

"My Lord My God"



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
April 12, 2026**

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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: 5:15pm to
5:45pm & Saturday: 2.30pm to
3.30pm

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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. Apr. 18 4:00pm	Jack Redden	Donnie McIlhone
Sun. Apr. 19 10:00am	Angela Avery	Judy Leadbetter
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Apr. 13 6.00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. Apr. 14 6:00pm (R)	Bernice Gillies by family	
Wed. Apr. 15 6.00pm (R)	Duncan MacEachern by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald	
Thu. Apr. 16 6.00pm (R)	Alex R. MacDonald by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald	
Fri. Apr. 17 6.00pm (R)	Vincent van Zutphen by Carmen/Joe van Zutphen	

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12): Today the Second Sunday of Easter we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday 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. Confession will be available from 1.00pm.

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a Pastoral Council meeting **Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00pm** in the glebe.

CWL: The St. Peter's Parish CWL will be sponsoring a biweekly 50/50 lottery beginning on April 20, 2026. Amount raised will be used to purchase votive candles for the church. As an organization we have been supplying the candles for some time, at an average cost of \$1700-\$1800 dollars a year. All income from lighting a votive goes directly back to the parish. We do not receive any type of compensation. We kindly ask your support for this fundraising venture. The cost is \$5.00. You can e-transfer the amount to my email (**debtherookie@gmail.com**). The draw will take place biweekly at the Parish Hall and will be broadcast live on Facebook. For further information please contact Deb @902-623-2578. Lottery license will be displayed on site.

CWL-Information Session: St. Peter's Parish CWL will be hosting an afternoon information session on the topics of **Phone, Fraud and Estate Planning** for all members of the Community on **Wednesday, April 22 at 1pm**. This month's Guest Speaker will be retired lawyer, **Louise Campbell**, formally of Port Hood. Light Refreshments will be served. Any seniors who require a ride, please contact Deb MacDonald at **902-623-2578**.

KOC Monthly Meeting: Members are reminded of the meeting on **Sunday, April 19, at 7:30 pm** in the Parish hall. Rosary at 7:00 pm.

Applications to the Bishop Power Foundation: Diocesan, parish, and other non-profit groups are welcome to apply for funding where their programs will either a) empower the poor, b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church, or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Individual students may apply for financial support for Catholic Studies programs at the university level. **May 8, 2026, is the deadline to submit applications.**

Thank You: Thanks to all those who helped with the Liturgical services for the Easter Triduum-those involved in all the ministries-the readers, the Eucharistic Ministers, the music, the altar servers, the ushers, the greeters, the decorators, the twelve volunteers for the washing of the feet, those who represented the parish for the Chrism Mass, who presented the Holy Oils, those who participated in the processions and everyone else who participated in the services-those who donated towards the flowers and those groups who led the Stations of the Cross during Lent and on the Good Friday. A special thanks to the Liturgy Committee who coordinated all the celebrations.

Manager for Mabou Shrine: The Mother of Sorrows Shrine in Mabou is seeking an honest, reliable individual for the position of Seasonal Manager **starting from May 3, 2026, to mid-October**. The individual must be computer literate with strong communication and organizational skills. **Responsibilities include** overseeing the day-to-day operations of the shrine and gift shop, hiring and working with an assistant manager and ability to work with an active Board of Directors. Salary and further details will be discussed in person. Anyone interested, contact the Chair of the Board, Bunny Campbell at [**robertgcampbell2015@hotmail.com**](mailto:robertgcampbell2015@hotmail.com)

Message from the Pastor's Desk

"My Lord and my God...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (John. 20: 28-29). The faith proclamation by St. Thomas, 'My Lord and my God' in this Sunday's Gospel passage is a unique profession of faith and the greatest confession of belief in the Lord Who rose from the dead. The passage portrays St. Thomas' journey of faith as a testament to the transformative power of encountering Christ. His initial reluctance to accept the testimony of his fellow disciples reflects a very human response to extraordinary claims. He insists on tangible proof, famously stating that he will not believe unless he sees and touches Jesus' wounds. In many ways, Thomas represents each of us in moments of uncertainty, when faith feels weak and questions outweigh answers. His desire for evidence does not disqualify him from being a disciple; instead, it opens the door for a deeper revelation. Jesus responds by inviting Thomas to see, touch, and ultimately believe. This encounter culminates in Thomas's faith proclamation, a decisive moment that leads to belief. His words, "**My Lord and my God**," are not only a recognition of the Risen Christ but also an intimate expression of personal faith. This confession echoes through the centuries, reminding us that faith is not blind acceptance but can emerge from honest questioning and seeking. Thomas's journey demonstrates that search for personal encounter can be a catalyst for deeper understanding and a more meaningful relationship with God.

This faith proclamation by St. Thomas which is deeply personal and powerful stands as one of the earliest and most explicit affirmations of Jesus' divinity in the New Testament. Our Faith is based on the Divinity of Jesus as demonstrated in His miracles, especially in the supreme miracle of His Resurrection from the dead. It brings together the person of Jesus, the revealed Name of the Saviour, and Yahweh, the revealed Name for God. It was the confession of faith that, in Jesus, he has encountered the presence of God at work. It reflects the faith of the early Christian Church that Jesus was equal to, and one with the Eternal God, the Creator of the universe and of all the humankind. Jesus' response "**Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed**" is an invitation from the Risen Christ to the future generations, who can no longer see Jesus with their eyes, to believe in Him and experience him in the ways shown to us by the early Church (Acts. 2:42-47). The ways to experience the Risen Lord today are by listening to the Word of God (**Apostolic Teaching**), by being part of the Church community, sharing of our time, talents, and treasures with our brothers and sisters (**Fellowship**), by being in the continual contact with God (**Prayer**) and above all by celebrating and encountering the Risen Lord in the Holy Eucharist (**Breaking of the Bread**) which is the "**Source and summit of Christian existence**". All these four ways are unified in the Holy Eucharist. So, when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we experience the Risen Christ in the same way the early Christians experienced Him. As St. Thomas encountered and experienced the Risen Lord, let us also encounter and experience the Risen Lord in the Holy Eucharist, which will deepen our faith and strengthen us to proclaim Jesus Christ as 'My Lord and My God'.

Steubenville Conference: Steubenville is a youth conference happening this summer. It is a joyful encounter with Jesus with other teens from all over. Steubenville Atlantic is happening **in Halifax July 10-12**. It is the biggest Steubenville conference since 2009, and we have a group attending from the Diocese of Antigonish. Limited spaces available. If interested, you can see link below. [**www.steubenville.ca**](http://www.steubenville.ca)

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Brunch at the Judique Community Center on April 12th and April 26th from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

"Remember your church in your Will"