



Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. Dec. 9 4:00pm	Gerard MacPhee	Sandy MacKinnon	Kate Calder
Sun. Dec. 10 10:00 am	Malia Watts	Anne MacDougall	Laina Shanks & Samuel Watts
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Dec. 4. 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris			
Tues. Dec. 5. 6:00pm Souls in Purgatory by Anita Dwyer			
Wed. Dec. 6. 6:00pm (R) Angus MacDonald by Keith & Lorelei MacDonald			
Thur. Dec. 7. 6:00pm Special Intention by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen			
Fri. Dec. 8. 6:00pm Souls of the Dead			

St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Dec. 3, 2023

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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

Message from the Pastor

"Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come". (Mark.13: 33) This weekend, we begin the season of Advent. Advent is the season when we all are invited to a journey away from all that would distract us from the advent of our Messiah...Jesus Christ, to that place of peace and solitude wherein we can rediscover God's presence without obstruction and hear God's voice without distraction. Through fasting and prayer and by attending carefully to the special scriptural gifts of this season, we will become renewed and fit to welcome Jesus Christ. Advent is also a season when we are called to "devout and joyful expectation" of the first coming of Christ at Christmas and of the second coming at the end of time. Both of these elements are echoed throughout the whole season. The two themes run in a complex harmony. In this first week, it is the **Second Coming** that provides the dominant thrust. The central theme is Jesus' warning to us to be alert, watchful and prepared because Christ's Second Coming, coinciding with the end of the world, can occur at any time. People, in general, have an unreasonable fear about the end of the world. In the past several years had been foretold as the end of the world to happen. Many books have been written and movies have been produced foretelling the end of the world. Excessive fear of the tribulations accompanying the end of the world led the followers of religious cults like led by Jim Jones (in 1978), and followers of Heaven's Gate (in 1997), to commit mass suicide. But Jesus gives us the assurance that we need not be afraid of the end of the world, Christ's Second Coming, and the Last Judgment, if we remain alert and prepared. The Church invites us on this first Sunday of Advent to prepare for Christ's Second Coming; by properly celebrating during this Christmas season the fond memory of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago; by experiencing Christ's daily advent or coming in every Eucharistic celebration, in the Holy Bible, and in the worshipping community; and by preparing daily for Jesus' Second Coming which, for us, will happen at the unknown moment of our death or the equally unknown moment when the world will end. So let us live in the living presence of Jesus every day waiting for his Second Coming. Like the early Christians who experienced the living presence and coming of Jesus with absolute certainty, let us wait for Jesus' Second Coming with absolute certainty praying "**Maranatha**" which means "**Come, O Lord**". May God bless us and keep us ever prepared for **Christ's Second Coming**.

Feast of the Immaculate of Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: On Friday **December 8th** the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated. Let us seek the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary by saying Rosary and attending the Holy Eucharist on this day.

Advent Notices:

- ❖ **Decorating the church: after Holy Mass on Sunday, December 10.** (Donations for Christmas flowers will be appreciated (put in envelope marked "Flowers" with your name on the envelope)

- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation: December 17 at 2:00pm.**

Mass Schedule for Christmas & New Year

- ❖ **Christmas Eve**
 - **Cantata** : 3.30pm
 - **Christmas Family Mass** : 4.00pm
 - **Christmas Evening Mass** : **9.00pm**
 - ❖ **Christmas Day Mass** : 10:00am
 - ❖ **New Year's Day Mass** : 10.00am
- (Please Note: There is a special **Christmas evening Mass at 9.00pm** on Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve).

The new Missalettes: Missalettes for the **Liturgical Year B** will be sold on the weekend of December 2/3 at the back of the church. Price \$5.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, 6th of December** from **4:45pm** to **5:45 pm** in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**.

KOC: Regular monthly meeting will be held **Sunday, December 17th, 2023, at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with Rosary at 7:00 pm.

KOC: Please support the annual Christmas tree and Wreath sale commencing this weekend at the Port Hood Co-Op. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support many projects in our community.

Plaques: In the past we offered families the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on a plaque in the back of the church. We plan to continue this practice. We will print and mount plaques on a bi-yearly basis. If you would like to have the name of someone engraved on such a plaque, you may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at marybuchanan1@gmail.com. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

Thank You: On behalf of the Hospital Auxiliary, I extend a huge thank you for all your generous donations and to the canvassers who helped make it possible. A total of \$2,600.00 was collected for the "Parcel Post" fundraiser. *Sincerely, Alice Landry*

Western Cape Breton Cursillo Movement Ultreya: December 6th, Wednesday 2023. Mass- 6:30 Old Renewal Centre Chapel (Gaelic College Mabou) Ultreya to follow at 7:15 in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou.

Inverness County Singers present: "Love and Joy" under the direction of Laurel Browne and accompanied by Lawrence Cameron. **Sunday, December 3** at 11:30 and 1:30, Mabou Holiday Market, Dalbrae Academy, Mabou. **Saturday, December 9** at 7:30, Inverness County Centre for the Arts, Inverness. **Monday, December 11** at 7:30, St Mary's Church, Mabou. Free will offering will go to local charities after payment of expenses.

Pastoral Airs St. Joseph's Church Glencoe Mills: December 10th at 7:00pm. There will be fiddlers, dancers, singers & and piper. Lunch will be served. Donations gracefully accepted at the door.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

EVERYDAY

From

9.00AM TO 3.00PM

"Remember your church in your Will."