

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Apr. 27, 4:00 pm	Melanie MacDonald	Donna MacDonald
Sun. Apr. 28, 10:00 am	Mary J MacDonald	Ann MacDougall
Weekday Masses (In the Chapel)		
Mon. Apr. 22 No Mass		
Tues. Apr. 23 6:00pm (R) Roddie Beaton by Marion Beaton		
Wed. Apr. 24 6:00pm (R) Mary Claire MacDonald by Cory van den Heuvel		
Thur. Apr. 25 6:00pm (R) Jennifer Cameron by Patricia MacIntyre		
Fri. Apr. 26 6:00pm (R) Bobby MacDonald by Joe & Mary Morris		



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood April 21, 2024

Contact Information

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KOC Grand Knight

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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

Message from the Pastor's Desk

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep"

(John.10: 14-15). January 31, 2022, was a great day for the Catholic Church in Pakistan. It was on this day that **Akash Bashir**, who died while guarding a Catholic church in Pakistan in 2015, was named a **Servant of God**. He is the first Pakistani Christian who has been raised to the rank of the Holy People of God. "I will die but I will not let you go in,"-these were reportedly the words of Akash Bashir to the terrorist, a suicide bomber who came to attack St. John's Catholic Church located in Lahore. The attacker then set off a bomb, immediately killing himself and Akash Bashir. Akash Bashir was a volunteer security guard of the church and because of his heroic self-giving action, the church with more than 1,000 people inside was saved from a direct blast. Terrorist group who was responsible for this attack, claimed that the attacks had killed 17 people and injured more than 70. Those numbers might have been greater if Bashir had not acted heroically to guard the Church. At the announcement of Akash as a candidate for the process to sainthood, Father Francis Gulzar, vicar general of Lahore archdiocese said: "He offered his life as a sacrifice to save the lives of the Christian community at St. John's Catholic Church". Akash knew that being a security guard at the church meant to be ready to sacrifice his life if God gave him a chance to protect others. And he gave his life to protect his people by being a good shepherd like his Master-Jesus Christ-the Good Shepherd.

Jesus said **"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."** The fourth Sunday of Easter being the **Good Shepherd Sunday** we celebrate the Risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd and wished that all the people be part of God's flock. Jesus is the Good Shepherd Who knows His sheep and loves them so much that He is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort-the Good Shepherd knows us, provides for us, and loves us-and a double challenge: to become good shepherds to those entrusted to our care and good sheep in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Let us become good shepherds as everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health, and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives. Also let us be good sheep in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd by hearing and following His voice and leading a life as per His commandments.

Weekday Mass: Beginning from this week, **the weekday Mass** will be celebrated in the Chapel, so that we could save on heating bills for the church.

Thank you: St. Peter's Parish Council on behalf of parishioners and our Administrator Fr. Sunny Sebastian wishes to thank **Pat Batherson** for the many hours he has donated to work in the parish - installing a new electrical panel in the glebe house and various other electrical and plumbing works in the church, hall, and the glebe house. He is always ready to answer a call for help and it is truly appreciated!

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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: The Fourth Sunday of Easter being the World Day of Prayer for Vocations we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men and women to respond to God's call to serve His Church by the ministerial priesthood and by religious life. Let us also pray for all of us that we may live out our vocations as He wills. **"Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves."** (Pope Francis)

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 Bursary: Knights of Columbus are once again offering Bursaries to the 2024 graduates. Applicants must be a member of St. Peter's Parish and planning to attend a recognized Post-secondary education program in the Fall of 2024. Any person applying must complete an application form, which can be found in the back of the church, and be returned to our council on or before **June 2nd, 2024**.

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 Friday **April 26 @ 11:00 am** in the chapel. 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"**.

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. **May 1, 2024, is the deadline to submit applications.**

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.

Augustinian Healing Ministries: There will be a **Healing Mass on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 2:00pm** (instead of the usual time of 7:00pm), in Our Lady of Grace Monastery Chapel, celebrated by Father Albert MacPherson O.S.A. There will anointing with blessed oil and prayers for healing of body, mind and spirit.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a **Brunch** at the **Judique Community Center** on **Sunday, April 21st** from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00. Children, \$6.00. We regret that the Brunch scheduled for April 14th had to be cancelled. Sorry for the inconvenience.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)

"Remember your church in your Will."