



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Sept. 24, 2023**

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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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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:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213
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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. Sept. 30 4:00pm	Gerard MacPhee	Marlene MacMillan
Sun. Oct. 1 10:00 am	John Gillies	Catherine Trenholm
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Sept. 25	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Sept. 26	6:00pm (R) Jean MacDonald by Family	
Wed. Sept. 27	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Sunny	
Thur. Sept. 28	6:00pm (R) Darlene Ernst by Joanne Burke	
Fri. Sept. 29	6:00pm (R) Mike & Peggy Ally by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen	

Message from the Pastor

“So, the last will be first and the first will be last” (Mathew. 20: 16).

Bishop Fulton Sheen once said, “How God will judge my life I know not, but I trust he will see me with mercy and compassion. I am only certain there will be three surprises in Heaven. First of all, I will see some people whom I never expected to see. Second, there will be a number whom I expect who will not be there. And—even relying on God’s mercy—the biggest surprise of all may be that I will be there.” These words from Bishop Fulton Sheen are very meaningful when we reflect on the **‘Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard’**.

On the surface, the parable appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair and unjust. This is because we read into the parable, our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified. But a close reading of the parable shows us that the landowner has acted completely justly. The landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just and radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour...i.e., the latter received abundantly. God, like this landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. We receive from God abundantly, more than what we deserve. Although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways. Let us be thankful to the abundant blessings that we have received from God...also be not jealous for the blessings He has showered upon others, about whom, we may think as unworthy for those blessings. Our God is a generous, loving, and merciful God for all peoples, for all ages. His love is for everybody. We shall not look at ourselves as better and holier than the others. The holier we are, the more humble, loving, merciful we should become. These are, after all, the qualities of 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.

Altar Servers: Children having received the First Holy Communion are invited to be Altar Servers. Parents and grandparents are requested to encourage children. We also look for individuals who are willing to be **part of the different ministries in the Church**. Those interested, please call Linda Beaton @ 902-787-3040.

Solem Celebration of Rosary: As **October** is specially dedicated as the Month of Rosary, the **Solemn celebration of the Rosary with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held from **October 2 to 11; On Weekends, 20 minutes before the Mass and on Weekdays, after the 6.00pm Mass.**

“To pray the Rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother.” (St. John Paul II) Sometimes we cannot have creative, spontaneous prayers to God. We feel emotionally and even spiritually exhausted. The Rosary can be a familiar companion when we are at a loss for words. We find the tone of each prayer to soothe and comfort us when we are alone, frustrated, lost, and confused. Even the act of grasping our Rosary beads eases the burdens we carry. Let us make the Rosary a frequent form of devotion to our Blessed Mother and Jesus. Let us pray the Rosary individually and collectively. **“How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening!”** (St. John Paul II)

Welcome to KOC: **Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic men’s organization based on the values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Our many activities and fundraisers are in support of the needs of the Port Hood community and St. Peter’s Church. Men of all ages are welcome to join our council. For more information, please contact any Knight.

KOC: Port Hood KOC council is hosting a **"March For Life" on Sunday, October 1st, 2023, @2:00 p.m. to be held at the Day Park, Boardwalk Beach, Port Hood.** All are welcome to attend; so please come and join us in prayer for life.

Congratulations: Congratulations and welcome to **Evelyn Rose Jardine**, D/o Maria and Evan Jardine who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, **September 17, 2023**, and was received into the Holy Roman Catholic Church and into our Parish Community. Thank you, Maria & Evan!!!

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.

Companions on A Journey into Advent: 39th Cape Breton Ecumenical Conference for women is held on November 3, 4, & 5, 2023 at Inverary Inn, Baddeck. This conference organised by Christian women and friends invites women to a weekend of personal enrichment and support to celebrate God’s presence in our midst and deepen our faith. For more information, call Betty Anne Christoff @902-849-2611.

‘Friends of Children’ looks for your support to help children in the schools in Mabou and Port Hood, whose families find it hard to meet the needs. We have already received requests for clothing, school supplies and cafeteria cards. Every year it is more difficult for some parents to manage these expenses. In the last year we worked with a social worker assigned to the High School. This makes it easier for us to reach the children who need help the most. For any help you can give, we are most grateful. All the money received goes to the children. E-transfers can be made at jackanne@ns.sympatico.ca. Thank you once again for your support. (Anne MacDonald-Friends of Children)

Looking for a Volunteer: I am looking for a volunteer to collect for charities at wakes at the Resting Place for a couple of months. I have to go out West. This is an important fund raiser for the Resting Place and for other charities as well. Contact Eloise 992-787-3395.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a Brunch at the **Judique Community Center** on **Sunday, September 24th.** from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$ 12.00, Children \$6.00.

Port Hawkesbury Ceilidhs: Tuesdays @ from 7.30 to 9.00pm at Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, 606 Reeves Street. Admission: \$15.00. For under 16 free. Season Pass \$150. **Sept 26: Melody Cameron, Derrick Cameron, Dara MacDonald, Adam Young and Rita Rankin**

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

“Remember your church in your Will.”