



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Aug. 27, 2023**

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Parish Office Hours
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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. Sept. 2 4:00pm	Jack Redden	Marcella Watts
Sun. Sept. 3 10:00 am	Louise MacInnis	Linda Beaton
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Aug. 28	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Aug. 29	6:00pm (R)Edward Beaton by Mary Buchanan	
Wed. Aug. 30	6:00pm (R) Lydia Behrens by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen	
Thur. Aug. 31	6:00pm Protection of the unborn by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen	
Fri. Sept. 1	6:00pm In reparation for the sins of Canada	
Sat. Sept. 2	11:00am In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	

Message from the Pastor

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Mathew 16:16) Charles Lamb and Mary Lamb are British writers, who jointly authored in 1807 the English children’s book **Tales from Shakespeare** intended "for the use of young persons". Charles Lamb has also published several critical papers on Shakespear. One night, when Lamb was sitting with his guests, someone asked Lamb, “Suppose, Shakespeare were to stroll into our dining room at this moment.” He replied, “We would raise a glass of port to the great man.” Another one said, “Suppose, Jesus were to come here.” Lamb answered, “We would all get down on our knees.” There is the essential difference between the Man from Nazareth and all other great people you can think of. “The Christ is God, and all others, no matter what their deeds, are who walk on the stage for a brief time and then exit.” (Fr. Gilhooly) Through the Declaration of Peter in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus is asserted as the Christ the Son of the Living God, the Lord, and the Saviour.

In Caesarea Philippi the disciples were faced with two questions. The first one was “Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?” As this question was about the public opinion about Jesus, it was easy to answer. The disciples gave different answers like John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah etc. The Second question, “But who do you say that I am?” was of personal nature; they had to answer from their personal experience with Jesus. The answer from Peter “You are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God.” was the faith declaration on behalf of all the disciples. Today, like the answers for the first question, we may have many answers about who Jesus is. But what is important is to have the answer for the very personal question Jesus Christ asks us; “Who Am I for you?”. We may have extensive intellectual knowledge about Jesus. But It is not enough to answer this question. We have to find an answer from our personal encounter with Jesus. He should become a living, personal experience for each of us. Let our reading of the Holy Bible, participation in the Holy Eucharist, receiving of other Sacraments and our prayers lead us to this personal encounter with Jesus.

Back to School with Jesus: As the children are getting ready to go back to school this Fall, we are planning to have the **Holy Mass for all the students of our community, at 6.00pm on Monday, September 4, 2023.** It is a great opportunity for our children to begin the new academic year with **Jesus our Lord and Saviour, who is the Greatest Teacher.** Request all the parents and grandparents to encourage children to attend this Holy Mass. All the children will be given some gift. Juice and cookies will be served after the Holy Mass.

Thank you: St Peter's Parish Community wishes to thank **Mary Flora MacEwen** for her many years as **Altar server**, and wish her all the blessings of God, as she continues her education in Ontario.

Altar Servers: Children having received the First Holy Communion are invited to be Altar Servers. Parents and grandparents are requested to encourage children. Those interested, please call Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040**

Religion Class Registration: The 2023/2024 **Faith Formation Classes** for Grades 1-6 will start on 11th September, 2023. Please e-mail sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com to register your child.

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.

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine Mabou: Save the date and plan to attend our Annual Celebration at the Shrine. On Sunday, September 10th a Continuous Rosary will start at 1:00 pm at the Shrine and will continue until 3:30, just in time for Feast Day Mass at St. Mary's Church. Following Mass there will be refreshments at the Mabou Hall Compliments of our CWL. If you have any questions, please call 902-945-2221. In the meantime, the Shrine is always open for visitation year-round and the gift shop is open daily from 10 am until 4 pm.

Holy Hour on First Friday: Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 1st of September** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** in the Church.

Holy Hour on First Saturday: Holy Hour in honour of **Bl. V. Mary** on **Saturday, 2nd of September at 10.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am**. Complementary Brunch at the Marian Centre after the Holy Mass.

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

The ninth and final ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh Series will be on Thursday, August 31st at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be by Taya MacDonald, Mary Janet MacDonald, and Mitchell MacDonald. Admission is \$5. Tea will be served.

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. **Aug. 29 Dawn & Margie Beaton, Donna DeWolfe, Myles Davidson**

Thank You

Thanks to all the visitors to Port Hood this summer and wish you safe return home!!!

"Remember your church in your Will."