

"Jesus is Risen"



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
April 5, 2026**

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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: 5:15pm to

5:45pm & Saturday: 2.30pm to

3.30pm

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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. Apr. 11 4:00pm	Ellen Murphy	Jon Kommes
Sun. Apr. 12 10:00am	Isabel Calder	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Apr. 6 6.00pm	Special Intention	
Tues. Apr. 7 11.00am	Funeral Mass for Vincent van Zutphen	
Wed. Apr. 8 6.00pm (R)	Gerard MacEachern by Tudi MacEachern	
Thu. Apr. 9 6.00pm (R)	Paul Cannon by Sheila Cannon	
Fri. Apr. 10 6.00pm	Special Intention by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen	

Regina Caeli: The Regina Caeli prayer replaces the **Angelus** during the Easter Season, beginning on Holy Saturday and continuing until the Saturday after Pentecost.

Funeral Masses: The Funeral Mass for **Vincent Gerard van Zutphen** will be celebrated in St. Peter's Church Port Hood on **Tuesday April 7, at 11.00am**. The visitation will take place at 9990 Hwy 19, Southwest Mabou on **Monday, April 6 from 2-8pm** The **Funeral Mass for Margaret Anita "Margie" Beaton** will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, Brook Village on **Wednesday April 8, at 11.00am** and the visitation will be in Port Hood and Area Resting Place on **Tuesday April 7th 2026, from 2-4 and 7-9pm**.

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a Pastoral Council meeting **Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00pm** in the glebe.

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12): The Divine Mercy Sunday is being celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Easter with **Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplets from 2.00pm to 3.00pm**. Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery-the whole mystery of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ-made present for us in the Eucharist. All are welcome.

CWL: The St. Peter's Parish CWL will be sponsoring a biweekly 50/50 lottery beginning on April 20, 2026. Amount raised will be used to purchase votive candles for the church. As an organization we have been supplying the candles for some time, at an average cost of \$1700-\$1800 dollars a year. All income from lighting a votive goes directly back to the parish. We do not receive any type of compensation. We kindly ask your support for this fundraising venture. The cost is \$5.00. You can e-transfer the amount to my email (debtherookie@gmail.com). The draw will take place biweekly at the Parish Hall and will be broadcast live on Facebook. For further information please contact Deb @902-623-2578. Lottery license will be displayed on site. **Information Session:** CWL will be hosting an afternoon information session on the topics of **Phone Fraud and Estate Planning** for all members of the Community on Wednesday, April 22 at 1pm. This month's Guest Speaker will be retired lawyer, **Louise Campbell**, formally of Port Hood. Light Refreshments will be served. People from the community who require transportation, please contact **Deb at 902-623-2578** and we will arrange a drive for you.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Brunch** at the **Judique Community Center** on **April 12th and April 26th** from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00

Flowers: A big thank you to all who made donations toward flowers for Easter. Also, thanks to all the families who have kindly left funeral flowers in the Church over the past year. The flowers outside of the Christmas and Easter Seasons are provided by those who arrange them each week and fresh flowers are always appreciated. Although the altar may seem well supplied with flowers at any one time, the nature of flowers is that they do not last long, and we are always extremely grateful to see arrangements left after funerals. As well as adorning God's altar, they serve as a beautiful reminder to parishioners, for days after the funeral is over, of the loved ones who have passed. Thank you!

Fr. Greg MacLeod lecture Series: This year's **Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series** at Cape Breton University-1250 Grand Lake Road, Sydney N.S. (Yvonne LeVert Hospitality Suite, Campus Centre, near the cafeteria) will be on **Tuesday April 7th, 2026**, at 6:30 pm. Historian Fraser Dunn will be answering the question: 'What was Rev. Dr. Moses Coady's definition of democracy and how did he fight for Social Justice for all people?' Refreshments provided and all are welcome.

Applications to the Bishop Power Foundation: Diocesan, parish, and other non-profit groups are welcome to apply for funding where their programs will either a) empower the poor, b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church, or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Individual students may apply for financial support for Catholic Studies programs at the university level. **May 8, 2026, is the deadline to submit applications.**

Manager for Mabou Shrine: The Mother of Sorrows Shrine in Mabou is seeking an honest, reliable individual for the position of Seasonal Manager. Start date is May 3, 2026, to mid-October. The individual must be computer literate with strong communication and organizational skills. **Responsibilities include** overseeing the day-to-day operations of the shrine and gift shop, hiring and working with an assistant manager and ability to work with an active Board of Directors. Salary and further details will be discussed in person. Anyone interested, contact the Chair of the Board, Bunny Campbell at robertgcampbell2015@hotmail.com

From the Pastor's Desk

"...Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised as he said. (Mathew.28:5-6). With these words, the Angel of the Lord announced the Resurrection of Jesus which we celebrate as the Feast of the Easter, the Feast of the feasts, the greatest Feast in the Church. Easter greets us once again with the proclamation: 'Christ is risen, and nothing-absolutely nothing-can separate us from the love of God.' The empty tomb is not only a moment in history; it is a promise spoken to every corner of our lives. Where we see endings, God is already preparing new beginnings. Where we feel burdened, God is already lifting us toward hope.

This year we celebrate the Easter in a context that is so concerning to all of us...the ongoing wars in Ukraine, in the Middle East and the unrest in other parts of the world; the socio-economic crises these wars create; the sufferings of the millions of people who are displaced, who live in fear and in poverty. We are also in a context, when many carry heavy burdens-illness, loneliness, fear, grief, or the quiet ache of feeling overwhelmed. We are also living in a time when conversations around MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) have become normal and touch our families, neighbors, and our communities. These are not abstract issues; they are deeply human ones. They raise questions about suffering, dignity, compassion, and what it means to accompany one another through life's most vulnerable moments. It is into this very real and complicated landscape that the Church proclaims something bold and tender: '**Christ is risen, and therefore hope is never out of reach.**' Easter does not pretend that these struggles are not real. Instead, it meets us right in the middle of them. The Resurrection proclaims that God's Grace moves even through the places we least expect-through the stones we cannot roll away on our own, through the nights that feel too long, through the questions we do not yet know how to answer. The Resurrection does not erase suffering, but it transforms its meaning. It tells us that no life is without value, no moment is without God's presence, and no person is ever alone in their struggle. Easter reminds us that even when we feel pressed on all sides, God is already at work in ways we cannot yet see.

The Easter gives us the message that our hope is not rooted in avoiding sufferings and troubles, but in the God who walks with us through it. The Risen Christ meets us in our fear, our pain, and our uncertainty. He does not abandon us at the threshold of death; He leads us through it into life. And He calls us, as a community, to accompany one another with compassion, patience, and love-especially those who feel their strength fading or their hope diminishing. Easter assures us that every life, even in its frailty, is held in the hands of the One who conquered death, and in any situation, the ultimate victory is of God.

As we celebrate Easter this year, let the light of the Risen Christ reach the places in our heart that need renewal and let His peace stabilize us. Let His mercy free us and His joy surprise us. And let His victory over death remind us that God's love is always stronger than fear, stronger than sin, and stronger than anything that tries to diminish the dignity He has placed within us. May this Easter season renew our courage, soften our fears, and fill our homes with the quiet confidence that Christ's light is stronger than any darkness we face around us. Let us be people who embody hope for one another-through our kindness, our service, and our willingness to walk together as a family of faith.

HAPPY EASTER!!!