



St. Peter’s Parish
Port Hood
Sept. 29, 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. Oct. 5, 4:00 pm	Ellen Murphy	Jon Komes
Sun. , Oct. 6, 10:00 am	Coline MacEachern	Marlene MacMillan
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Sept. 30 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Oct. 1 6:00pm (R) Mary Ann MacDonald by Melanie & Annie Mae		
Wed. Oct. 2 6:00pm (R) Michael Behrens by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen		
Thur. Oct. 3 6:00pm (R) Judy and Anna Morris		
Fri. Oct. 4 6:00pm In reparation for the sins of Canada		
Sat. Oct. 5 11:00am In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary		

From the Pastor’s Desk

“And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched”.(Mark.9;47-48) Aron Lee Ralston is an American mountaineer, mechanical engineer, and motivational speaker, known for surviving a mountaineering accident by cutting off part of his own right arm. An avid outdoors man, on April 26, 2003, during a solo descent of Bluejohn Canyon in southeastern Utah, Aron’s right arm became trapped under a boulder. Unable to move the rock at all, Aron took out his pocketknife and chipped away at the rock for 10 hours, managing to produce only a small handful of dust. Obviously, this was not going to work. After five days, Aron made a remarkable choice; he decided to amputate his arm in order to save himself. He amputated his arm with a dull pocketknife to break free, make his way through the rest of the canyon, rope down a 65 ft. drop, and hike 7 miles to safety. Aron Ralston made the obviously painful decision to amputate his right arm to save his life. (The incident is documented in Ralston's autobiography *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*). This amazing story of Aron Ralston reminds us of the words of Jesus in the Gospel passage for this Sunday; **“If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell” (Mark 9: 43,45).** Aron Ralston certainly made that choice to sacrifice his arm in order to save his life. There are choices that must be made in life, and those choices determine our destiny. In the Gospel passage, Jesus invites us to make the choice which will lead us to life. By these words, Jesus means that we must cut out of our lives all practices that keep us away from God and retain only those habits that draw us closer to God. Many years ago, Paul John Achtemeier, a biblical scholar, suggested some modern parallels to these words of Jesus: *“If your TV causes you to sin, turn it off; If your computer causes you to sin, disconnect it; If your magazine subscription causes you to sin, cancel it; If your job position or power causes you to sin, resign; If your bank account causes you to sin, give it away.”* In other words, absolutely nothing is worth risking your eternal life with Jesus Christ. Jesus is setting before all disciples the one supreme goal in life that is worth any sacrifice. That goal is everlasting union with God Himself beginning here, with our fidelity to following His will for our lives. God alone leads us to everlasting peace and happiness. Just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us or others to sin and which leads to spiritual death. Billy Graham sums up this Gospel message with these words: **“Decide! Cut away anything that prevents you from a radical decision for Jesus Christ! Decide for Christ!”**

Religious Education: The Religious Education program for the year 2024-2025 involving students, young adults and parents begins on **October 6th and 7th (Sunday & Monday)**. Sunday Program (for students, young adults and families) is from **4.00pm to 5.30pm** and Monday Program (for students only) is from **6.00pm to 7.00pm**. For registration and more information visit: <https://form.jotform.com/smariemacisaac/st-peters-parish-family-and-student> or call **Sheila MacIsaac** at **902-631-2512**.

Planning for Funeral: From Sept 22- Oct 6, if you need help in planning for a funeral, after you have contacted Fr. Sunny, call Anita Dwyer at 1-519-654-6533

Solem Celebration of Rosary: As October is specially dedicated as the Month of Rosary, the Solemn celebration of the Rosary with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held for **10 days in October, beginning on Wednesday the 16th to Friday the 25th**. On Weekends, **20 minutes before the Holy Mass** and on Weekdays, **after the 6.00pm Holy Mass**. The solemn celebration of Rosary will be a preparation for the parish Mission Retreat.

Parish Mission: Please mark your calendar for the Parish Mission 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**.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, 2nd of October** from **4:45pm to 5:45 pm** in the church followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**. Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 4th of October** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** in the church followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**. Holy Hour in honour of **Bl. V. Mary** on **Saturday, 5th of October** at **10.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am**. Complementary Brunch at the Marian Centre after the Holy Mass.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. October is Mi'kmaw History Month. **October 5/6** is the annual collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. How can we journey in Truth and Reconciliation? Pray for reconciliation and healing. Read letters and documents important to the journey of reconciliation. Support the annual collection, with a parish envelope or a donation online. Visit our website: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation>.

Bishop Power Foundation: **October 1st** is the Fall deadline for applications to the Bishop Power Foundation. A family charitable foundation in the name of the late Bishop William Power who recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith, continues to support individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that: a) empower the poor and/or b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church and/or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$25,000 annually to successful applicants. To apply or for more information visit: www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca.

The Life Chain Pro-Life Event: The annual pro-life event to raise awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human being, takes place on Sunday, October 6th, from 2:00-3:00 PM at the sidewalk in front of the Mayflower Mall (800 Grand Lake Rd). Contact: Pat Moore, (902) 322-5624. Visit: www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain. Participants in the event pray silently and hold non-graphic signs with messages of love and truth at different of locations across North America.

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 include Kinnon & Betty Lou Beaton, Brian MacDonald, Abigail MacDonald, Sabra MacGillivray, Ruby MacDonald, Rita Rankin, Adam Cooke, Patrick Lamey, Delores Boudreau & more. Admission: By Donation.

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 Judique Knights of Columbus are having a Brunch at the **Judique Community Center** on **Sunday, September 29th** from 10:30 to 12:00. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

"Remember your church in your Will"