



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Aug. 20, 2023**

Contact Information

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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

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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
Sat. Aug. 26 4:00pm	Ellen Murphy	Marlene MacMillan
Sun. Aug. 27 10:00 am	Coline MacEachern	Darlene Watts
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Aug. 21	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Aug. 22	6:00pm (R) Mary MacLean by Mary Buchanan	
Wed. Aug. 23	9:30am Souls in Purgatory by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald	
Thur. Aug. 24	9:30am (R) Mary Claire MacDonald by Francis McDaniel	
Fri. Aug. 25	6:00pm (R) Debbie MacIsaac by Theresa MacDonald	

Note: The Holy Mass on Wednesday & Thursday (August 23 & 24) will be at 9.30am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays will be from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Message from the Pastor

"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." (Mathew 15: 28). Eugene Peterson once said that for Christians, the Bible should never be the footnote to the news of the day; but rather the day's news should always be just the footnote to the Bible. **"If we forget that the newspapers are footnotes to Scripture and not the other way around,"** he said, **"we will finally be afraid to get out of bed in the morning."** Today's headline is never to be found in your news source. That is always just the footnote. Scripture is the headline. So, what should be today's headline? It can be put this way: **An unnamed Canaanite woman is described by Jesus as having great faith.**

This weekend an unnamed woman who is a Canaanite (not a Jew) is at the centre of our reflection. It is the simple story about a woman who did not care about all the discussions and claims around her world regarding who are worthy or not worthy of salvation. She cares only about her daughter. And her story reminds us of what faith and prayer and love looks like when we are faced with real, personal adversity. It is a story that brings us back to the basics, of what it means to trust in Jesus. This woman is praised by Jesus as a person of great faith in contrast to Peter in the last weekend's gospel passage where he was pictured as a person having little faith. When Peter was caught in the storm, he took his eyes off of Jesus and began to sink. When this woman is caught in a very different storm, she stayed focused on Jesus, and fell to her knees before him. That's the kind of faith that is expected of one who follows Jesus. The Canaanite woman puts before us a challenge...a challenge to a life of faith...a challenge to place all our trust in Jesus even in the moments of humiliation, distress, rejection, loss or even death...a challenge to persist in our faith even when we are depressed and frustrated. If we take up this challenge and live our faith we will hear the words of Jesus, praising us **"Oh how great is your faith"**.

Back to School with Jesus: As the children are getting ready to go back to school this Fall, we are planning to have the **Holy Mass for all the students of our community**, to begin the new academic year with Jesus our Lord, who is the Greatest Teacher. Date will be announced later. Request all the parents to bring your children for the Holy Mass.

Religion Class Registration: The 2023/2024 religious' education for Grades 1-6 will start September 11, 2023. Please e-mail sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com to register your child.

KOC Monthly Meeting: Members are reminded of the meeting on Sunday, **August 20th, 2023, 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall (please note location change). Rosary at 7:00 pm.

House Blessing: Those who would like to have their houses blessed and consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus may write down their names and other details on the **sign-up sheet** on the table at the back of the church.

Altar Servers: Children having received the First Holy Communion are invited to be Altar Servers. Parents and grandparents are requested to encourage children. Those interested, please call Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040**

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

The eighth ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh series will be Thursday, August 24th at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be Shelly Campbell, Sandra Gillis and Lynn & Cyril Chisholm. Admission is \$5. Tea will be served.

Bidh Sinn a' Seannachas – Gaelic & Cultural Workshops (all ages welcome) continue at the Chestico Museum. Monday workshops cost \$10 and will be August 21st from 9:00 until 10:30 AM. Learn Gaelic phrases, explore Gaelic song, music & dance, engage with our local lore, discover Nova Scotia's Gaelic geography and there will be stories. Tuesday evenings the cost is \$5 for stories, conversation, and tea. Our theme on August 22nd will be "Stories from Glencoe". Thigibh còmhla rinn - Join Us!

Port Hawkesbury Ceilidhs: Tuesdays @ from 7.30 to 9.00pm at Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, 606 Reeves Street. Admission: \$15.00. For under 16 free. Season Pass \$150. **Aug 22:** Howie **MacDonald**, Beverly **MacLean**, Buddy **MacDonald**, and Harvey **Beaton**

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine Mabou: Save the date and plan to attend our Annual Celebration at the Shrine. On Sunday, September 10th a Continuous Rosary will start at 1:00 pm at the Shrine and will continue until 3:30, just in time for Feast Day Mass at St. Mary's Church. Following Mass there will be refreshments at the Mabou Hall Compliments of our CWL. If you have any questions, please call 902-945-2221. In the meantime, the Shrine is always open for visitation year-round and the gift shop is open daily from 10 am until 4pm.

Welcome!

St. Peter's Parish extends a warm and cordial welcome to all visitors to Port Hood!!!

"Remember your church in your Will."