



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
May 21, 2023**

Contact Information

Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Pastor
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Parish Office

(902) 787-3317

Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Website

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Pastoral Council Chairperson

Leon Livingstone
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Anne E. MacDonald
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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 & on Saturday from
10:00am to 11:30am

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
Sat. May 27 4:00pm	Melanie MacDonald	Jon Kommes
Sun. May 28 10:00am	Coline MacEachern	Janice Campbell

Weekday Masses	
Mon. May 22, 6 pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris (R) Pius MacIsaac by Barbara MacLellan Souls in Purgatory by Lorelei MacDonald (R) John Duncan MacDonald by Charlie & Mary Claire MacDonald Deceased Members of the CWL by CWL
Tues. May 23, 6 pm	
Wed. May 24, 6 pm	
Thur. May 25, 6 pm	
Fri. May 26, 6 pm	

Message from the Pastor:

"...I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mathew.28:20) There is a beautiful old story: Jesus, after his Ascension into Heaven, was surrounded by the Holy Angels who began to enquire about his work on earth. Jesus told them about his birth, life, preaching, death, and Resurrection, and how he had accomplished the salvation of the world. The Archangel Gabriel asked, "Well, now that you are back in Heaven, who will continue your work on earth?" Jesus said, "While I was on earth, I gathered a group of people around me who believed in me and loved me. They will continue to spread the Gospel and carry on the work of the Church." Gabriel was perplexed. "You mean Peter, who denied you thrice and all the rest who ran away when you were crucified? You mean to tell us that you left them to carry on your work? And what will you do if this plan doesn't work? What's your Plan B?" Jesus said, "I have no other plan — it must work." — Truly, Jesus has no other plan than to depend on the efforts of his followers.

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ reminds us of Jesus' exaltation and the end of his earthly existence, as a prelude to the gift of the Holy Spirit. Before His Ascension, Jesus entrusted the continuation of His earthly mission to his disciples promising them of His continuing presence with them and the whole world, saying, "...I am with you always, to the end of the age." He gave them the mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to him through their words and lives. He also promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit who would enable them to preach the Gospel and to bear witness to Jesus by keeping and living out his word. As Christian disciples we are called to carry out the mission of Jesus to preach the Gospel in word and deed and be true witnesses to him in this world. We are assured of the guidance by the Holy Spirit and God's protection even amid suffering and in the face of death. As in the story, Jesus has no Plan-B...He places all His trust in us and depend on us to carry out His mission to the **"ends of the earth."**

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.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting: Members are reminded of the meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2023, 7:30 pm in the KOC room. Rosary at 7:00 pm.



The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 200 Churchill Drive, Suite 103 has a summer student position offering opportunities to work in the areas of accounting, data entry, customer service and merchandizing. Working under the Accounts Receivable Clerk, the summer student will copy and forward cheques, issue income tax receipts, provide administrative support and update our donation data base. They will also be trained in the inventory and sales components of Sage 50, our POS and Accounting software. Having a working knowledge of Microsoft 360 Word, Excel and Outlook is an asset. We offer a wage of \$15.00 per hour. Please submit your resume to Debbie at daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

Parish Council notices: Hall repairs: The diocese has approved the insurance claim for the hall, and work is in progress. It is expected to take about a month. **Income Tax receipts:** Receipts for donations (2022& 2021) are at the back of the church. We encourage you to pick up your envelope (and those of family members) so that we can clear the box from the table. Donations are appreciated and can be used for income tax filing.

RETREAT: A Spiritual Retreat for women entitled “*Women of the Bible – our Beacons*”, will take place on Cheticamp Island, at the Lighthouse Retreat (vacation home), on Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 9am–5pm. Seats are limited. For information and registration contact Ida Deveau, via PM (private message) or at idadeveau@gmail.com. Registration Deadline: May 24, 2023.

Cemetery and Hall Workday: Saturday, June 3rd, at 9.00am has been scheduled for the annual clean-up of St. Peter's Cemetery and Church Hall. (In the event of inclement weather, **June 10th at 9 am**). Please bring your shovels, rakes, and any other equipment necessary to spruce up both the Cemetery and the Hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

Office Help: The Parish Council is looking for someone who would be willing to work in the parish office for a few hours every second week. This would involve filing and recording parish events (baptism, deaths, etc.), taking appointments, and other duties as needed. If you are interested, please let a member of the Parish Council know.

Liturgy Notices:

- **Rosary Procession:** Wednesday, **May 31st** is the **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. After the regular weekday Mass at 6pm, there will be a rosary procession outside, weather permitting.
- **2023 Graduates:** The parish would like to have a Holy Mass for the graduates on **June 10th or 11th**. Please contact Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040** if you wish to participate.
- **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**.

CWL: This year the annual membership dues have increased to **\$34.50** for each member due to a change in fees from the Diocesan, Provincial and National levels to cover the ever-increasing costs associated with expenses, supplies, and the loss of members due to a variety of reasons. The increase in dues will help cover these operations. A sheet with a more detailed explanation as to this decision is available at the back of the church. Payment would be appreciated by either cheque (made out to St. Peter's CWL) or cash.

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 may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com. The cost will be \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

ICMH Auxiliary: The ICMH Auxiliary will be hosting its Spring Fling sale at the Inverness Fire Hall on Friday, May 26th from 3-6 pm. Sale includes crafts, baked goods, fudge, parcel post and new-to-you jewellery tables. Tea tickets (take-out only) are \$5.00. Our area is asked to supply wrapped articles for Parcel Post worth at least \$1.00 and should be marked man, woman, or child. A canvasser will call on you for your donation. Thank you for your generous support for our hospital. For further information, contact Alice Landry at 902-787-2491.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a Brunch at the **Judique Community Center** on **Sunday May 21** and again on **May 28th** at 10:30 to 12:30. Adults, \$12.00, Children, \$6.00.

“Remember your church in your Will.”