



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
July 30, 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

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Bulletin

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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. Aug. 5 4:00pm	Leon Livingstone	Jon Kommes
Sun. Aug. 6 10:00 am	John Gillies	Janice Campbell
Weekday Masses		
Mon. July 31	6:30pm Cemetery Mass	
Tues. Aug. 1	9:30am (R)John MacDougall by Leanne O'Toole	
Wed. Aug. 2	9:30am (R)Callis & Catherine Avery by family	
Thur. Aug. 3	9:30am (R)Bernice Gillies by family	
Fri. Aug. 4	9:30am In reparation for the sins of Canada	
Sat. Aug. 5	10:00am In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	

**Weekday Mass:** Due to Chestico days the **Weekday Holy Mass from Tuesday to Friday (August 1-4) will be at 9.30am. Rosary at 9.00am.**

**Cemetery Mass:** Holy Mass will be celebrated in the old cemetery on **Monday, July 31, 2023, at 6:30pm** (weather permitting). Some chairs will be set up, but those who wish may bring their own.

**Feast of St. John Maria Vianney:** On Friday August 4th, 2023 the Feast of St. John Maria Vianney, the patron saint of the priests, especially the Diocesan priests is being celebrated. Let us remember with thanks all the priests who have been part of our life and pray for them. Request your prayers for Fr. Eugene Morris and Fr. Sunny.

**Ordination of a Deacon, August 15, 2023**

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, we are delighted to announce the Ordination of **David Rankin** to transitional Diaconate on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary's Church, Mabou at 2:00pm.

**Holy Hour:** Holy Hour in honour of St. Joseph on **Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of August at 4.45** in the Chapel.

**Holy Hour on First Friday:** Holy Hour in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of August at 4:45 pm in the Chapel.

**Holy Hour in honour of Bl. V. Mary** will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 10.00am.**

**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](mailto:maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com). The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

**The fifth ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh Series** will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be by Dara MacDonald, Ceila Cameron, and Hughie John Beaton. Admission is \$5. Tea will be served.

**Twilight Tales Walking Tours** are every Mondays and Wednesdays from July 17<sup>th</sup> through August 16<sup>th</sup>. Chestico Museum guides in historic costume will bring the past alive as they highlight the people, events and sights of Port Hood's past. Hear tales of the sea, phantom ships, amazing rescues and ghostly encounters. For those who have taken the tour in the past, there will be a selection of new stories. The Monday tours will depart from in front of St. Stephen's Jubilee United Church at 8 PM. This tour will include St. Peter's Parish cemeteries. The Wednesday tours will meet at the Union Protestant Cemetery at 7 PM. Please wear comfortable shoes – there will be some walking on uneven ground. The cost for the Twilight Tales walking tour is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children under 12.

**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 1: Wendy Maclsaac, Mairi Rankin, Mac Morin & Sara MacInnis**

### **Message from the Pastor**

**“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (Mathew.13:44)** The Yates Oil Field is a giant oil field in the Permian Basin of west Texas, bordering Pecos River. The field has produced more than one billion barrels of oil, making it one of the largest in the United States. Estimated recoverable reserves are still approximately one billion barrels, which represents approximately 50% of the original oil in place. This field was a sheep ranch owned by Mr. Ira and Mrs. Ann Yates. Ira was not able to make enough money on his ranching operation to pay the mortgage and taxes. With little money for clothes or food, his family, like many others, had to live on a government subsidy. Day after day, as he grazed his sheep over those rolling west Texas hills, he was no doubt greatly troubled about how he would be able to pay his bills. Ira heard about oil excavation in Texas and on a hunch, he invited Michael Late Benedum's Transcontinental Oil Company to explore his land for oil. In 1926, a partnership consisting of Mid Kansas Oil Company and Transcontinental Oil, drilled an exploratory well. At a little more than a thousand feet, they struck a huge oil reserve, giving eighty thousand barrels a day. It was a big discovery that changed the fortunes of Ira and Ann Yates. Even though, the day he had purchased the land he received the oil and mineral rights, he was living a life in poverty because he did not know that there was a treasure hidden underneath his property. He owned it, but he did not possess it.

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a treasure hidden in a field and to fine pearls found by a merchant. Kingdom of God is the rule of God in us, established by accepting Jesus as our God and Savior, putting our Faith in God, and doing His will. It is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or costly pearl. Possessing that treasure demands from us a total commitment if we are to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop searching minds and are willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom, will be rewarded. Jesus teaches us that identifying God's will and living according to the Gospel are the most precious and worthwhile things in life. It is those who discovered Jesus and his vision of life and were ready to give up everything else for His sake, found salvation and joy in their life. Having a personal relationship with Christ, that is, making Christ's view of life one's own, is the most beautiful, the most precious thing in the world. The apostles and the saints are men and women who sought and found this Treasure. But what happens in our life today is that we are chasing false treasures like money, social status, and pleasures in this world. While running after the worldly pleasures, success, and riches, we fail to find the real treasure...the Kingdom of God which is within us. So, we end up in distress, we become dissatisfied and never find the joy and salvation of the Kingdom promised by Jesus. Let us always remember that our life is destined for the Kingdom of God and let us live accordingly.

### **Welcome!**

**St. Peter's Parish extends a warm and cordial welcome to all visitors to Port Hood!!!**

**“Remember your church in your Will.”**