



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Mar. 31, 2024**

Contact Information
Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Pastor
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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
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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. Apr. 6 4:00 pm	Ellen Murphy	Darlene Watts	Laina
Sun. Apr. 7 10:00 am	Harvey van Zutphen	Sandy MacKinnon	Samuel

Weekday Masses

Mon. Apr. 1 No Mass
Tues. Apr. 2 6:00pm For all priests and religious by Keith & Lorelei MacDonald
Wed. Apr 3 9:00am (R)Donald, John Dan & Francis MacDonald by
Annie Mae MacDonald
Thur. Apr. 4 6:00pm (R) Theresa Moran by Tina MacNeil
Fri. Apr. 5 6:00pm In reparation for the sins of Canada
Sat. Apr. 6 11:00am In reparation for sins committed against
the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Holy Mass on Wednesday, April 3rd will be at 9.00am.

From the Pastor's Desk

“Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. (Mark. 16: 6) The Egyptian pyramids are world-famous as one of the “seven Wonders” of the ancient world. We know that they are actually gigantic tombs containing the mummified bodies of Egyptian Pharaohs. Westminster Abbey is famous, and thousands visit it, because the dead bodies of famous writers, philosophers, and politicians are entombed there. But there is a **Shrine of the Holy Sepulcher** in Jerusalem, and pilgrims from all over the world visit a tomb there which is **empty** with a note at its entrance which says, **“He is not here”** and we know it is the tomb of Jesus Christ, Who was once buried there, rose from the dead, leaving an empty tomb, as He had told his disciples he would. Thus, Jesus worked the most important miracle in His life, defying the laws of nature and proving that He is God. We rejoice at this great and unique event by celebrating Easter. Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. Easter, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a **“Resurrection people”** who are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the real Presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives. **“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad”** (Ps 118:24). The living presence of the Risen Lord gives us lasting peace and celestial joy in the face of the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life. **“Peace be with you!”** (Jn 20:19), was Jesus’ salutation to his disciples at all post-Resurrection appearances. For the true Christian, every day must be an Easter Day, lived joyfully in the close company of the Risen Lord. This experience of joy is possible through the Sacraments especially **the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. So, leading a life centred on Sacraments let us touch and experience the Risen Lord in our daily life and experience the joy and the new life given by the Risen Lord. May the Risen Lord bless us and our families. Wish everyone a **Happy Easter!!!**

Regina Caeli: The prayer Regina Caeli is to be said during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday to the Saturday after Pentecost, instead of the **Angelus**.

Parish Council: There will be a parish council meeting on **Tuesday, April 9th 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. ***Jesus said to St. Faustina: - “Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the world about My Mercy; let all mankind recognise My unfathomable Mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it, will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them on the Cross.” (Diary 848)*** All are welcome. (Novena will be available on the back tables.)

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, 3rd of April 2024** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** in the Chapel. Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 5th of April** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** in the Church. Holy Hour and benediction in honour of **Bl. V. Mary** on **Saturday, 6th of April** at **10.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am**. Complementary Brunch at the Marian Centre after the Holy Mass.

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 Jennedy, 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”**.

Presentation on Inverness County Cares: Members of the Inverness County Cares will be at the Judique Community Centre on **Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 PM** to share stories of their trip to Zambia with interested community members. They will make the same presentation on **Thursday April 17th 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 and 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.

HAPPY EASTER

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)

“Remember your church in your Will.”