

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Feb. 1 4:00pm	Jack Redden	Darlene Watts
Sun. Feb. 2 10:00am	John Gillies	Linda Beaton
Weekday Masses (in the Chapel)		
Mon. Jan. 27 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Jan. 28 6:00pm (R)	Bernard Chisholm by Mary Buchanan	
Wed. Jan. 29 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Sunny	
Thur. Jan. 30 6:00pm (R)	Jessie Timmons by Judy Leadbetter	
Fri. Jan. 31 6:00pm (R)	Callas & Catherine Avery by Anita Dwyer	
Sat. Feb. 1 11:00am	In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Jan. 26, 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:

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

Celebrating Fr. Eugene's 90th Birthday: All are invited to join Fr. **Eugene Morris** at the Parish Hall on **Saturday February 1, after the 4PM Mass** as we, the Parish community celebrates his **90th birthday**. There will be music, food and lots of good cheer. Hope to see you there!

CWL: There will be a CWL meeting on **Monday, January 27, at 1:00pm** downstairs at the Parish Hall. Members are invited to attend.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: On Sunday **February 2**, 40 days after Christmas, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple, also known as the Purification of our Lady, and Candlemass. Candles are traditionally blessed on this feast day. Candles will be blessed **at the beginning of the Holy Mass on Saturday February 1, and Sunday February 2**. Those who wish, can bring candles to be blessed.

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**.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**, at 10.00am followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am in the chapel.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor". (Luke.4: 18a) On Monday January 20, 2025, we watched the

new U S president making his inaugural speech outlining the policies of his administration for the next four years. It is a customary practice in several countries that the presidents or prime ministers making such inaugural addresses declaring their policies for their governments. On this third Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Gospel passage we hear Jesus Christ making His inaugural speech in the Synagogue of His hometown at the beginning of His public ministry. Quoting from Isaiah's Messianic prophecy and by saying **"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing"** (Luke. 4: 21), He declares that Isaiah's prophecy is being fulfilled at that very moment in Him, because the prophecy foretells and describes His own mission and ministry. The passage from Isiah describes the Messiah or the Anointed one and Jesus identifies himself as that figure and declares that the mission and ministry prophesied are His mission and His ministry. In other words, Jesus declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him, and this Scripture about the Messiah, and the Jubilee, that they had just heard, was fulfilled.

Jesus claims that He was sent to the Israel (1) to bring glad tidings to the poor; (2) to proclaim liberty to captives; (3) to give recovery of sight to the blind; (4) to free the oppressed, and (5) to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. By this Jesus sums up both the Source of his power and authority and the nature of his freeing and saving ministry. Firstly, Jesus claims the power of God's Spirit as the source of his work. Secondly, Jesus makes this proclamation in the context of Judaism-in the synagogue. Thirdly, Jesus identifies his work, the work of the Messiah, with that of the Suffering Servant of Yahweh (Isaiah 42:1-4), who brings Good News to the poor, proclaims release to the oppressed and recovery of sight to the blind. Fourthly, this agenda begun in Nazareth is to extend to all places where the Word of God will be heard and understood. Jesus' mission is to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his "Good News," accept it and put it into practice. As the members of the Mystical Body of Christ, today we are challenged to submit ourselves to the freeing and saving of Mission of Christ, accept Him as our Liberator who only can free us from the bondages that we are in. We are invited to receive Christ's freedom, live it out, and pass it on to others. Also, like Jesus, we must allow the power of the Holy Spirit to fill us and then the Holy Spirit will lead and guide us to lead a life according to the will of God. Let us allow ourselves to become Spirit-filled instruments of Christ's saving freedom.

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)**.

Sessions on Vatican Council II: From January to May, **Fr. Bill Burke** will be presenting a series of eight sessions on the documents of Vatican II. The second session will take place on **Sunday, January 26 at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish from 2:00-4:00pm**. All are welcome. The sessions will be live streamed. Future dates will be announced by the end of January.

The Municipality of Inverness County-Age Well: Join us for our **Age Well Sessions** that include presentations on informative topics that are of interest for older adults. All sessions include a light lunch. Featuring: Presentations from Caregivers Nova Scotia & Alzheimer's Nova Scotia. **Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 10:00am to 12:00pm at St. Stephen's Hall, Port Hood**. For more information call Maggie MacDonald, Accessibility & Senior Safety Coordinator, @ **902-258-7960**.

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**.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Chapel
(9.00AM to 3.00pm)**

"Remember your church in your Will"