

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

**'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'**



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
Feb. 16, 2025**

Contact Information

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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. Feb. 22 4:00pm	Ellen Murphy	Janice Campbell
Sun. Feb. 23 10:00am	Louise MacInnis	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Feb. 17 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Feb. 18 6:00pm	(R) Ditta MacDonald by Sadie Murphy	
Wed. Feb. 19 6:00pm	Protection of the unborn by Joanne Lamb	
Thur. Feb. 20 6:00pm	(R) Scott Cameron by Helena MacLeod	
Fri. Feb. 21 6:00pm	(R) Fr. Vincent by Mary Buchanan & family	

**\*\*The 2024 Charitable Donation Receipts are at the back of the church\*\***

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope* a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth." (Pope Francis, from the Prayer for the Jubilee)

**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** in the Church. Two children are baptized during the Holy Mass.

**KOC:** Regular monthly meeting will be held **today (Sunday, February 16, 2024) at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with **Rosary at 7:00 pm**.

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

**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

**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.

**Ash Wednesday:** We begin the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 5, 2025. Different from previous years this year **Ash Wednesday service followed by Holy Mass will be celebrated twice** on the day-one in the **morning at 8.00am** and one in the **evening at 7.00pm**. **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.

**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.

**Sessions on Vatican Council II:** The study sessions on the documents of Vatican II by Fr. **Bill Burke** continue on **Sundays in February at St. Marguerite Bourgeois Parish from 2:00-4:00pm**. All are welcome. The sessions will be live streamed.

### From the Pastor's Desk

**"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven"** (Luke 6: 23) Dr. Harold Treffert a mental health practitioner wrote in an article entitled "The American Fairy Tale," about five dangerous ideas we have about the meaning of happiness. First, happiness is things. The more you accumulate and have, the happier you will be. Second, happiness is what you do. The more you produce and earn, the happier you will be. Third, happiness is being the same as others. The more you are fashionable and conform with the times, the happier you will be. Fourth, happiness is mental health. The fewer problems you have and the more carefree you are, the happier you will be. Fifth, happiness is communicating with electronic gadgets. The more you can communicate with a television set, a satellite, a phone, or a computer, the happier you will be. According to Dr. Treffert, these five myths about happiness are the cause of many mental health problems today. If happiness cannot be found through these five myths, where do we find it or where does lie true happiness?

Jesus gives us the answer when He outlines the beatitudes in this Sunday's reading from St. Luke's Gospel. True happiness, or beatitude, lies in the awareness of who we are and of what we are supposed to do. They remind us that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father, and that we will be happy in this world and in Heaven, only if we live in union with God as His children and treat everyone else in this world as children of God and share what we have with them especially who are in need. The beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus Christ contradict the ideas of the world about real happiness. According to the world wealth, health, power, and influence are the true beatitudes. But the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution proclaimed by Jesus contradict our natural expectations in every way. **Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted, and denounced**, because in poverty, we recognize God's reign; in hunger, His providence; in sorrow, true happiness; and in persecution, true joy. Experiencing these miseries opens the way for us to receive the true riches, food, comfort, and acceptance we can find only in His love and His presence here, and in His Kingdom forever. The Beatitudes teach us how we should live, and what we should do. **"There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways."** These are the opening lines of the *"Didache"* a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The Way of Life is the way of Jesus, the way of the Beatitudes, the way of loving service to God and our brothers and sisters that leads to eternal life. The other way is the way of death. It is the way of self-centeredness, self-worship, immorality, self-indulgence, and immediate self-gratification. It leads to death and hell. Which way are we going? The challenge of the beatitudes is: "Are you going to be happy in the world's way or in Christ's way?" If we choose the world's way, we are seeking our blessings in the wrong place. If we chose the way of Christ, we will be on the right Way leading to true Joy and to Life.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje March 13th to 26th, 2025:** Join Fr. Andrew Gillies and group leader Rhonda-Lynn Clarke on a 12-night spiritual journey to Medjugorje. Pilgrimage package includes departure from and return to Halifax International Airport, ground travel to and from airports in Europe and accommodations with breakfast and dinner each day. \$3485.55. Call Rhonda-Lynn for more information at 902-448-3660.

**Dying with Christ-Living with Hope** is a three-video series seeking to demystify the dying process, making way for a new approach to end of life questions. The discussion, led by theologians and healthcare professionals, will give timeless perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, and our duty to care. Offered by the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada via Zoom on **February 20, 27 and March 6, 2025, at 1.p.m (Atlantic). For details and to register: [www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope/](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/providing-hope/)**

**Pastoral Airs Celtic Concert:** Stella Maris Church, Creignish hosts a Celtic Concert on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7 p.m.** The performers include Sabra MacGillivray, Betty Beaton, Wendy MacIsaac, Mac Morin, Troy MacGillivray, Lauren MacKinnon, Cassie & Maggie MacDonald, the Celtic Touch Dancers, and Andrea Beaton. Donations at the door. All proceeds go towards Stella Maris Church, Creignish.

**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.**

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

**"Remember your church in your Will"**