



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 22, 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*

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Oct. 28 4:00pm	Gerard MacPhee	Janice Campbell
Sun. Oct. 29 10:00 am	Malia Watts	Anne MacDougall
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 23 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Oct. 24 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Sunny	
Wed. Oct. 25 6:00pm (R)	Mary Tracey by Sadie MacDonald	
Thur. Oct. 26 6:00pm	For the children of Joanne MacDonald & Wayne Lamb	
Fri. Oct. 27 6:00pm (R)	Debbie MacIsaac by Bruce MacLellan	

Message from the Pastor

When King Henry VIII of England declared himself as the head of the Church in England breaking away from the Catholic Church, **St. Thomas More** who was councillor to the King and Lord High Chancellor of England could not approve it. While his friends and officials signed a document approving the King's action and declared loyalty to him, Thomas More refused to do it. Even though King Henry demanded that he sign or face arrest, trial for treason, and execution by the state, More refused: he knew he had two obligations, one to God and one to his country. When they conflicted, More knew he had no choice but to remain faithful to his obligation to God. On his way to public execution in 1535, More encouraged the people to remain steadfast in the Faith. His last recorded words were: **"I die the King's good servant, but God's first."** His final words state his love and loyalty to Henry, but his loyalty to Catholic Church came first. In other words, his first allegiance was to God, not to the king. He was convinced that the king's break with the Catholic Church was a form of heresy. Following his conscience, he stood by his convictions even in the face of imminent martyrdom. We Christians have dual citizenship: We are citizens of our country and citizens of Heaven. We have an allegiance and an obligation to each. We hope the obligations will never clash. But if they ever do, we must resolve them as Thomas More did, without compromise to our God or to our conscience. Jesus, by stating, **"Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."** reminds us that we should fulfill our obligations to the state; but we should be much more concerned and careful about our service to God and our obligations to Him as our Creator and Lord.

World Mission Sunday: The World Mission Sunday is observed on **October 22, 2023**. Let us join the missionary work of the Church by encouraging missionary spirit in us and in others, by promoting missionary vocations and by collaborating spiritually and materially with the missionary needs of the Church.

KOC: Regular monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday October 22, at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Rosary at 7.00pm.**

Upcoming dates for Sacraments in our Parish.

Confirmation: November 12 at the 10:00am Holy Mass officiated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. **First Confession:** April 13 at 9:00am. **First Communion:** May 12 at the 10:00am Mass. To register for **First Communion** contact Sarah Watts at sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com.

Message from Diocesan Liturgy Commission

The Triduum liturgy is the culmination of the entire year, and it makes sense that the community's Sunday experience influences their anticipation of Triduum. If our assemblies are not engaged by music, preaching, hospitality, or other sacramental encounters at the Sunday liturgy, they are not likely to seek out more of the same.

It is common to think of our Sunday liturgies as "Little Easters," particularly because we celebrate the Risen Christ in every liturgy. Perhaps we also could consider Easter Sunday, and thus Triduum, as "One Great Big Sunday" that is integrally connected to all other Sundays of the year. This larger framework can inform how we plan, prepare, celebrate the Triduum, and balance the dialogue between Easter Sunday and all of the Sundays of the liturgical year.

With this in mind parishes and individuals are invited to join a Livestream talk Three Days but One Feast-Celebrating the Triduum in the Parish offered by Fr. Bill Burke, Pastor of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. This talk will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 7:00pm, at St. Joseph Church, Port Hawkesbury, NS. This presentation will be available to watch live on our Diocesan Website (www.antigonishdiocese.com). Pastors, parish pastoral councils, liturgy committee members and all interested parishioners are invited to login for this event.

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.

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 maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

Chalice: On September 16 & 17 St. Peter's Parish held a Chalice sponsorship weekend. Nine young children were available to be sponsored and all nine were sponsored by our parishioners. Chalice is very thankful for the generosity of these sponsors. The lives of these children and their families will be much improved. Some other parishioners expressed an interest at that time in sponsoring a child. Chalice has sent information on an additional seven children who are available for sponsorship. If you are interested or want more information please contact John Gillies (902-787-3441) or Betty Jane Cameron (902-945-2603).

Stella Maris Parish Bazaar: On Saturday, October 28th, from 1-3 pm at Inverness Firehall. Tables: Bake Table, Fudge, Crafts, Stitch-In-Time, Pumpkin Surprises, Preserves/Plants/Books, Pictures/Frames, Parcel Post. Kids' Fun: Face Painting, Kiddie Bingo, Pumpkin Painting. Raffles: Handmake Quilt, Baby Quilt, Halloween Cake, 50/50 Draw. Tea/coffee served. Entertainment 2-3 pm by Stephen Poirier. No cover charge.

Mass for Shut Ins has begun its 61st season. As of October 15, Mass for Shut Ins will air Sunday mornings on the CTV channel. We encourage all parishes and individuals to join us for the taping of the Masses every Saturday morning at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish in Sydney, at 10:00am. Contact coordinator, Nick Vince, at nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca for scheduling details or for donations.

"Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide in Mabou (Gaelic immersion School) is entering its 3rd year! To celebrate and support operations, we're hosting a BIG contest: 25 Draws - EACH for \$1,200. Tickets are \$400 & valid for EVERY draw. Only 150 tickets sold; maybe you'll win more than once! Split with some friends or coworkers! Draw will be held bi-weekly starting November 3rd. All proceeds go to Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide, Canada's first Gaelic immersion elementary school.

*Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide is 100% community funded. Your support keeps tuition affordable & provides rural jobs for folks who have dedicated their lives to revitalizing our language & traditions. Our warmest gratitude to all! Suas leis a' Ghàidhlig! ♥Get Your Ticket: www.trellis.org/mabougaelicschool2023.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL
EVERYDAY
From
9.00AM TO 3.00PM**

"Remember your church in your Will."