

Easter Triduum



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood March 29, 2026

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Baptisms

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Please call Parish Office at least six
months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday: 5:15pm to
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Send notices no later than 12 noon
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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
Thurs. April 2 Holy Thursday 7:00pm	Louise MacInnis	Janice Campbell
Fri. April 3 Good Friday 3:00pm	John Gillies W,I,N Mary J MacDonald 2, S	Darlene Watts
Sat. Apr. 4 Easter Vigil 8:00pm	Melanie MacDonald W,2 Gerard MacPhee Epistle,3 Gabiella Watts Int, 5 Malia Watts (I)	Linda Beaton
Sun. Apr. 5 10:00am Easter Sunday	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Mar. 30	No Mass (<i>Chrism Mass in St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish</i>)	
Tues. Mar. 31	6:00pm Special Intention by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen	
Wed. Apr. 1	6:00pm (R) Freeman Buchanan by Mary Buchanan	
Thu. Apr. 2	7:00pm Holy Thursday	
Fri. Apr. 3	10:00am Stations of the Cross (Inside church) 3.00pm Good Friday Service	
Sat. Apr. 4	8.00pm Easter Vigil	

Holy Week Liturgy (The Easter Triduum)

Holy Thursday (March 2) 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

Washing of the Feet in the Family: Families, if possible, may do the washing of the feet of the family members on Holy Thursday as a mark of the family-bond and of the readiness to be servants to one another in the family.

Good Friday (April 3): The Stations of the Cross will be at 10:00 am in 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. **Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be at 3:00pm.** Good Friday is a Universal Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday. 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 **during the Good Friday celebration.**

The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter): The Easter Vigil Mass celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord is at 8:00 pm on Saturday April 4th. The Mass of Easter Sunday is at 10:00 on April 5th.

The monthly meeting of the CWL will be held on **Sunday, March 29**, at the Parish Hall, immediately following the Sunday Mass. All members are warmly welcomed to attend. Please remind members you see and if possible, offer to drive anyone who may require transportation to the meeting. **CWL dues** will be submitted to the National Council this month. If you have not paid you 2026 dues, please get in touch with Deb MacDonald as soon as possible.

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12): 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)

Marriage Preparation Course: A marriage preparation course is being offered at St. Joseph's Parish, 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney on **Sunday, April 19th from 10 am to 4 pm**. It is a requirement for any couples seeking to be married in the Catholic Church and all couples in the diocese are welcome to this free course. Marriage preparation starts with **Mass at 10.00 am** with a special homily on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, followed by a social in the hall. Then sessions on: Hopes/dreams, communication spirituality, conflict, family, intimacy, NFP and finances. Includes a free lunch & certificate and ends at 4.00pm. Couples must register by **Wednesday April 15th at 902-794-3951** or by email: stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca

From the Pastor's Desk

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Mathew 21:8). Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) marks the beginning of the Holy Week-the most important time in the Liturgical Year and in the life of every Christian. Palm Sunday holds a profound significance in our life as Christians as it commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, an event with which we begin our journey into the Easter Triduum. This is the time when we are invited to relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying to sin and selfishness and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the suffering, dying, and rising of Jesus. These liturgies enable us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then.

The Gospel passage from St. Matthew invites us into an account that moves swiftly from celebration to suffering. Jesus enters Jerusalem not on a warhorse but on a humble donkey, fulfilling the ancient prophecy: **"Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey..."** The crowds respond with enthusiasm-laying cloaks on the road, waving branches, and shouting "Hosanna!" Their cry is both praise and plea: "Save us!" They welcome a Messiah, though many misunderstand the kind of salvation He brings. The Gospel account reminds us that Jesus enters the city fully aware of what awaits Him. The same voices that cheer Him today will fall silent-or turn against Him-by week's end. Yet He does not resist the path before Him. His kingship is revealed not through domination but through self-giving love. The Passion narrative that follows shows a Christ who remains steadfast even as betrayal, abandonment, and violence close in around Him. He refuses retaliation, choosing instead the way of mercy. In His suffering, we see not a defeated man but the obedient Son who trusts the Father to the end.

Palm Sunday challenges us to examine our own discipleship. Are we followers of convenience, cheering when faith feels triumphant but hesitant when it demands sacrifice? Or are we willing to walk with Christ into the difficult places-into humility, forgiveness, and costly love? The Passion is not simply a story to remember; it is a pattern for Christian life. Jesus reveals that true power is found in surrender to God's will, and true victory comes through the cross. As we enter Holy Week, we are invited to stay close to Jesus: to watch with Him in the garden, to stand with Him in His suffering, and to recognize in His death the depth of God's love for us and for the world. The journey that begins with palms leads to the empty tomb, but we cannot avoid the Cross that is on the way. We are called to walk the whole road with Him. In doing so, we discover that the One who enters Jerusalem in humility is the same One who reigns in glory, offering salvation not through force but through love that endures to the end. Let us actively participate in the Holy Week liturgy which will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus and help us in our journey with Christ towards the Glory of the Resurrection.

"Remember your church in your Will"