



St. Peter’s Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 20, 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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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

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Oct. 26, 4:00 pm	Leon Livingstone	Darlene Watts
Sun. Oct. 27, 10:00 am	Angela Avery	Janice Campbell
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 21 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Oct. 22 6:00pm	Children of Wayne & Joanne Lamb	
Wed. Oct. 23 6:00pm	(R) Catherine Avery by Brian/Loretta MacDonald	
Thur. Oct. 24 6:00pm	Family Intention by Brian/Loretta MacDonald	
Fri. Oct. 25 11:00am	Funeral Mass for Patricia (Patsy)Ann Williams	

From the Pastor’s Desk

“...whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10: 43-45) Rabindranath Tagore, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913, was the first one from India and from Asia to get the prestigious award. The following lines are from one of his short poems titled ‘Joy’. *“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted, and behold, service was joy.”* This poem invites us to explore the true nature of joy, service, and their interconnectedness. This poem represents Tagore's perception of the evolution of his own consciousness. Initially, he dreamt of a life filled with joy and personal fulfillment, reflecting the human tendency to seek happiness and delight in personal experiences. However, as he awakened to the reality of the world around him, he recognized that there was a higher purpose to life than mere personal gratification. He saw that true fulfillment lies in serving others, in dedicating oneself to something greater than oneself. It is through this act of selfless service, Tagore suggests, that one truly discovers joy.

Tagore’s view of finding joy in selfless service is actually founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ who said, *“the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many”* which we find in the Gospel passage for this Sunday. This passage teaches us that true happiness comes from surrendering ourselves completely in humble service to God through Christ and all we need is a servant’s heart, mind, eyes, and touch. The Gospel passage explains how Jesus accomplished the Messianic mission of saving humankind by becoming the “Suffering Servant”, the Messiah freely accepting and undergoing crucifixion, as a willing sacrifice to save all the people from their sins. Jesus explains to the apostles what the nature and the criterion of greatness among His disciples should be: self-sacrificing, humble, loving service. It is by this self-sacrificing, humble, loving service, that one will find true greatness in the eyes of God. Here, Jesus challenges the apostles to share not only the power, but the service, sacrificing themselves for others as Jesus will do. According to Jesus, greatness consists not in what we have, nor in what we can get from others but in what we give to others. The CEO in Jesus’ kingdom is the one who serves the needs of all the others, just as He is doing. The test of greatness in the reign of God is not how many people are in one’s service but how one may serve the many. Jesus thus overturns all our values, teaching us that true greatness consists in willing, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus identified authority with selfless service and loving sacrifice. For Jesus, true service means putting one’s gifts at the disposal of others. Service is sacrifice, and extending a helping hand to those in need translates love into meaningful deeds. Today we are challenged to give our lives in loving service to others to become authentic disciples of Jesus Christ by putting ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others, and seeking intentionally the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves. The best place to begin this process of “self-giving” service is in our own homes and in our workplaces. *“Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier.”* (Albert Schweitzer)

Father Bill Burke will be in our parish from **Oct. 27th to 30th** to lead us in our parish mission. If you are willing to have him for lunch or dinner on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, please contact **Linda Beaton** at **902-787-3040**.

CWL: The CWL will be hosting their annual Auction on Saturday **November 30th**; canvassing will be taking place door to door at the local businesses in our area in the coming days. Those businesses or individuals who would like to donate items to be auctioned off for our annual fundraiser would be greatly appreciated and

can contact Ann MacDonald (little Ann). More details to follow for this event.

Funeral Luncheon: After much discussion, our members came to the decision that when a lunch is prepared for a family after a funeral, we have no other choice but to ask for a minimum donation of \$250.00. With the increasing cost of food and other items that we use, and being a non-profit organization, we have to take this step in order to continue to provide this great service in the future to our families and communities.

Meeting: The monthly meeting for CWL members will take place on **Wednesday October 23rd**, at **1:00 pm** at the Parish Hall upstairs.

KOC: The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported our successful meal: the ladies who made the awesome pies and gravy, those who donated the turnip and potatoes, those who purchased meals and the workers who went the extra mile and THE GOOD LORD for guiding us through it all.

Meeting: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2024 @ 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. Rosary at 7:00 p.m.** The monthly meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of every month.

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF ROSARY: The Solemn celebration of the Rosary with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament continues...**Monday October 21 to Thursday October 24, after the 6.00pm Mass.** The solemn celebration of Rosary is an immediate preparation for the Parish Mission.

PARISH MISSION: All are invited to attend the Parish Mission that takes place 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.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY-2024: The World Mission Sunday this year is observed on **October 20, 2024**, with the theme '**Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet**' (**Mt. 22.9**). Let us join the missionary work of the Church by encouraging missionary spirit in us and in others, by promoting missionary vocations and by collaborating spiritually and materially with the missionary needs of the Church.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis: St. Ninian Cathedral will host the **relic of Bl. Carlo Acutis**, who is to be officially canonized as a saint in 2025 and best known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his dedication to using modern technology and the Internet to spread knowledge of the faith, on **Tuesday Oct. 22** for veneration. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **11.00am**, and **display of the relic from 2.00pm**. Talk and prayers by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo who is accompanying the relic from Italy. At **4:30pm** all are invited, with a special emphasis on youth and families, to gather in St. Ninian Place for a warm supper of chilli, while taking part in a special presentation by Catholic youth and a "Journeying with Christ" session. **Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will celebrate Holy Mass at 6:30pm**, including a special blessing with the Relic, followed by a concluding reception. If your parish would like to bring a group of youth or a large group of faithful, please contact St. Ninian Cathedral at admin@saintninian.ca or **902-863-2338** to help in planning for food preparation.

ALL-SOULS' DAY: As this year the All-Souls' Day falls on a Saturday, the day will be observed with a special **Holy Mass on November 2, at 10.00am. Candles will be lit for those who passed away or were buried since November 2023.** It will be greatly appreciated if the family members of the deceased can forward the pictures of the deceased to stpetersporthood@gmail.com.

Merchandise & Talent Auction: Join us on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at the Creignish Recreation Centre at 6:00pm (viewing) 7:15pm (auction) for a fun evening with friends and maybe a little Christmas shopping. All proceeds will go to the Stella Maris Parish Heating Fund. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling Karen Foye at 902-625-3665 or e-transfer to karenfoye@hotmail.com. Enter your name and auction tickets in your transfer details. Please make your security question answer...auction. This is a 19 and over event. Follow our Parish Facebook page for a sneak preview of some of the items that will be up for auction. Please visit www.facebook.com/StellaMarisCreignish.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a brunch on **Sunday, October 20th** at the Judique Community Centre from **10.30 am to 12.30pm**. Adults \$12.00; children \$6.00.

Hunters Breakfast: Glencoe Station Hall

Saturday's - October 26, Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30 7-11am, \$15 per person

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