**St. Joseph (18)**           \$162.00

Loose                         5.00

Christmas (1)             20.00

### OPENING MASS IN OUR DIOCESE FOR JUBILEE 2025:

Dec. 29, 10:30 am

St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish

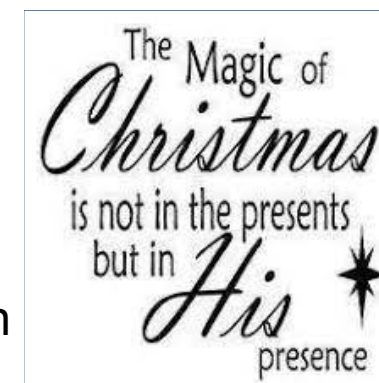
All are invited as Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick celebrates Mass to open the Jubilee Year in our diocese.

The Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025

is an opportunity for all people to enter into a pilgrimage of hope.

Whether we celebrate locally in our dioceses, cathedrals or Canada's National Shrines or make a pilgrimage to Rome, we are called to search for signs of hope and be signs of hope in families, for our neighbours, the imprisoned, the sick and dying, the young and old.

The Jubilee Year will remain open until December 28, 2025.



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**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

We wish to acknowledge donations in memory of:

*Harry & Lucy Horne*

*Lawrence & Emily Dort*

*Members of the McCormick/O'Halloran family*

*Family members of Noreen Casey*

*Terry Parker*

*Bob & Gerloch Parker*

*Cal & Tootsie Baker*

*Fred Rhynold*

*George/Bertha O'Hearn*

*Family members of Deanna Nickerson*

*Members of the Snow and Richard Family*

*Family members of Ray/Eileen Carrigan*

*Edward Roberts*

*Florence Garcia*