



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
Mar. 10, 2024**

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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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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	Altar Servers
Sat. Mar. 16 4:00pm	Gabriella Watts	Marcella Watts	
Sun. Mar. 17 10:00pm	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen	
<b>Weekday Masses</b>			
Mon. Mar. 11	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Mar. 12	6:00pm (R)Hugh Watts by Sara Robinson		
Wed. Mar. 13	6:00pm Special Intention by Annie & A.J. Beaton		
Thur. Mar. 14	6:00pm (R)Fr. Vincent van Zutphen by Joe/Mary Morris		
Fri. Mar. 15	6:00pm Stations of the Cross/ Mass (R)Mary MacDonald by Tina MacNeil		

\*\*\*Income Tax Receipts can be found at the back of the church\*\*\*

### From the Pastor's Desk

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3: 16) The famous Bible verses **John 3:16** and **John 3:17** took an extra special meaning for many Christians when they were displayed in an astronaut program on TV a few years ago. Space engineers were shown as designing space suits for the command module pilot and the lunar module pilot. A part of the design of each space suit was an umbilical cord, consisting of a long flexible tubing. Its purpose was to supply oxygen to the astronauts when they walked in space or passed from one module to another. The suit receptacle into which the command pilot's cord fit was called **J 3:16** and that of the lunar pilot was called **J. 3:17** and designer Frank Denton said that he named the two suit receptacles after the two gospel passages, John 3:16 and John 3:17. His reasoning for doing so went like this. Just as J 3:16 and J 3:17 supply the astronauts with what they need to survive in their journey from one module to another, so John 3:16 and John 3:17 supply us with what we need to survive in our journey from earth to heaven. That is why Bible scholars call Jn 3:16 the Gospel in the Gospels or the miniature Gospel, explaining why God sent His own Son into our world to die for us and save us, thus demonstrating God's unconditional love for us. **John 3:16 and 17** teach us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His Only Son for our salvation. By referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent (Nm 21:1-9), Jesus explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bonze serpent, He is going to save humankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for humankind is that great.

The season of Lent reminds us to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love. As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us and inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping others to carry their heavier crosses. We are called to reciprocate God's love by loving Him in others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent.

**Stations of the Cross:** On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, Stations of the Cross at **6.00 pm** followed by Holy Mass in the Church.

**Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday:** We are looking for 12 volunteers to be part of the Holy Thursday service of washing of the feet. Those willing to be one of the twelve, may call Linda Beaton @ 902-787-3040 or write down their names and contact details on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	<b>: Reconciliation at 2:00 pm.</b>
<b>Monday, March 25</b>	<b>: Mass of Chrism at St. Ninian's Cathedral</b>
<b>Holy Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>: Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration.</b>
<b>Good Friday, March 29</b>	<b>: Outside Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am.</b> <b>: Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm</b>
<b>Easter Vigil, March 30</b>	<b>: Easter Vigil service and Mass at 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday March 31</b>	<b>: Easter Day Mass at 10.00 am.</b>

**Lenten Reconciliation.** The annual Lenten Reconciliation is to take place @ **2.00 pm on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024** in the church. Several priests will be available.

**First Reconciliation & First Communion:** The First Reconciliation of our children is scheduled for **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am** and the First Communion is on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May during 10.00am Holy Mass.**

**Lenten Parish Mission at Port Hawkesbury:** All are invited to attend the Lenten Parish Mission led by **Rev. Fr. Bill Burke** (pastor of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, Sydney) being held in St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury (118 Granville Street) from **Sunday, March 17 to Wednesday March 20. Time: 7-8pm.** Monday–Wednesday 2-4pm Confessional/Drop in chat. On Wednesday, the final evening, Mass at 7pm, with the talk as part of the Mass.

**The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary:** On **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March** we celebrate the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, patron of the Universal Church and the principal Patron of Canada with **Holy Hour from 4.45 to 5.45 and Benediction** followed by **Holy Mass at 6.00 pm** in the Church. Let us come together to thank the Lord God, who has given us St. Joseph as the guardian of our families, protector of our children and the patron of our country and seek the intercession of the Saint for our daily life. A special welcome to all those who hold the name **Joseph**. The Novena to St. Joseph begins on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** Just a reminder that 33-day preparation for the Consecration begins on **March 6<sup>th</sup>**. The Annual Consecration will take place on **April 8**, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Preparation books for the 33 days are available; please contact Roberta MacEwan at 902-787-2103 or [robertamacewan@gmail.com](mailto:robertamacewan@gmail.com).

**CWL:** 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"**.

**Renovation of the Chapel:** The parish council has decided to renovate the chapel to increase its capacity and accommodate more people for weekday Mass. This will help us to save the cost of oil to heat the main church. Our Bishop has given approval to this decision. The cost for the renovation work will be donated by one of our parishioners.

**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.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL**

**FROM**

**9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY**

**"Remember your church in your Will."**