

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

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## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 26, 2025**

### **WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 1** - Port Felix - 6:00 pm - ♥*For the Faithful*

**Sunday, February 2** - Star of the Sea- 11:00 am - ♥*For The Faithful*

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU** - to Fr. Frank Pellerine, we appreciate your presence.

### **REFLECTION TODAY'S READINGS -**

***Sharing and Participating in the Mission of the Lord - Jesus reads out the purpose of His coming into the world. The focus of His ministry is the poor. Jesus walks into the house of a man who considers himself unworthy to have Jesus under his roof; He touches those who are untouchables, unworthy in the eyes of society; He allows Himself to be touched by those who are considered unworthy to touch Him; He eats and drinks with those who have no status in society. The goal of His ministry is not merely healing and feeding but giving dignity to human beings. The lines of the scroll that He read clearly give the message that the 'have-nots' will have the Kingdom. We belong to a Church whose mission is mainly to the poor, the deprived and the needy. Does that mean it is not for the rich? No, they, too, are poor in many ways, often lonely, anxious, and lacking peace. Christ came to bring peace, healing, and joy to all who lack any of those fruits of the Spirit. We can be instruments of this good news. We must be instruments of this good news if we are truly followers of Christ. The question then becomes: What is the purpose of my life as a disciple of Jesus? How do I share and participate in the Mission that Jesus has already established on earth?***

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

<b>Star of the Sea</b> (24)	480.00
Fuel (2)	40.00
Initial (1)	10.00
<b>St. Agnes</b> (7)	90.00
Initial/New Years (2)	30.00
<b>St. Joseph</b> (13)	160.00

## **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Property/Finance Committee - will meet Tuesday, March 4 at 6:15 p.m

Ministries Schedule, February 2

Lector - Juanita Dort

Cleaners - January 26 - Feb. 1 - Baker girls

Ticket Sale - Heating Certificate, value \$300.00, draw date February 25, tickets available form committee members.

Trivia Night - will be held Saturday, February 8at 7:00 p.m. at Canso Hazel Hill Fire Hall. Pre-register with a committee member. Looking for donations of homemade pizza for this event, participants love homemade pizza!

## **NOTES**

MASS for Shut Ins - airs at **11:30 am on CTV.**

It is also available for viewing on our diocesan website and YouTube channel.

World Day For Consecrated Life, on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is a day of prayer and celebration for people who have consecrated their lives to God through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Celebration of this day of prayer allows parishes to highlight the gift of religious life and pray for those discerning a religious vocation.

**29th World Day for Consecrated Life: February 2, Mass 10:30 am to be celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick at St. Ninian Cathedral.**

## He's From Where??

### *This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 - Ezra reads the Law
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 - Analogy of the body
- ▶ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 - Beginning of Jesus' preaching

Luke reminds us that Jesus is from the town of Nazareth, a backwater village of about 500-1,500 people, most of whom were poor and illiterate. As part of the immensely powerful Roman Empire across the Mediterranean, Nazareth would barely have registered on the radar of the rulers of the day.

No wonder that the world was shocked to hear about an itinerant preacher from there who was attracting a great following. In John's Gospel, we hear how incredulous this seems. When Philip told Nathanael about Jesus for the first time and mentioned he was from Nazareth, Nathanael burst out, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (Jn. 1:46).

But here is Jesus, already gaining fame and respect in the area, reading from the Old Testament scroll. (He's from Nazareth, and he knows how to read!) He was not from the priestly class, yet by the time he comes back to Nazareth on this particular day, Jesus had already assumed the role of a religious teacher by speaking in the local synagogues. Then he reaches beyond that role and announces he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy about the anointed one sent by God. This happens very early in Luke's Gospel, and



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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

### **Sheepish Question:**

With my eyes fixed on Jesus, where does his Spirit lead me this week?

Jesus is starting off with a bold proclamation, unapologetic about his background and upbringing. He is setting the tone for the work he has come to do.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Who do you know from a background of no reputation who has made a positive impression or impact on you? Maybe they were from a tiny town, or went to a little-known college, or didn't go to college at all, or in some way rose above their station.
- 2 Which of Jesus' lines about what he was anointed to do strikes you as most exciting or hopeful? Why?

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