



St. Peter’s Parish  
Port Hood  
August 25, 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

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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. 31, 4:00 pm	Gerard MacPhee	Donnie McIlhone
Sun. Sept. 1, 10:00 am	Angela Avery	Anne MacDougall
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Aug. 26 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Aug. 27 11:00am Funeral Mass for Sonnie MacInnis		
Wed. Aug. 28 9:30am (R) Dorothy MacDonald by Rebecca MacDonald		
Thur. Aug. 29 9:30am Sr. Elizabeth Cormier by Barbara MacLellan		
Fri. Aug. 30 9:30am (R) Anita Cameron by Donald A./Catherine MacEachern		

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” (John. 6:68-69) Once a group of Christians were gathered for a secret prayer meeting in Russia, at the height of the persecution of all Christian churches. Suddenly the door was open, and a soldier entered the room and faced the people with a gun in his hand. They all feared the worst. He spoke. “If there’s anyone who doesn’t really believe in Jesus, then, get out now while you have a chance.” There was a rush to the door. A small group remained-those who had committed themselves to Jesus, and who were prepared never to run from Him, who were ready to give themselves up for Him. The soldier closed the door after the others, and once again, he stood in front of those who remained in the room, gun poised. Finally, a smile appeared on his face, as he turned to leave the room, and he whispered, “Actually, I believe in Jesus, too, and you are much better off without those others!” (Ref. ‘And That’s the Gospel Truth: Reflections on the Sunday Gospels’ by Jack McArdle)

The theme of this Sunday’s readings is that Christian life is a series of daily choices for God or against God, as we choose to live out or reject the truths He has revealed through His prophets and especially through His Son Jesus Christ. The fundamental choice we make determines how we live our lives, deciding whom we will serve. Concluding His Eucharistic discourse, Jesus, in today’s Gospel, challenges those who were listening to Him including His apostles, to make their choice: to accept Him as the true Bread from Heaven Who gives them His Body and Blood as their Heavenly Food, or to join those who have lost their Faith in Jesus and left Him, expressing their confusion and doubts about His claims. Many of the disciples leave, but the apostles freely choose to stay with Jesus. We are called to make the decision and profess our Faith in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Eucharist. Let us make our choice for Christ and live it and that is what we mean by our “Amen” while receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Above all, let us identify with Jesus in the offering of His Flesh and the pouring out of his Blood on the cross by spending our lives for others. Following the example of the Apostles, let us stay with Jesus Christ, believing in everything He has taught us.

**Funeral Mass:** Funeral Mass for **Sonnie (Neil Roderick) MacInnis** is being celebrated on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 11.00** in St. Peter’s Church, Port Hood. Wake on **Monday August 26, 2024, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and 7.00pm to 9.00pm** at Port Hood Resting Place.

**Weekday Mass:** The Holy Mass on **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (August 28, 29 & 30)** will be at **9.30am**.

## **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 26**. For more information contact: **Sheila MacIsaac: 902-631-2512 or Maria Jardine: 902-483-5234.**

**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.

**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 and for the First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for the year 2025, may contact her at **902-631-2512**.

**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 ninth and final ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh series** will be Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be Koryne MacDonald, Iain MacQuarrie and Lauchie Beaton. Admission is \$10. Tea will be served.

**The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a BRUNCH** on Sunday, **August 25th** 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.**

**Thank You**

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