



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
May 28, 2023**

Contact Information

Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Pastor
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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 & on Saturday from
10:00am to 11:30am

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 3 4:00pm	Gerard MacPhee	Donna MacDonald
Sun. June 4 10:00am	Louise MacInnis	Anne MacDougall

Mon. May 29 6 pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris
Tues. May 30, 6 pm	(R) Mary MacLean by Rebecca MacDonald
Wed. May 31, 6 pm	(R) Joe Dunc MacDonald by Joe/Mary Morris
Thur. June 1, 6 pm	(R) Helen Gillis by Anita Dwyer
Fri. June 2, 6 pm	In reparation for sins of Canada
Sat. June 3, 11 am	In Honour of the Immaculate Heart of Bl. V. Mary

Message from the Pastor:

"Lord Send forth Your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth" (Ps. 104). More than a century ago, a great sailing ship was stranded off the coast of South America. For some weeks, the ship lay there in the still waters with not a hint of a breeze. The captain and the crew were desperate and were dying of thirst. And then, a steamship appeared, headed directly toward them. As it drew near, the captain called out, "We need water! Give us water!" The steamship replied, "Lower your buckets where you are." The captain was furious at this arrogant response, but called out again, "Please, give us water." But the steamer gave the same reply and sailed away! The captain with anger and despair went below. But a little later, when no one was looking, one of the crew lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly fresh water! Actually, the ship was just out of sight of the mouth of river Amazon. But they did not know that all those weeks they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed!

This happens to us also today. What we are really seeking is already inside us, waiting to be discovered, waiting to be embraced: The Holy Spirit of God, living within us from the moment of our Baptism. The Holy Spirit is saying to us at this very moment from deep in our heart, "Lower your buckets where you are. Taste and see!" We have to be aware of the presence and the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives to experience the Joy of living in the Spirit. We should be aware of the great works, the Holy Spirit does in our lives. **1) As an indwelling God**, the Holy Spirit makes us His 'Living Temples'. **2) As a strengthening God**, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ in this world. **3) As a sanctifying God**, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: (a) He makes us children of God and heirs of heaven through **Baptism**. (b) He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith, through **Confirmation**. (c) He enables us to be reconciled to God by pardoning our sins through **Reconciliation**. (d) He gives us spiritual nourishment via the **Holy Eucharist**, by converting bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood. (e) He gives spiritual and physical healing to those who are sick by the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**. (f) He gives the married couple the grace and strength needed in their family life, through the **Sacrament of Matrimony**. (g) He transforms a person and makes him the priest of the Lord Jesus Christ through the **Sacrament of the Holy Orders**. **4) As a teaching and guiding God**, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings. **5) As a listening and talking God**, He listens to our prayers and enables us to pray, and He speaks to us. **6) As a giver of gifts**, He enriches us with His gifts, fruits, and charisms. As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, let us pray with Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, **"Come Holy Spirit; Make our ears to hear; Make our eyes to see; Make our mouths to speak; Make our hearts to seek; Make our hands to reach out; And touch the world with your love. AMEN."**

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.

Funeral Liturgy: Please remember to contact the **Parish office (902-787-3317)** while you make plans for funerals in 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**.

Liturgy Notices:

- **Rosary Procession:** Wednesday, **May 31st** is the **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. After the regular weekday Mass at 6pm, there will be a rosary procession outside, weather permitting.
- **2023 Graduates:** The parish would like to have a Holy Mass for the graduates on Sunday 11th June at 10 am Mass. Please contact Linda Beaton @ 902-787-3040 if you wish to participate.
- **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**.

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 for more information about CHALICE and its mission.

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. Deadline to apply is June 7. The graduation mass will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 10:00 am.

KOC: Many thanks to all who supported our roast beef dinner last Saturday. A special thanks to the sweet ladies who prepared the sweet dessert (desert). The profit will be used to support our many charities.

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 3rd, at 9.00am** has been scheduled for the annual clean-up of St. Peter's Cemetery and Church Hall. (In the event of inclement weather, **June 10th 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!!!!**

Holy Hour: First Friday Holy Hour in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus from **4.45pm to 5.45pm** (In chapel) followed by Holy Mass at **6.00 pm on Friday 2nd, June. First Saturday** Holy Hour in honour of Bl. V. Mary from **10.00 am to 11.00 am** followed by Holy Mass at **11.00 am**. Complementary Brunch at the Marian Centre follows.

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

The Chestico Museum & Historical Society in partnership with Dr. Karly Kehoe, Canada Research Chair in Atlantic Canada Communities at Saint Mary's University, present two guest lecturers from Historic Environment Scotland on Friday, June 2nd at 7 PM at the museum. Eve Boyle, Senior Heritage Engagement Officer, Historic Environment Scotland will speak on "Rural Settlement in Highland Scotland in the 18th and 19th Centuries: Improvement and Clearance". Andrew Nicoll, Deputy Head of Archives, Historic Environment Scotland will speak on "Online Archive Sources for Exploring Scottish History". Tea will be served. Admission is free; donations gratefully accepted.

Welcome!!!

St. Peter's Parish would like to extend a warm and cordial welcome to all the visitors to Port Hood!!!

"Remember your church in your Will."

