

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
April 13, 2025**

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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
Thur. Apr. 17 Holy Thursday	Melanie MacDonald	Janice Campbell
Fri. Apr. 18 Good Friday	John Gillies (W, I, N) Angela Avery (2, S)	Judy Leadbetter
Sat. Apr. 19 Easter Vigil	Leon Livingstone Ep.2 Ellen Murphy (W, 3) Gabiella Watts (Int. 1) Malia Watts (5)	Linda Beaton
Sun. Apr. 20 Easter Sunday	Isabel Calder	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Apr. 14 6:00pm No Mass (<i>Chrism Mass in St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish</i>)		
Tues. Apr. 15 6:00pm (R) Deceased members of MacKinnon family by Jeanette		
Wed. Apr. 16 6:00pm Protection of unborn and culture of life by by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen		
Thur. Apr. 17 7:00pm Holy Thursday		
Fri. Apr. 18 10:00am Stations of the Cross & 3:00pm Good Friday Services		

Holy Mass for Children: As part of the Religious Education Program Holy Mass will be celebrated for children and their parents today (**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**) at 3.00pm in the Chapel. Welcome to all children and their families and to all who wish to attend.

Holy Week Liturgy (The Easter Triduum)

Holy Thursday (April 17) The Holy Thursday liturgy beginning at 7:00 pm includes the Presentation of the Holy Oils, washing of the feet and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, which will be followed by Eucharistic procession and the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Come and spend some time with the Lord in Adoration.** Jesus asked his disciples, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" (Mathew.26:40). Today Jesus asks us the same question and invites us to be with him at least one hour in adoration. The adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the chapel and will be over by 11:00 pm.

Holy Thursday Adoration Schedule:

8:15-9:15pm from Little River Bridge to Harbourview, Hawthorne, Shore Road, Little Judique, Beaton Rd.

9:15-10:15pm from Corner along High Road to and including Glencoe Station, Dunmore, Southwest Mabou

10:15-11:00pm from Rt. 19 intersection to Corner, to St. Peter's Church, Marble Hill, Colindale

Good Friday (April 18): The Stations of the Cross will be at 10:00 am outside the church, remembering Jesus' walking on His way to Mount Calvary carrying the Cross. By participating in the Stations of the Cross let us follow his footsteps carrying our own crosses. (In case of inclement weather, the stations of the Cross will be in the Church). Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3:00pm. Good Friday is a Universal Day of Fasting and Abstinence. The Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land and for the support of the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution, will be taken during the Liturgical celebration on Good Friday.

The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter): The Easter Vigil Mass celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord is at 8:00 pm on Saturday April 19th. The Mass of Easter Sunday is at 10:00 on April 20th.

KOC: "The Silver Rose" is in Nova Scotia and St. Peter's KOC council are honored to host it when in our area. Through the Silver Rose we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe but express the unity of the Order as well. St. Peter's KOC Council wish to invite all members and parishioners to attend the Silver Rose service on Monday, April 21st, 2025, at 6:45 pm at St. Peter's Church.

KOC: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27th, 2025, @ 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. Rosary at 7:00 pm.

Your KOC members are most grateful to everyone who supported us with our roast beef dinner; to those who purchased meals; to the ladies who prepared and baked the wonderful pies; to Catherine for making the awesome gravy, and to all the men who gave so cheerfully of their time and talents we say thank you.

Building Fund Online Silent Auction: The silent auction has kicked off on Saturday, April 12 with many exciting auction items up for bid. The auction is held online via Facebook, and bids will be accepted through to Thursday, April 17 at 9:00PM. Details are posted on the '**Saint Peters Parish Port Hood**' Facebook page; please "like" or "follow" the page to see all updates. Contact **Melanie Macdonald @ 902-495-7903** or **melanie_mac@hotmail.com** with any questions. The Finance Council thanks the community for its generous donations of auction items, which have made this Building Fund fundraiser possible.

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27): The Divine Mercy Sunday is being celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Easter with **Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplets** from **2.00pm to 3.00pm**. Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery-the whole mystery of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ-made present for us in the Eucharist. All are welcome. (Copies of the novena are available at the back of the church. Novena beginning on Good Friday may be said at homes and also privately)

First Holy Communion: The first Holy Communion of Children in our parish is scheduled for **Sunday, May 11th at 10.00am**. If anyone would like to donate (or lend) First Communion dresses, shoes or suits to help families who can't afford to buy, please contact **Anita Dwyer @519-654-6533**.

Chisholm Bursary Committee are now accepting application for bursaries for the 2025-2026 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" (Luke19:38) With Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday we begin the Holy Week culminating in Easter Triduum. Holy week is a week of remembrance and appreciation...a week of thanksgiving...a week of repentance and reconciliation...a week to keep Christ's New Commandment of Agape love...a week to deepen our Faith and strengthen our relationship with God. Palm Sunday is a day to remember the two contrasting moments: Christ's triumph and tragedy. On Palm Sunday we commemorate the two events in Jesus' life...His triumphant entry into Jerusalem and His sufferings, crucifixion, and death on the Cross. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives and asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death, and Resurrection. This is the time of the year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own lifetime of dying and rising in Him, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others, and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. In these ways, we will be able to live more fully the Divine life we received at Baptism. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. So let us welcome Jesus into our hearts in a special way during the Holy Week. Let us be ready to surrender our lives to Jesus during this Holy Week and welcome Him into all areas of our life as our Lord and Savior, singing "Hosanna." Let us take the palm leaves we receive today to our homes and put them in a place where we can always see them. Let the palms remind us that Christ is the King of our families, that Christ is the King of our hearts, and that Christ is the only true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. And if we do proclaim Christ as our King, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life. Let us remember that He is the One with Whom we will be spending eternity. Let us be reminded further that our careers, our education, our finances, our homes, all of the basic material needs in our lives are only temporary. So let us prioritize and place Christ the King as the primary concern in our lives. It is only when we have done this that we will find true peace and happiness in our confused and complex world and be able to experience the **Joy of the Easter** throughout our life.

Gaelic Song Gathering- Learn background of Gaelic songs and singers and a few choruses. No Gaelic required! Story Tellers Gallery, Judique, April 14, 7-8:30 \$5 Tea will be served.

"Remember your church in your Will"