

# Parish News

## Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Apr. 13, 4:00 pm	Jack Redden	Linda Beaton
Sun. Apr. 14 10:00 am	Gabriella Watts	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Apr. 8 6:00pm	The Feast of Annunciation (Intention by Fr. Sunny)	
Tues. Apr. 9 6:00pm (R)	Robert Watts by Sara Robinson	
Wed. Apr. 10 6:00pm (R)	Gerard MacEachern by Tudi MacEachern	
Thur. Apr. 11 6:00pm (R)	Mary MacEachern by Cecil & Mary J. MacDonald	
Frid. Apr. 12 6:00pm (R)	Bernice Gillies by Family	



## St. Peter's Parish Port Hood April 7, 2024

### Contact Information

Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Pastor  
1-902-787-3317

### Parish Office

(902) 787-3317

### Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from  
10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

### Website

[www.saintpetersporthood.com](http://www.saintpetersporthood.com)

### Email

[stpetersporthood@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersporthood@gmail.com)

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Leon Livingstone  
(902) 787-3041

### CWL President

Anne E. MacDonald  
(902) 787-2213

### KOC Grand Knight

Jack Redden  
(902) 787-2042

### 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  
Ellen Murphy 902-631-0613

### Bulletin

[parishbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:parishbulletin@hotmail.com)  
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

### From the Pastor's Desk

**"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."** (John 20: 23) It was on the 30th of April 2000, at 10:00 AM on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) that His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II canonized Blessed Sister Faustina Kowalska, known as the apostle of Divine Mercy. Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: **1.** to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; **2.** to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; and **3.** to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: **"The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy."** The Lord of Divine Mercy, a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina Kowalska, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!". The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God.

The second Sunday of Easter is being celebrated as the Divine Mercy Sunday. The Risen Lord Jesus Christ appearing to the disciples on the first Easter evening, gave them the power to forgive sins. Bishop Robert E. Barron comments on this: **"Our magnificent Gospel today declares that there is no greater manifestation of the Divine mercy than the forgiveness of sins... Jesus' mercy is communicated to his disciples, who in turn are sent to communicate it to the world. This is the foundation for the Sacrament of Penance, which has existed in the Church from that moment to the present day as the privileged vehicle of the Divine mercy."** On the Divine Mercy Sunday let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy in the form of the Holy Spirit. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting on our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. God wants us to know that our reception of the graces of His mercy is dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will be able to receive. The Gospel command, **"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,"** (Luke. 6:36) requires that we show mercy to our fellow human beings always and everywhere. We shall radiate God's mercy to others by our corporal and spiritual works of mercy, by our kind and supportive words, and by our prayers for all our brothers and sisters.

**Thank You:** The parish community extends a big thanks to all those who helped with the Liturgical services for the Easter Triduum-those involved in all the ministries (readers, Eucharistic Ministers,

music, the altar servers, the decorators, the twelve volunteers for the washing of the feet, the family that represented the parish for the Chrism Mass, who presented the Holy Oils, those who participated in the processions and everyone else who participated in the services), those who contributed towards the expense of the flowers and those groups who led the Stations of the Cross during Lent and on the Good Friday. A special thanks to the Liturgy Committee who coordinated all the celebrations.

**Parish Council:** There will be a parish council meeting on **Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the glebe.

**Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7):** The Divine Mercy Sunday is being celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Easter with Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplets from **2:00pm to 3:00pm**. Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery—the whole mystery of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ—made present for us in the Eucharist. All are welcome. (Novena will be available on the back tables.)

**Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** The Annual Renewal of Consecration will take place after Mass on the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm**.

**First Reconciliation & First Communion:** The First Reconciliation of our children is scheduled for **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am** and the First Communion is on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May during 10.00am Holy Mass**.

**The Chisholm Bursary Committee** are now accepting application for bursaries for the 2024-2025 year. St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's Parish members who are attending post secondary education next year are welcome to apply. Please email **chisholmbursary@gmail.com** for an application.

**CWL: Holy Hour** in honor of Our Lady of Good Council will be held on **April 26**. 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**".

**KOC:** Regular monthly council meeting will be held **Sunday, April 21st, 2024, @ 7:30pm in the Church Hall**. Rosary at 7:00 pm. **Anyone interested in becoming a Knights of Columbus?** Contact any knight to find out how you can join this active men's group of the parish, whose principles are based on faith, community, charity, fraternity, and family.

**KOC Silver Rose Service** commemorating and dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held at St. Peter's Parish, Port Hood, N.S on **Friday, April 19th, 2024, @7:00 pm**. This is the only stop of the Silver Rose on the west side of Cape Breton Island. All parishioners are invited and welcomed to attend.

**Presentation on Inverness County Cares:** Members of the Inverness County Cares will be at the Judique Community Centre on **Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** to share stories of their trip to Zambia with interested community members. They will make the same presentation on **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 PM** in the **Port Hood St Peter's Parish Hall**. We are most grateful for the local interest and support received from both communities. No Admission fees.

**Responsible Ministry Coordinator:** The Parish is looking for a volunteer to be the **Coordinator of the Responsible Ministry** which is to be set up in each parish as per the direction from the Diocese. Anyone willing please contact Fr. Sunny. (Phone: 902-787-3317)

**Coordinator for Religious Education:** The parish is looking for a volunteer to be the Coordinator of the Religious Education of our parish from September 2024. Anyone willing to take up this ministry may please contact Fr. Sunny. (Phone: 902-787-3317)

**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**

**(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)**

**"Remember your church in your Will."**