

Parish News

Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. May 11, 4:00 pm	Ellen Murphy	Catherine Trenholm
Sun. May 12, 10:00 am	Louise MacInnis	Darlene Watts
Weekday Masses (In the Chapel)		
Mon. May 6 6:00pm	Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. May 7 6:00pm	Special Intention by Gillies family	
Wed. May 8 6:00pm (R)	Robert Watts by Sara Robinson	
Thur. May 9 6:00pm (R)	Hugh Watts by Sara Robinson	
Fri. May 10 6:00pm (R)	Glen Campbell by Sara Robinson	



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood May 5, 2024

Contact Information

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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:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213

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Bulletin

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Send notices no later than 12
noon on Wednesdays.

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may be edited for
brevity or clarity.

Thank you,

Tudi MacEachern

From the Pastor's Desk

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." (John. 15: 9)

On a busy morning, about 8:30, a gentleman in his 80's arrived in a hospital to have stitches removed from his thumb. He said he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 am. The medico took his vital signs and had him take a seat. Knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him, and since he, himself, was not busy, the medico took time to evaluate the man's wound. The wound was well healed, so he talked to one of the doctors, got the needed supplies to remove his stitches and redress his wound. While taking care of his wound, the medico asked his patient if he had another doctor's appointment as he was in such a hurry. The gentleman said that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife. In answer to the medico's question about her health, the old man responded that she had been there for a while and that she was a person with Alzheimer's disease. When the medico asked if she would be upset if he was a bit late, he replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now. The medico was surprised, and asked him why, if his wife didn't know who he was, he went every morning faithfully for the breakfast. The old man smiled and said, **"She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."** The medico with tears in the eyes said to himself, "That is the kind of love I want in my life." True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, and will not be. In the Gospel for the sixth Sunday of Easter, Jesus commands us to practice this type of sacrificial and selfless love as He practiced it.

The greatest commandment that Jesus Christ gave to the world is the Commandment of Love. Jesus said to his disciples, **"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."** (John 15:12) Jesus teaches the disciples that they are to remain in a living bond with him as branches grow from and so are bound to a vine. They are to obey his commandment of love just as he has obeyed his Heavenly Father's Will, by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably One with His Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, even for people who don't deserve it. As disciples of Christ, we are asked to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus. We need to express this love in our relationships with others by loving them and offering them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy, and sacrifice. Again, we are reminded that, as His followers, we need to be people living for others. Jesus demonstrated the love God has for us, by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as His disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others. The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a brother, sister, or a friend, giving each the respect he or she deserves as a human being, God's creation. In moments of trial and stress, when people are hostile or ungrateful and we feel the pull of bitter resentment in our hearts, it is important for us to remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people He liked. Hence our love should reach out to all people including those who have hurt us.

First Holy Communion: The First Holy Communion of our children is scheduled for **Sunday 12th May** during **10.00am Holy Mass**.

KOC Bursary: Knights of Columbus are once again offering Bursaries to the 2024 graduates. Applicants must be the members of St. Peter's Parish and planning to attend a recognized Post-secondary education program in the Fall of 2024. Any person applying must complete an application form, which can be found in the back of the church and be returned to our council on or before **June 2nd, 2024**.

The Chisholm Bursary Committee are now accepting application for bursaries for the 2024-2025 year. St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's Parish members who are attending post secondary education next year are welcome to apply. Please email **chisholmbursary@gmail.com** for an application.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 18, at 10:30am** for the souls of the faithful who have departed over the winter months, and whose remains and cremains have not yet been buried in the parish cemetery. The coffins and urns will be interred on **May 16 and May 17**. Following the Mass on Saturday, priests will bless each grave and say memorial prayers. For next of kin who wish to contact the cemetery committee to arrange for burials, please call **Hughie John Beaton (902-787-2322)** or **John Gillies (902-787-3441)**. If this date does not suit the family and you wish to arrange another burial date, please contact the parish office (**902-787-3317**). (*Cemetery Committee: Hughie John Beaton, Bernie Gillies, John Gillies, Martha Gillis, Colleen MacLeod & Fr. Sunny*)

Live Presentation: You are invited to experience the retelling of Eastertide (from Holy Thursday to Pentecost) in a new and personal way. Using the Artwork of da Vinci, Caravaggio and others, Music from Bach's St. Matthew's Passion, and Narration written by Dr. Glenn Byer, you will experience the journey of the Easter Season. The coordinated performance will also include a Choir and soloist, Brass Quartet, and organ. Presentation Dates: **Thursday May 16th - 7:00 pm-Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount, and Sunday May 19th -2:00 pm -Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney.**

CWL: Dues for 2024 is now due. The amount due is \$34.50. It may be sent to Anne MacDougall (902-227-5268), 431 Shore Road, Judique, NS B0E 1P0 or you may put it in the church collection in an envelope clearly marked with **member's name** and **"CWL Dues"**.

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-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 Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a Walk-in-Clinic at the Dr. John Waters Community Health Centre (Port Hood Medical Centre) **Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to 6pm** with Elaine Nicholson, NP.

The Chestico Museum & Historical Society will hold a plant sale fundraiser in the museum yard on Saturday, May 11th between 11 AM and 2 PM. There will be an assortment of shrubs, perennials, herbs, and flowers. Plant donations are welcome! If you have plants to donate, please contact John Gillies (902-787-3441) or Colleen MacLeod (902-227-5425).

The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine Mabou: The Mother or Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou is a place of prayer and devotion, of piety and faith, a Catholic Shrine which welcomes visitors of all faiths and interests. To maintain the Shrine and the Gift shop and keep it going, support from generous and good-minded people are sought. As the Shrine is a registered charity, those who make donations will be issued tax receipts for income tax purposes. Become a "Friend of the Shrine", enrol a friend as gift or "In Memory" of a loved one and help to maintain the Shrine. **Weekly 'May devotions' on every Friday from 7.00 to 8.00pm.**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)

"Remember your church in your Will."