

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Feb. 2, 2025**

Contact Information

Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Pastor
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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

Website

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Pastoral Council Chairperson

Leon Livingstone
(902) 787-3041

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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 & 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

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Feb. 8 4:00pm	Leon Livingstone	Catherine Trenholm
Sun. Feb. 9 10:00am	Isabel Calder	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Feb. 3 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Feb. 4 6:00pm (R)	Callas & Catherine Avery by Anita Dwyer	
Wed. Feb. 5 6:00pm	St. Joseph Intention	
Thur. Feb. 6 6:00pm	Special Intention by Betty Cormier	
Fri. Feb. 7 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada	

Parish Finance Council: There is a Parish Finance Council meeting on **Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 pm** in the glebe.

Parish Council: The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm** in the glebe.

Blessing of Throats: Monday, February 3, on the Feast day of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed after the 6.00pm Mass.

Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, 5th of February** from **4:45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**; in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 7th of February** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**.

The 2025 Envelopes are at the back of the church. If anyone that doesn't currently use envelopes and would like to, there are blank boxes also. Please put your name and address on the first few you use. Please discard old envelopes as our number may change in 2025.

Building Fund: Request whole-hearted support from the parishioners to raise money for the **Building Fund** with your generous donations, especially to pay off the cost of the brick work done at the back wall of the church building and also for the future maintenance works. Tax receipts will be issued to all donations. **Envelopes are available at the back of the church.** Donations can also be dropped in the collection box at the back of the church.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Invite the parents of those children who would like to make their **First Reconciliation** (in the spring before Easter) and receive the **First Holy Communion** (May) and the **Confirmation** (November) this year to contact the coordinator for Religious Education **Sheila MacIsaac at 902-631-2512.**

World Day of Consecrated Life: Sunday, February 2, is the World Day of Consecrated Life and let us acknowledge the great life and witness of those who have chosen to follow Christ in a special way leading a consecrated life and the great service they do the Church, and we shall continue to pray for them.

Holy Mass for Children: As part of the Religious Education Program Holy Mass will be celebrated for children and their parents on **Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 4.30pm.**

From the Pastor's Desk

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." (Luke. 2: 30-32) The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is believed to have started at the end of the 4th century after a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal called *Peregrinatio Aetheriae* ("Pilgrimage of Aetheria") discovered in 1884 gives description of the liturgical celebrations in Jerusalem. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of His Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple. The observance of this Feast spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. As the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Feast of Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession on this Feast Day; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas Day.

Today this is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child in the Temple. In the Words of Pope Benedict XVI "Jesus enters the ancient temple; He who is the new Temple of God." This feast is also called the Feast of Encounter as the New Testament represented by the Baby Jesus encountered the Old Testament represented by Simeon and Anna who were the holy witnesses of the Holy Spirit. This feast celebrates the meeting point of the two "Testaments" for Catholic-Christians: the old and new. Jesus, who is the new Temple of God, enters the ancient temple. Jesus, who brings in the law of love, comes to visit his people in a place in which the law of sacrifice was fulfilled, thus, fulfilling the obedience to the Law and ushering in the last times of salvation. This feast reminds us of the need of presenting ourselves to God and our call to lead a holy life inspired by the Holy Spirit. Every Holy Mass in which we participate is our presentation. Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God our Father through our Savior Jesus Christ at every Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness, both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God, and that we are obliged to lead holy lives.

Sign-Up for Holy Hour: Invite more people to sign up for the daily **Holy Hour** schedule. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or may contact **Cathy MacDonald (902-787-2627)** or **Mary Buchanon (902-227-5512)**.

Healing Mass: On **Saturday, February 22, at 1:30pm** a Healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Albert MacPherson at Our Lady of Grace Monastery.

Mid-Winter Extravaganza presented by **Beinn Mhàbu Second year students on Saturday February 8th from 7 to 10pm at Beinn Mhàbu dining room**. Performers are Andrea Beaton, Margie Beaton, Dawn Beaton, Shelly Campbell, Malcolm MacNeil, Cameron MacNeil, Howie MacDonald, Vincent McDonald, Kenneth MacKenzie, Abigail MacDonald, Màili MacKenzie, Tracey MacNeil, Neil Pearlman, Katie McNally, Patrick Gillis, Alan Dewar Fee: \$20 Cover; \$10 Students; Under 12 FREE. ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCOTLAND TRIP. For more details contact **Vincent McDonald 902-449-4900** or **fiddlevincent@gmail.com**.

For Rent: Looking for a house/ apartment/basement (in Port Hood/Mabou/ Judique) for long term rent from **May 1, 2025**. If any available, please call **Jinoy at 778-876-7818** or Fr. Sunny at **902-787-3317**.

World Day of the Sick: Tuesday **February 11** (The Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) is the **World Day of the Sick** which highlights the healing ministry of the Church. Let us recognize and remember with thanks the great efforts of doctors, nurses, other health care professionals and workers, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and diseases. **The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those who wish to be anointed, after the 6.00pm Holy Mass.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IN THE CHAPEL
(9.00AM TO 3.00PM)**

"Remember your church in your Will"