



St. Peter’s Parish  
Port Hood  
August 18, 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
Sat. Aug. 24, 4:00 pm	Ellen Murphy	Jon Kommes
Sun. Aug. 25, 10:00 am	Gabriella Watts	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Aug. 19 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene (Thanksgiving for Sr. Elizabeth Marie Cormier)	
Tues. Aug. 20 6:00pm	(R) Cassie MacDonell by Annie Mae MacDonald	
Wed. Aug. 21 6:00pm	(R) Judy and Anna Morris	
Thur. Aug. 22 6:00pm	Special Intention by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen	
Fri. Aug. 23 9:30AM	Joanne Schmidt by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen	

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.” (John 6: 53-55) In Jewish religion, when an animal was sacrificed on the temple altar, part of the meat was given to worshipers for a meal with family and friends at which God was honored as the unseen “Guest.” It was believed that God entered into the flesh of the sacrificed animal, so that when people rose from the meal, they believed they were literally “God-filled.” In Jewish thought, blood was considered the vessel in which life was contained: as blood drained away from a body so did its life. The Jews, therefore, considered blood sacred, as belonging to God alone. In animal sacrifices, blood was ritually drained from the carcass and solemnly “sprinkled” upon the altar and the worshipers by the priest as a sign of being touched directly by the “life” of God. With this understanding, St. John the Evangelist summarizes his theology of the Eucharist, the new Passover banquet. To feast on Jesus the “bread” is to “feast” on the very life of God: to consume the Eucharist is to be consumed by God. In inviting us “to eat of my flesh and drink of my blood,” Jesus invites us to embrace the Life of His Father: the Life that finds joy in humble servanthood to others; the Life that is centered in unconditional, total, sacrificial love; the life that seeks fulfillment not in the standards of this world but in the treasures of the next. “Eternal life” is complete and lasting happiness, satisfying our deepest longings and realizing all our dreams. We begin to experience this happiness in this world and enter it completely and forever in Heaven. This means that those who have Faith in Jesus have already stepped into Heaven in this life, sharing in God’s own Life, Eternal Life. Once we start eating and drinking Jesus’ Body and Blood, that is receiving the Holy Eucharist, we’re there. Our participation in the Eucharist also deepens and strengthens our relationship with Christ and with one another. Let us approach the Holy Eucharist with a longing for entering into a deep relationship or communion with Jesus Christ.

**KOC Meeting:** Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 18, 2024 @ 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. Rosary at 7:00 p.m.** The monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at this time.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Summer Camp:** The second session of the Summer Camp for children of ages 5-13, organized by the Religious Education Ministry of our Parish continues on **August 19 and 26.** For more information contact: **Sheila MacIsaac: 902-631-2512 or Maria Jardine: 902-483-5234.**

**New Coordinator:** **Sheila MacIsaac** will be serving as the Coordinator for Religious Education of the Parish. Parents planning to register their children for religious education for the year 2024/2025 may contact her at **902-631-2512.**

**Back to School with Jesus:** As the children are getting ready to go back to school this Fall, we are planning to have the **Holy Mass for all the students of our community**, to begin the new academic year with Jesus our Lord, who is the Greatest Teacher. Date will be announced later. Request all the parents to bring your children for the Holy Mass

**This year marks the 25th anniversary of Mother Elizabeth Marie Cormier** entering the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate. You're all welcome to join us **Monday, August 19th at 6 pm in St. Peter's Parish, with Father Eugene Morris** celebrating Mass for Mother Elizabeth's anniversary, followed by a light lunch at the parish hall from **7-9 pm**.

**The CMDA Nova Scotia Conscience Campaign:** The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA Canada) is a Christian organization that supports doctors and dentists in integrating their faith into their professional practice. The NS medical regulator has the most restrictive policy on conscience in North America. 41 courageous doctors have spoken out against this policy. To support this effort, we are collecting stories from people who have been offered MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) within the healthcare system, particularly those among the most vulnerable populations. Have you or someone you know had an experience in healthcare where MAiD was offered? Share your story with us! Reach out to record a video-story through this link **<https://e584193.capsule.video/record>** or if you prefer, to reach out directly, contact Brad MacKinnon **[bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org](mailto:bmackinnon@cmdacanada.org)** or by phone 902-406-2955 and toll free 1-888-256-8653. Your help in connecting us with such individuals is greatly appreciated!

**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 Chestico Museum** is offering a series of informative genealogy workshops: "Starting Genealogical Journey" on Tuesday, August 20, from 7- 9 pm. Brenda (Hawley) Harrison and local Port Hood residents, John and Cathy Gillies will be providing the workshops with techniques to help you. Pre-registration required: \$20.00. Limited spaces available. To reserve your spot, visit or contact the museum: 8095 Route 19, Port Hood/Harbourview; phone 902-787-2244. Open from 9-5 Monday to Friday. Website: **<http://chesticoplace.com/museum>**.

**The eighth ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh Series** will be Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be Dara Smith-MacDonald, Amanda MacDougall and Ryan Ehler. Admission is \$10. Tea will be served.

**Concert:** A Fundraiser Concert for Stella Maris Church, Creignish will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at Creignish Recreation Centre, 2123 Highway 19, from 7pm to 9pm. Performers to be announced at a later date! More. Details to follow! Admission: By Donation.

**Shrine in Mabou:** The gift shop at **Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou**, Cape Breton is now open seven days a week as follows: Monday to Saturday: 10am to 4pm; Sunday: 11am to 5pm. The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter. For inquiries 902-945-2221.

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

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