



St. Peter’s Parish  
Port Hood  
Sept. 1, 2024

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Baptisms  
By appointment, please call.  
Parish Office

Marriages  
Please call Parish Office at least  
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Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm  
to 5:45pm & Saturday from  
2.30pm to 3.30pm

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Send notices no later than 12  
noon on Wednesdays.

Please note that bulletin notices  
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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. 7, 4:00 pm	Malia Watts	Catherine Trenholm
Sun. Sept. 8, 10:00 am	Isabel Calder	Darlene Watts
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Sept. 2 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Sept. 3 6:00pm	(R)Joe MacDonald by Rebecca MacDonald	
Wed. Sept. 4 6:00pm	(R)Edward Beaton by Pauline Furlong	
Thur. Sept. 5 6:00pm	Protection of unborn by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen	
Fri. Sept. 6 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada	
Sat. Sept. 7 11:00am	In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	

### From the Pastor’s Desk

**“This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.”** (Mark 7: 6-7)

There was a monastery where lived a monk with his disciples. Once a cat lost its way and came into the monastery. The monk and disciples took care of it. So, it became accustomed to the place and, therefore, never left. Whenever the monk and his disciples would do their meditation and prayer, the cat would come and sit either in the monk’s lap or climb on to his head or shoulder, causing distraction and disturbance in their meditation. So, the monk ordered that the cat be tied to a pole during their prayer. Over time, it became a routine that the cat was tied up before they began their meditation. Years later, when the monk died, tying up the cat continued during their meditation sessions. In time, the practice became a ritual and, when the cat eventually died, another cat was brought to the monastery to be tied up before their meditation. Over decades, it had become a tradition that the monk would begin meditations only after the cat had been tied to the tree. Many monks came and left the monastery, but the tradition continued. Every time the cat died, a new one was brought to continue the tradition though it had no significance to their meditation or prayer life. Centuries later, learned descendants of the monks wrote scholarly treatises about the religious significance of tying up a cat for meditation practice. (*The Song of the Bird* by Anthony DeMello) This story of the ritual cat points to the fact that how some religious practices started to meet some needs of the time become rituals and integral part of the religious and spiritual life even though it is irrelevant and insignificant in the present time.

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time Jesus Christ speaks of how the oral traditions, interpretations and practices became more significant than the actual Law itself. He criticizes the religious leaders of His time for giving more emphasis to the external observances of the traditions and rituals and not on building a relationship with God and their fellow-human beings. Originally these religious traditions were intended to symbolize inner realities - outward signs of inward devotion to God’s Will. Jesus was not criticizing rituals given in the Mosaic Law, but the giving of disproportionate importance to these things, while neglecting what was far more important, the love of God and the care for one’s fellow-human beings. Jesus insisted that impurity came from violations of the moral law rather than violations of minute rituals. Jesus teaches that righteousness is not what we do on the outside, but who we are on the inside. Righteousness is not about the hand; it is about the heart. What makes a person holy are the attitudes and actions that St. Paul lists (Gal 5:22-23) as “the fruits” of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Theatre Play:** A short theatre play, **“Wisdom, Courage, Victory**, will be performed by the children attending the Summer Camp on Monday, **September 2, 2024, at 7.00pm** in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

**Registration:** Parents planning to register their children for religious education for the year 2024/2025 and for the First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for the year 2025, may contact **Sheila MacIsaac** at **902-631-2512**.

**CWL:** There will be a CWL meeting for all members on Wednesday, September 4th at 1:00 pm upstairs in the Parish Hall.

**Parish Mission:** Please mark your calendar for the **Parish Mission** in our church from **2024 October 27-30 (Sunday to Wednesday)** preached by **Rev. Fr. Bill Burke** Pastor of St. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. On Sunday October 27 talk will be from **7.00pm to 8.00pm**. Monday to Wednesday: **6.00pm Holy Mass; 6.30pm Talk**. On Monday and Tuesday Fr. Bill will be available for confession/drop in chat from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

**Holy Hour:** Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of September** from **4:45pm to 5:45 pm** in the church followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**. Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of September** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** in the church followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**. Holy Hour in honour of **Bl. V. Mary** on **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> of September** at **10.00am** followed by Holy Mass at **11.00am**. Complementary Brunch at the Marian Centre after the Holy Mass.

**Solemn 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 for 10 days in **October**. On **Weekends, 20 minutes before the Mass and on Weekdays, after the 6.00pm Mass**. Dates to be announced later.

**The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine** in Mabou, Cape Breton Island invites you to attend our Annual Feast Day/Pioneer Remembrance Celebration. Date: **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. The Continuous Rosary starts at 1:00 pm at the Shrine until 3:30. Mass will be offered at 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church by Father Andrew Gillies. Lunch to follow the Mass in the Parish Hall. Compliments of St. Mary's CWL. Everyone Welcome. Many prayers will be said. For Inquiries-**902-945-2221**

**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 Judique Knights of Columbus** are having a Brunch on **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** at the **Judique Community Center** from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults, \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHURCH (9.00AM TO 3.00PM)**

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

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