



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Mar. 3, 2024**

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Parish Office Hours

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Baptisms

By appointment, please call.
Parish Office

Marriages

Please call Parish Office at least
six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm
to 5:45pm & Saturday from
2.30pm to 3.30pm

To book Parish Hall call:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213
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Bulletin

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Send notices no later than 12
noon on Wednesdays.

*Please note that bulletin notices
may be edited for
brevity or clarity.*

*Thank you,
Tudi MacEachern*

Parish News

Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. Mar. 9 4:00pm	Melanie MacDonald	Catherine Trenholm	
Sun. Mar. 10 10:00pm	Angela Avery	Darlene Watts	
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Mar. 4 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Mar. 5 6:00pm	Protection of the unborn by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen		
Wed. Mar. 6 6:00pm	Special Intention by Annie & A.J. Beaton		
Thur. Mar. 7 6:00pm (R)	Dayawati Premshankar Mehra by Ron/Joanne Beaton		
Fri. Mar. 8 6:00pm	Stations of the Cross/ Mass Glenda Campbell by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald		

During Lent weekday masses will be in the main church.

*****Income Tax Receipts can be found at the back of the church*****

From the Pastor's Desk

"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

(John 2: 16) Abraham Lincoln was angry about slavery. Martin Luther King Jr. was angry about racial discrimination, Mahatma Gandhi was angry about the racial discrimination against the "untouchables" by the "high castes" in India, Nelson Mandela was angry about apartheid in South Africa ... all that was righteous anger. We also may get angry when we see some young kid being beaten up or being bullied; or when or when we see someone being abused; or when we see when someone being unjustly judged...the list can go on. The Lord God has formed us in such a way that most healthy human beings are angry inside when we see evil, and injustice being done to someone. Aristotle has said, "Anyone can be angry. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, with the right purpose ... that is not easy." St. John in his Gospel (2:13-25) pictures the righteous, healthy anger of Jesus, seeing the desecration of a holy place. The passage gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus were the conversion of God's Temple into a "noisy marketplace" by the animal merchants and into a "hideout of thieves" by the moneychangers with their grossly unjust business practices—sacrilege in God's Holy Place. Jesus' reaction to this commercialized Faith was fierce.

Today we are reminded of the importance of the two temples one our church and the second our own body in the words of St. Paul. Our parish Church is our "Heavenly Father's house" and we have to make it a holier place by our care for it, by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries, by our financial support for its maintenance and development and our respectful behaviour in the church. As St. Paul says, let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: he reminds us that we are God's temples, body, and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives during Lent by repentance and the renewal of our lives. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Stations of the Cross: On Friday, 8th of March 2024 Stations of the Cross at 6.00 pm followed by Holy Mass in the Church.

Holy Communion for the sick. The parish is making plans for those who are sick and unable to come to church, to bring the Holy Communion to their homes during Lent. Those who would like, may call Fr. Sunny @ **902-787-3317** or Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040**

House Blessing: Those who would like to have their houses blessed During the Season of Lent may write down their names and other details on the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the church.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary: On Monday, 19th March we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church and the principal Patron of Canada with Holy Mass at 6.00 pm. Let us come together to thank the Lord God, who has given us St. Joseph as the guardian of our families, protector of our children and the patron of our country and seek the intercession of the Saint for our daily life. A special welcome to all those who hold the name Joseph. (Holy Hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 4.45 pm to 5.45 pm). The Novena to St. Joseph begins on March 10th.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY: For those renewing or making their Consecration for the first time, the 33 day preparation begins on March 6th. The Annual Consecration will take place on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, April 8th (the feast is moved this year because it lands within Holy Week). A number of copies of St. Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion*, in which the Consecration is explained, along with the Montfort Missionaries' 33-day preparation are available for \$8. Please contact robertamacewan@gmail.com 787-2103

What are the reasons for the joy that so many feel after making their Consecration? ... St. Louis says that this devotion is an 'easy, short, perfect and secure way of attaining union with Our Lord, in which union the perfection of a Christian consists'.

Readers for Easter Vigil: Volunteers are invited to be readers for the Easter Vigil on March 30, 2024, at 8.00PM. Those willing, may call Linda Beaton @ 902-787-3040.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, March 17	: Reconciliation at 2:00 pm.
Monday, March 25	: Mass of Chrism at St. Ninian's Cathedral
Holy Thursday, March 28	: Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration.
Good Friday, March 29	: Outside Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am. : Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil, March 30	: Easter Vigil service and Mass at 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday March 31	: Easter Day Mass at 10.00 am

Lenten Reconciliation. The annual Lenten Reconciliation is to take place @ 2.00 pm on Sunday, 17th March 2024 in the church. Several priests will be available.

Lenten Parish Mission at Port Hawkesbury: All are invited to attend the Lenten Parish Mission led by Rev. Fr. Bill Burke (pastor of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, Sydney) being held in St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury (118 Granville Street) from Sunday, March 17 to Wednesday March 20. Time: 7-8pm. Monday–Wednesday 2-4pm Confessional/Drop in chat. On Wednesday, the final evening, Mass at 7pm, with the talk as part of the Mass.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of St. Joseph on Wednesday, 6th of March 2024 from 4.45pm to 5:45 pm in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at 6.00pm in the church.

CWL: CWL dues for 2024 is now due. The amount due is \$34.50. It may be sent to Anne MacDougall (902-227-5268), 431 Shore Road, Judique, NS B0E 1P0 or you may put it in the church collection in an envelope clearly marked with member's name and "CWL Dues".

Plaques: In the past we offered families the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on a plaque in the back of the church. We plan to continue this practice. We will print and mount plaques on a bi-yearly basis. If you would like to have the name of someone engraved on such a plaque, you may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL FROM

9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY

"Remember your church in your Will."

