



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
June 4, 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 & on Saturday from  
2:00pm 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. June 10 4:00pm	Ellen Murphy	Marlene MacMillan
Sun. June 11, 10 am (Grad Mass)	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. June 5 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. June 6 6:00pm (R)	Teresa van Zutphen by Branka Gillis	
Wed. June 7 6:00pm (R)	Donnie MacDonald by Charlie/MaryClaire MacDonald	
Thur. June 8 6:00pm (R)	Al Beaton by June/Leonard MacDonald	
Fri. June 9 6:00pm (R)	Joe Dunc MacDonald by Joe/Mary Morris	

**Message from the Pastor:** "The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness..." (Exodus. 34:6). There is a very old and much-repeated story about St. Augustine. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. "What are you doing, my child?" asked Augustine. "I am emptying the sea into this hole," the boy answered with an innocent smile. "But that is impossible, my dear child," said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine, and replied, "What you are trying to do—grasp the immensity of God with your small head—is even more impossible." Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: "You see the Trinity, if you see love." According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the believing heart than with our mind or intellect.

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Holy Trinity is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are Three Divine Persons, sharing the same Divine Nature in one God. "There is one God, who has three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is still only one God" (CCC #234, #253-256). We have the Father Who is the Creator, the Son Who is the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit Who is the Sanctifier, the Counselor. The Holy Trinity has a unique place in our life as Christians. 1) All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. 2) All Sacraments are administered in the name of the Holy Trinity. 3) When Church bells ring thrice, they remind us to give glory to the Holy Trinity for the Incarnation of Jesus and His Redemption of all of us. 4) We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity. As people of the Triune God let us respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide; let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength, and that He is our final destination; let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity in the family relationships of father, mother, and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family; and lastly let us practice the **I-God-my neighbour** vertical and horizontal Trinitarian relationships in this life by loving God.

**House Blessing:** Those who would like to have their houses blessed and consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus may write down their names and other details on the **sign-up sheet** on the table at the back of the church.

**Reconciliation:** Beginning from the month of June the **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays** will be from **2.00 pm to 3.30 pm**.

**Holy Hour:** Holy Hour in honour of St. Joseph on **June 7<sup>th</sup>** (First Wednesday), from 4.45 to 5.45 in the chapel, followed by Holy Mass at 6.00 pm in the Church.

**Graduation Mass:** The parish is honouring the **Graduates of 2023** at the **10.00 am Holy Mass on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June**. Please contact Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040** if you wish to participate.

**Child Sponsorship Weekend in our parish on June 10-11:** **CHALICE** is coming to St. Peter Parish. At the **June 10-11 Masses**, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.

**Priests' Retreat:** Prayers are requested for the priests of our Diocese who are making their annual retreat from **4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of June** (Sunday to Friday). Fr. Sunny will be away this week to attend the retreat.

**The 'Worldpriest' Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests**, organized and coordinated by 'Worldpriest' will be held on June 16, 2023, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Participation is easy: Please join Canada and unite with the rest of the world by praying the Holy Rosary on this day in thanksgiving and for the Sanctification of our beloved priests. You may pray as a family, individual or prayer group. For more information, please contact Isabel Gillis (902-870-3831) or [www.worldpriest.com](http://www.worldpriest.com)

**CWL:** The St. Peter's CWL are accepting applications for our 2023 Bursary. Students who are heading to the post-secondary education in the Fall and who have been or are involved in Parish activities may apply. Please forward your application to Ann MacDonald at [little.ann7740@gmail.com](mailto:little.ann7740@gmail.com). Deadline to apply is **June 7**. The graduation mass will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 10:00 am.

**Church Cleaning:** We are hoping to have the church cleaned before the summer begins. If you are called to help, we hope we can count on your cooperation. If you do not get a call and wish to help, please call Linda Beaton 902-787-3040.

**Cemetery and Hall Workday: Saturday, June 10th, at 9.00am** has been rescheduled for the annual clean-up of St. Peter's Cemetery and Church Hall. (In the event of inclement weather, **June 17th at 9 am**). Please bring your shovels, rakes, and any other equipment necessary to spruce up both the Cemetery and the Hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

**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 may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at [maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com](mailto:maryfbuchanan1@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. Your support for our local hospital helps provide the care we are so blessed to have available. A total of \$1701.00 was collected for the parcel post fundraiser this year.  
*Sincerely, Alice Landry*

**Welcome!!!**

**St. Peter's Parish extends a warm and cordial welcome to all the visitors to Port Hood!!!**

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