



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Mar. 24, 2024**

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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:
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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
Thurs. Mar. 28 7pm Holy Thurs.	Coline MacEachern	Janice Campbell	Laina & Samuel
Fri. Mar. 29 3pm Good Friday	Angela Avery, (W, 1, N) Louise MacInnis, (2, S)	Ann MacDougall	Samuel
Sat. Mar. 30 8pm Easter Vigil	Jack Redden W,2 Gerard MacPhee 5 Melanie MacDonald, Epistle, 3 Leon Livingstone, Int. 1	Catherine Trenholm	Samuel
Sun. Mar. 31, 10am Easter Sun.	Malia Watts	Donna MacDonald	Laina, Kate & Christian
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Mar. 25	No Mass (<i>Chrism Mass in St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish</i>)		
Tues. Mar. 26	6:00pm (R) Catherine Campbell by Charlie MacDonald		
Wed. Mar. 27	6:00pm (R) Ann MacDonald by Edith MacDonald		
Thur. Mar. 28	7:00pm Holy Thursday		
Fri. Mar. 29	3:00pm Good Friday		

From the Pastor's Desk

With Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday we begin the Holy Week culminating in Easter Triduum. Holy week is a week of remembrance and appreciation...a week of thanksgiving...a week of repentance and reconciliation...a week to keep Christ's New Commandment of Agape love...a week to deepen our Faith and strengthen our relationship with God. Palm Sunday is a day to remember the two contrasting moments: Christ's triumph and tragedy. American president Abraham Lincoln had his moments of triumph and tragedy 159 years ago in 1865. It was on the palm Sunday in 1865 (April 9) that the Civil War came to an end, which was the greatest moment of triumph for the American president Abraham Lincoln. But four days later on Good Friday (April 14) President Lincoln was shot and on the following day he succumbed to his injuries which was the greatest tragedy for Abraham Lincoln, the president of the nation.

On Palm Sunday we commemorate the two events in Jesus' life...His triumphant entry into Jerusalem and His sufferings, crucifixion, and death on the Cross. The liturgy on Palm Sunday combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death, and burial for Christ. Holy week is the time of the year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. Let the Holy week liturgies help us to be transformed into the image and likeness of God and may we be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism.

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

KOC: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 24th, 2024, @ 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. **Rosary at 7:00 pm.**

Holy Week Liturgy (The Easter Triduum)

Holy Thursday:(March 28) The Holy Thursday liturgy beginning at **7:00 pm** includes the Presentation of the Holy Oils, washing of the feet and the Celebrations of the Lord's Supper, which will be followed by Eucharistic procession and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Come and spend some time with the Lord in Adoration.** (Jesus asked his disciples, "**Could you not stay awake with me one hour?**" (Mathew.26:40). Today Jesus asks us the same question and invites us to be with him at least one hour in adoration meditating on the sufferings He underwent for us. The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the church and will be over by 11:00 pm.

Holy Thursday Adoration:

8:15-9:15pm from Little River Bridge to Harbourview, Hawthorne, Shore Road, Little Judique, Beaton Rd.

9:15-10:15pm from Corner along High Road to and including Glencoe Station, Dunmore, Southwest Mabou

10:15-11:00pm from Rt. 19 intersection to Corner, to St. Peter's Church, Marble Hill, Colindale

Good Friday (March 29): The Stations of the Cross will be at **10:00 am** outside the church, remembering Jesus' walking on His way to Mount Calvary carrying the Cross. By participating in the **Stations of the Cross** let us follow his footsteps carrying our own crosses. **(In case of inclement weather, the stations of the Cross will be in the Church).** **Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3:00pm.** Good Friday is a Universal Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter): The Easter Vigil Mass celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord is at **8:00 pm on Saturday March 30th.** The Mass of Easter Sunday is at **10:00 on March 31st.**

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday. The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's Holy Places in the Holy Land, and to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. **This collection will be taken during the Good Friday Liturgy on March 29.**

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. (Copies of the novena are available at the back of the church. Novena which is to begin on Good Friday may be said privately)

CWL Upcoming Events: Celebrate with us for International Tartan Day. Our CWL will have a concert on Wednesday, April 3, at 7 pm, at the hall. Admission is \$10. Lots of great entertainment - Tea will be served. The Beaton family (Kinnon, Betty, Andrea, and Allison), the Sabra MacGillivray Dancers, Sheena Geiger, Peter MacInnis, Beinn Mabou students (Owen Jenedy, Vincent MacDonald, and Cameron MacNeil), and Lisa Cameron. Don your tartan and come and support this fundraiser for the CWL.

Holy hour in honor of Our Lady of Good Council will be held on **April 26.** Thank you to all the ladies who came to the hall for the annual tidy up day; many hands make light work. Greatly appreciated!

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.

A.J. Beaton's 90th Birthday: Long-time community dairy farmer and 46 years of driving school bus route. A.J.'s family is inviting you to join us in celebrating his 90th birthday party of good health and joy. Best wishes only. Join our family and friends in celebrating at the Beaton home on Sunday, March 24th from 1-3pm at 19 East Street, Port Hood_(Call Joanne at 902-787-3484 or Annie at 902-787-3351 regarding any questions)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL
(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)**

"Remember your church in your Will."