



St. Peter’s Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 27, 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.

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. Nov. 2, 4:00 pm	Melanie MacDonald	Linda Beaton
Sun. Nov. 3, 10:00 am	John Gillies	Ann MacDougall
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 28 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Oct. 29 6:00pm	(R) Helen Batherson by family	
Wed. Oct. 30 6:00pm	(R) Jean MacDonald by family	
Thur. Oct. 31 6:00pm	Family Intention by Danielle Kunig	
Fri. Nov. 1 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada	
Sat. Nov. 2 10:00am	All-Souls’ Day- Mass for the Departed Souls	

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way” (Mark 10: 52). The famous hymn ‘Amazing Grace’ was written by Rev. John Newton, an Anglican minister, ahead of his New Year’s Day service in 1773, to accompany his teaching on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. The song is related to his conversion experience. Newton’s story is a powerful tale of redemption and God’s Grace. As a young man, his life was spent at sea. He became part of the slave trade, rising to the rank of captain and transporting slaves from Sierra Leone to the West Indies. In 1748, on board The Greyhound, a fierce storm arose off Ireland. Newton, fearing for his life, cried out to a God he barely knew. He promised that, if his life was spared, he would devote the remainder of it to God’s service. The ship survived-barely-and Newton miraculously made land. In his gratitude, he never forgot his promise to God and committed his life to serving him and became an ordained minister in the Church of England. He explains how he gained faith in God and his spiritual eyesight in his hymn: *“Amazing Grace. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see...”*.

The Gospel for this Sunday, which tells of the healing of the Bartimaeus who was blind from birth, challenges us to strengthen our faith in Jesus, the healer, and invites us to gain true spiritual vision. The passage describes how the meeting of Bartimaeus with Jesus gave him the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and how it led him to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The gift of sight led Bartimaeus to Faith, and Faith came to full expression in committed discipleship. He wanted to stay close to his Savior. Thus, today’s Gospel presents Bartimaeus as the model for us in his prayer and in his wholehearted commitment to a discipleship. Bartimaeus is presented to contemporary believers as a guide in the Christian way because he was a man of Faith and vision, a man unafraid to recognize his need for healing and to cry out, *“I want to see!”* The man from Jericho invites us also to follow him up the road. There is an old Persian proverb, *“A blind man who sees is better than a seeing man who is blind.”* Today we suffer from spiritual blindness due to various reasons, like uncharitable attitudes and behaviours, addictions, evil habits, prejudices etc. These prevent us from seeing the goodness in our neighbors and God’s presence in them. Hence the church reminds us to pray for spiritual sight instead of remaining in spiritual blindness. A clear spiritual vision enables us to see the goodness in others, to express our appreciation for all that they have been doing for us, and to refrain from criticizing their performance. So let us pray to have a clear vision of Christian values and priorities in our lives and to acknowledge the presence of God dwelling in ourselves and in our neighbors. Like Bartimeus let us strive to become people of Faith and true Spiritual Vision.

PARISH MISSION: The Mission in our parish, preached by **Rev. Fr. Bill Burke** Pastor of St. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney begins **tonight (Sunday, October 27, 2024) with talk at 7.00pm. Monday to Wednesday the talks will be at 6.30pm (after the 6.00pm Holy Mass).** On Monday and Tuesday Fr. Bill will be available for **confession/** drop in chat from **2.00pm to 4.00pm.** Envelopes and collection baskets will be available at the back of the church for **donation to the Mission.**

Thank You: Thanks to all who participated in the solemn celebration of Rosary, to the Liturgy committee who coordinated it and to those who led the Rosary each day. **Love the Rosary and continue to recite the rosary every day without fail.** May Jesus Christ bless all, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

All Saints' Day: The Solemnity of All Saints Day is being celebrated on **Friday November 1st**. It is a day to honor all the saints, known and unknown, who led holy and virtuous life on earth and have attained heaven. This feast reminds us of our call to holiness. **"For this is the will of God, your sanctification".** (I Thessalonians. 4:3) The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The Church is the communion of saints". (Ch.3, Art. 9, para.5: 946) **The Holy Mass at 6.00pm.**

All Souls' Day: The All-Souls' Day is being observed on **Saturday, November 2nd**. It is the day to commemorate and pray for the souls departed to be purified of their sins and temporal punishments. The day reminds us of our responsibility to help those who have died to enter heaven by our prayers, alms, deeds, and especially by the sacrificial offering of **the Holy Mass**. This day reminds us also of our own death and the need to be prepared for that. **All Souls' day will be observed with a special Holy Mass on November 2nd at 10.00am. Candles will be lit for those who passed away or were buried since November 2023. Offering Mass intentions** for our departed dear ones and near ones and also for those who have nobody to pray for, is encouraged. **Visit to the Cemetery** and praying at the tombs of our family members, friends (and of those who have nobody to visit and pray) is a good practice on **All Souls' Day** and in the entire month of November, specially dedicated to praying for the faithful departed.

Holy Hour on First Friday: Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 1st of November** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm**, followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** in the Church.

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.

Hunters Breakfast: Glencoe Station Hall-Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 23, Nov. 30 from 7-11am; \$15 per person.

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 September Winners of the JCC weekly lottery for \$500.00 are: September 2nd, John MacInnis: Judique; 8th, Joe/Elaine MacDonald: Judique; 16th, Sally Dacey: Judique; 23rd, Theresa MacInnis: Judique; 30th, Marie/Jackie Brideau: Judique.

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

"Remember your church in your Will"