



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Jan. 28, 2024**

Contact Information

Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Pastor
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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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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

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*

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. Feb. 3 4:00pm	Melanie Mac Donald	Marlene MacMillan	
Sun. Feb. 4 10:00pm	John Gillies	Sandy MacKinnon	
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Jan. 29 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Jan. 30 6:00pm	Protection of unborn by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen		
Wed. Jan. 31 6:00pm	Thanksgiving mass by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen		
Thur. Feb. 1 6:00pm	In thanksgiving for Fr. Feby & Fr. Eugene's priesthood by family and friends		
Fri. Feb. 2 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada		
Sat. Feb. 3 11:00am	In reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary		

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

WHO IS A PROPHET

One of the beautiful descriptions of a "Prophet" goes like this:

The prophet is someone; who comforts/ the disturbed/ and disturbs/ the comforted!

This description is true in the lives of the Prophets in the Bible.

They were people who offered great comfort and consolation to those in difficulty and distress.

They were people who reached out to the ones who needed a word of hope and happiness.

At the same time, they were people who completely condemned those who led a comfortable life; away from God and His Commandments.

They were people who strongly opposed the ways of those who oppressed the poor and the widow.

Jesus is the "Prophet of all prophets, the perfection and the fullness of all prophets!"

Today's gospel, says that Jesus came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath, he entered the synagogue to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comforted!

He taught them with authority, and with authority he commanded the evil spirit to 'be silent.' Jesus spoke with authority; the authority of goodness/ that is stronger than evil; the authority of truth/ that exposes all lies; the authority of love/ that conquers sin and death.

People were amazed because Jesus was able to capture the attention and admiration of the listeners. Jesus' teaching contrasted sharply with that of the scribes. Jesus taught with authority, the scribes did not. Comparing and contrasting the teaching of Jesus with that of the scribes we notice three distinguishing qualities:

1. Jesus taught from the heart and not just from the head.
2. Jesus focused on the spirit of the law and not just on the letter of the law.
3. Jesus inspired a positive change in the hearts of his hearers.

Jesus uses His authority for the purpose of love. Good authority creates; good authority makes us the best version of ourselves, good authority gives us life.

Let us lovingly submit ourselves to Jesus' hands because he gives life, life in abundance

Candlemas: On February 2, 40 days after Christmas, the church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple, also known as the Purification of our Lady, and Candlemass. Candles are traditionally blessed on this feast day. Mass will be held at 6:00 PM in the church on February 2 to honour this feast day. Parishioners are invited to bring candles to be blessed. As February 2 is also first Friday there will be Adoration and Benediction from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM In the church.

Feb. 2nd - First Friday of the Month in Reparation to the Sacred Heart: Holy Hour 4:45, Confessions 5:15 - 5:45, Mass 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 3rd - First Saturday of Reparation as requested by Our Lady at Fatima: Devotions begin at 10:00am in the Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, Rosary, Meditation, Confessions and Mass followed by a Complementary Brunch at the Marian Centre. **"In the End, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph!"**

KOC Hot Roast Beef Dinner: On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a hot roast beef dinner from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at the parish hall. Eat in or take-out for \$25 a plate.

Message from Antigonish Diocesan Society: On behalf of the Antigonish Diocesan Society, a sincere thank you to parishioners for your annual financial donations in support of vocations. As you may be aware, the Diocese of Antigonish currently has two seminarians who are studying at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, one of whom will be ordained in 2024. The Diocesan Society has provided funding to fully cover the costs of their education, and your annual donations are very much appreciated! The Vocations Sunday collection occurs each year on Good Shepherd Sunday. If you do not have a Vocations Sunday envelope, I invite you to place your donation in a plain envelope marked "Antigonish Diocesan Society" and drop it in your church collection basket. I hope we can count on your continuing support and prayers for this most important cause.

Blessings,

Dr. Barry MacKenzie, President

Antigonish Diocesan Society

Vacation: Fr. Sunny will be away for vacation from **December 28th to February 15th**. Fr. Feby Pulikan Raphel from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda, Kerala, India, will fill in for Fr. Sunny. Fr. Feby can be reached at the parish email (stpetersparishhood@gmail.com), over 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
FROM 9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY**

"Remember your church in your Will."