



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
April 14, 2024**

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Parish Office Hours

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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
Sat. Apr. 20, 4:00 pm	Leon Livingstone	Janice Campbell
Sun. Apr. 21, 10:00 am	John Gillies	Marcella Watts
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Apr. 15 No Mass		
Tues. Apr. 16 6:00pm (R) Donald, John Dan & Francis MacDonald by Annie Mae MacDonald		
Wed. Apr. 17 6:00pm (R) Mary Sutherland by Rose & Bernie Gillies		
Thur. Apr. 18 6:00pm (R) Francis Beaton by Marion Beaton		
Fri. Apr. 19 6:00pm (R) Marie/Willie MacDonald by Cecil/Mary J MacDonald		

Message from the Pastor's Desk

“Thus, it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day...You are witnesses of these things” (Luke. 24:46-48). There is a story in Ripley's *Believe It or Not* about a judge in Yugoslavia who had an unfortunate accident. He was “electrocuted” when he reached up to turn on the light while standing in the bathtub. His wife found his body sprawled on the bathroom floor. She called for help. Friends and neighbors, police—everyone showed up. He was pronounced dead and taken to the funeral home. The local radio picked up the story and broadcast it all over the air. In the middle of the night, the judge regained consciousness. When he realized where he was, he rushed over to alert the night watchman, who promptly ran off, terrified. The first thought of the judge was to phone his wife and reassure her, using the funeral home phone. But he got no further than, “Hello darling, it’s me,” when she screamed and fainted. He tried calling a couple of the neighbors, but they all thought it was some sort of a sick prank. He even went so far as to go to the homes of several friends, but they were all sure he was a ghost and slammed the door in his face. Finally, he was able to call a friend in the next town who hadn’t heard of his death. This friend was able to convince his family and other friends that he really was alive. Today’s Gospel tells us that Jesus had to convince the disciples that he wasn’t a ghost. He had to dispel their doubts and their fears. He showed them his hands and his feet. He invited them to touch him and see that he was real. And he even ate a piece of cooked fish with them—all to prove that he was alive and not a ghost or spirit. He stood there before them, as real and alive as he had been over the past three years.

The third Sunday of Easter gives us a challenge to our Faith in the living presence of the Risen Lord. That Faith should strengthen our Hope in His promises, call us to true repentance for our sins, and lead us to bearing witness to Christ by our works of Charity. The readings on this Sunday also remind us that the purpose of Jesus’ death and Resurrection was to save us from our sins. Hence, they invite us to make our witness-bearing to the risen Lord more effective by repenting on our sins, renewing our lives, and meeting Jesus in the Word of God and at the Eucharistic Table. The Church demands us to relive the “Upper Room Experience” in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who prepared his disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. He invites us to share in the “Liturgy of the Word” and in “The Liturgy of Eucharist.” In the first part of the Mass, Jesus speaks to us through the “Word of God.” In the second part, He becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, the Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Are we able to see and recognize the Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist and welcome Him to our lives and carry Him to the world around us and thus bear witness to the Gospel?

Blessing of the Boats: The annual blessing of the boats will take place on Sunday, April 28th, after the Sunday Mass, beginning at Murphy's Pond, and continuing to Little Judique Harbour and then Pig Cove.

Thank You: On behalf of the parishioners of Saint Peter's Parish, our Parish Council, and our Administrator Fr. Sunny Sebastian, I wish to gratefully thank Zutphen Construction Company for the civil construction work carried out last fall on the grounds on the north side of the Parish Hall, to eliminate persistent flooding of the lower hall during heavy rains. The civil work consisted of replacing down spouts from the gutters into weeping tile and running that weeping tile to the ditch at Main St. Zutphen's also installed a concrete block retaining wall on the north side of the hall to re-direct water flow from the adjacent hill into the parking lot and away from the hall. As well, the Company added crushed Class A gravel to the entrance walk and compacted it; Zutphen's rebuilt the stairway on the north side and re-footed and re-poured the concrete slab landing-step at top of the stairway. We are truly thankful and appreciative for its support, for its generosity, and especially, for solving the problem of hall flooding. Submitted by Leon Livingstone, Chairman, St. Peter's Parish Council.

KOC: Regular monthly council meeting will be held **Sunday, April 21st, 2024, @ 7:30pm in the Church Hall.** Rosary at 7:00 pm. **Anyone interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus?** Contact any knight to find out how you can join this active men's group of the parish, whose principles are based on faith, community, charity, fraternity, and family.

KOC Silver Rose Service commemorating and dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held at St. Peter's Parish, Port Hood, N.S on **Friday, April 19th, 2024, @7:00 pm.** This is the only stop of the Silver Rose on the west side of Cape Breton Island. All parishioners are invited and welcomed to attend.

First Communion: The First Holy Communion of our children is scheduled for **Sunday 12th May during 10.00am Holy Mass.**

Mass Intentions: Those who give Mass intentions **by cheque** may write the cheque in Fr. Sunny's name (**Sunny Sebastian**).

The Chisholm Bursary Committee are now accepting application for bursaries for the 2024-2025 year. St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's Parish members who are attending post secondary education next year are welcome to apply. Please email **chisholmbursary@gmail.com** for an application.

CWL: Holy Hour in honor of Our Lady of Good Council will be held on **April 26.** 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 **Tuesday, 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 **Wednesday, 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.

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)

Applications to the Bishop Power Foundation: Diocesan, parish, and other non-profit groups are invited to apply for funding where their programs will either a) empower the poor, b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church, or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Individual students may apply for financial support for Catholic Studies programs at the university level.

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-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 Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Brunch at the **Judique Community Centre** on Sunday **April 14th and 28th** from 10.30 to 12.30. Adults \$12.00; Children \$6.00.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)

"Remember your church in your Will."