



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 29, 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. Nov. 4 4:00pm	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Sun. Nov. 5 10:00 am	Angela Avery	Sandy MacKinnon
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 30 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Oct. 31 6:00pm	Deceased members of CWL by CWL	
Wed. Nov. 1 6:00pm (R)	Edward Beaton by John & Teresa van Zutphen	
Thur. Nov. 2 6:30pm	All Souls' Day-Souls in Purgatory by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald	
Fri. Nov. 3 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada	
Sat. Nov. 4 11:00am	In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	

Message from the Pastor

"My little children, love one another." There is a legend handed down from the early Church about John the Evangelist, the beloved disciple of Jesus. Of the Twelve Apostles, only John lived to a ripe old age. In his later years, not only his body but also his eyesight and his mind began to fail him. Eventually, according to the legend, John's mind had deteriorated to the point that he could only speak six words, one sentence, which he would repeat over and over. You can imagine the high regard in which the early Church must have held the last surviving Apostle of Jesus. The legend says that every Lord's Day (Sunday), John would be carried into the midst of the congregation that had assembled for worship in the Church at Ephesus where John spent the last years of his life. Total silence would fall over the congregation, even though they already knew what John was going to say. Then he would speak the words, **"My little children, love one another."** Over and over, he would repeat them until he grew tired from talking, and no one yawned, or looked at his watch, or gazed off into space absentmindedly. They listened as John preached his six-word sermon over and over: "My little children, love one another." The only commandment Jesus Christ has given us is the **Commandment of LOVE...the greatest commandment...Love of God and Love of neighbor.** Jesus combined the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one's neighbor and gives the result as the one Commandment of supreme importance in Christian life. Jesus underlines the principle that we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves because, as God's children, both of us bear God's image, and to honor God's image is to honor Him. Love for our neighbor should not be a matter of feelings, but of deeds by which we share with others the unmerited love that God lavishes on us. Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, as our response to His Love for us means that we should place God's Will ahead of ours, seek the Lord's Will in all things, and make it supreme in our lives. It is God's Will that we should love everyone, seeing Him in our neighbor. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, let us give expression to our love of God by loving our neighbor as Jesus loves him/her, by helping, supporting, encouraging, forgiving, and praying for everyone without any discrimination.

All Saints' Day: The Solemnity of All Saints Day is being celebrated on **Wednesday November 1st**. It is a day to honor all the saints, known and unknown, who led holy and virtuous life on earth and have attained heaven. This feast reminds us of our call to holiness. **"For this is the will of God, your sanctification"**. (1 Thessalonians. 4:3) The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The Church is the communion of saints". (Ch.3, Art. 9, para.5: 946) **The Holy Mass at 6.00pm.**

All Souls' Day: The All-Souls' Day is being observed on **Thursday November 2nd**. It is the day to commemorate and pray for the souls departed to be purified of their sins and temporal punishments. The day reminds us of our responsibility to help those who have died to enter heaven by our prayers, alms, deeds, and especially by the sacrificial offering of **the Holy Mass**. This day reminds us also of our own death and the need to be prepared for that. **The Holy Mass on November 2nd will be at 6.30pm. Candles will be lit for those who passed away or were buried since November 2022. Offering Mass intentions** for our departed dear ones and near ones and also for those who have nobody to pray for, is encouraged. **Visit to the Cemetery** and praying at the graves of our family members, friends (and of those who have nobody to visit and pray) is a good practice on **All Souls' Day** and in the entire month of November, specially dedicated to praying for the faithful departed.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish will be on **Sunday, November 12, 2023, at the 10.00AM Holy Mass** officiated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. A pancake breakfast will follow in the parish hall.
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.

The Cemetery Committee wish to acknowledge and thank Angus and Edgar for their work in maintaining our old and new parish cemeteries in excellent shape again this year. We also thank the many parishioners who have made generous contributions towards the upkeep of the cemeteries. We thank especially those who have designated the parish cemetery as a place for donations in memory of a deceased family member. All Souls Day on November 2nd is a day set aside by the Church to remember all the faithful departed and is a good day to visit and say prayers at the graves of loved family members and friends in our cemeteries. As Christians we see the cemetery as the final resting place on earth. In committing the body or cremains to its resting place, the Christian community expresses the hope that, with all those who have gone before, marked with the sign of faith, the deceased awaits the glory of the Resurrection. The rite of committal to the earth is an expression of the communion that exists between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven. The deceased passes with the farewell prayers of the community of believers into the welcoming company of those who need faith no longer but see God face to face. The Catholic cemetery has been our heritage and the natural conclusion to our lives. It serves as a symbol of the extended community of believers unbroken by death. (*Hughie John Beaton, Bernie Gillies, John Gillies, Martha Gillis, Colleen MacLeod, and Fr. Eugene Morris*)

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, 1st of November** from **4:45pm to 5:45 pm** in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** in the Church. Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 3rd of November** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** in the Church. Holy Hour in honour of **Bl. V. Mary** on **Saturday, 4th of November** at **10.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am**. Complementary Brunch at the Marian Centre after the Holy Mass.

Livestream Talk on Liturgy: The 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. 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.

Western Cape Breton Cursillo Movement: ULTREYA on November 7th, 2023, Mass at 6:30pm in the Old Renewal Centre Chapel (Gaelic College Mabou) Ultreya to follow at 7:15pm in the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Mabou.

Christmas Craft Fair: The 25th Annual Christmas Craft Fair will take place at Port Hood Fire Hall on **Sunday November 12th from 10.00am to 2.00pm**. Admission: Adults-\$2.00; under 12-free. The proceeds to the Port Hood & District Volunteer Fire Department.

Poppy Campaign: If anyone wishes to purchase a wreath or Cross for Remembrance Day or would like to donate to the Community Wreath in memory of someone, please contact Doris Carver, 569 Marble Hill Road.
Phone: 902-787-3068 (Any day after 1.00pm until November 9th)

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.

"Remember your church in your Will."