

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



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

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

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. Mar. 8 4:00pm	Jack Redden	Marcella Watts
Sun. Feb. 9 10:00am	Malia Watts	Darlene Watts
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Mar. 3 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Mar. 4 6:00pm	(R) Lewis MacLellan Murray by Joe/Mary Morris	
Wed. Mar. 5	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	8:00am Ash Wednesday Service & Holy Mass	
	7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service & Holy Mass	
Thur. Mar. 6 6:00pm	(R) Susan Frank by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald	
Fri. Mar. 7 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada	

Ash Wednesday: We begin the Season of Lent with **Ash Wednesday on March 5, 2025.**

8.00am: Ash Wednesday Service and Holy Mass

7.00pm: Ash Wednesday Service and Holy Mass

Ash Wednesday is the one of the two obligatory days of Fasting, the other being Good Friday. **Old Palms for Ash Wednesday:** You are requested to bring in your palms from last year as they will be used to make the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday. You may leave them on the table at the back of the church.

Parish Finance Council: There is a Parish Finance Council meeting on **Wednesday, March 5, at 7:45 pm** in the glebe.

Season of Lent: The season of Lent is a call from God to us for conversion, to leave behind our old ways and start a new life. Make the lent more effective and meaningful by fasting, abstinence, attending daily Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross on Fridays and parting with our habits that lead us away from God.

Stations of the Cross: In the Season of Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross on every Friday at 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass in the Church.**

Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday: We are looking for **12 volunteers** to be part of the Holy Thursday service of washing of the feet this year. Those willing to be **one of the twelve**, may call Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040** or write down their names and contact details on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Holy Communion for the sick. The parish is making plans for those who are sick and unable to come to church, to bring the Holy Communion to their homes during Lent. Those who would like, may call Fr. Sunny @ **902-787-3317** or Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040.**

Paschal Candle: If anyone wishes to donate the Paschal Candle for this year may contact Linda Beaton @ 902-787-3040. The cost could be between \$250-450.

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 11)** and the **Confirmation (November 9)** this year to contact the coordinator for Religious Education **Sheila MacIsaac at 902-631-2512.**

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a parish pastoral council meeting on **Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00pm** in the glebe.

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 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.

The World Day of Prayer service hosted by CWL will take place on **Friday, March 7, at the St. Peter's Parish Hall beginning at 1:00pm.**

CWL Meeting: There will be a CWL meeting of the members on Monday, March 3, at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall downstairs. The annual CWL financial report is attached to this week's bulletin.

St. Peter's Journey: The Catholic Women's League invites all to **St. Peter's Journey-A Story of Faith, Repentance, and the Transformative Power of God's Grace** experienced through scripture, art, music, and reflection. This powerful Lenten event offers a meaningful way to prepare our hearts for Easter. There will be two one-hour live performances: **Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 7 pm, Holy Redeemer Church, 1135 Victoria Road, Sydney, NS** and **Sunday, March 23, 2025, 2 pm, St Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot Street, Sydney, NS.**

From the Pastor's Desk

"The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks". (Luke. 6: 45) In his little book, *Illustrations of Bible Truth*, H.A. Ironside, pointing out the folly of judging others, narrates an incident in the life of a person in a respectable position. He was sailing for Europe on one of the great transatlantic ocean liners. When he went on board, he found that another passenger was to share the cabin with him. After going to see the accommodations, he came up to the purser's desk and inquired if he could leave his gold watch and other valuables in the ship's safe. He explained that ordinarily he never availed himself of that privilege, but he had been to his cabin and had met the man who was to occupy the other berth. *"Judging from his appearance, he was afraid that he might not be a very trustworthy person"*. The purser accepted the responsibility for the valuables and remarked, *'It's all right, gentleman, I'll be very glad to take care of them for you. The other man has been up here and left his valuables for the same reason!'* This is what happens when we make rash judgements.

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday from St. Luke, Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgments about the behavior, feelings, motives, or actions of others by using the funny examples of one blind man leading another blind man and one man with a log stuck in his eye, trying to remove a tiny speck from another's eye. In order to lead a blind person, one must be sighted; in order to teach, one must be knowledgeable; otherwise, the blind person and the student will be lost. The point of this image of the blind leading the blind is that we must be careful when choosing whom to follow, lest we stumble into a pit alongside our blind guide. Also, we cannot guide others unless we ourselves can see clearly. There are people who trust us to lead them to safety. It may be our children or our spouse; it may be a friend; it may be people in the Church or community who are following where we lead. St. Paul has said, **"and if you are sure that you are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth, you, then, that teach others, will you not teach yourself?...You that boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?"** (Romans. 2: 19-23)

Jesus today challenges us to avoid hypocrisy in our lives. As disciples of Christ, we must be honest with ourselves in our words and deeds. Only if we look into ourselves and see who we are, what we are and be ready to make changes, we will have better vision, and better eyesight to lead others. We are also challenged to avoid judging others as no one except God is good enough to judge others, only God sees the whole truth, and only He can read the human heart; hence, only He has the right and authority to judge us and others. We are often prejudiced in our judgment of others, and total fairness cannot be expected from us. We do not see all the facts, the circumstances or the power of the temptation, which have led a person to do something evil. Also, we have no right to judge others because we have the same faults and often to a more serious degree than the person we are judging. It is said that St. Philip Neri, once watching the misbehavior of a drunkard commented: **"There goes Philip but for the grace of God."** Let us leave all judgment to God and practice mercy and forgiveness, remembering the advice of saints; **"When you point one finger of accusation at another, three of your fingers point at you."** Let us pay attention to the Jewish rabbi's advice: **"He who judges others favorably will be judged favorably by God."**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

(MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9AM TO 3 PM & SUNDAY 11 AM TO 5 PM)

"Remember your church in your Will"