

Lent 2026

'Listening and fasting-Lent
as a time of conversion'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
March 22, 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

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 |
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| Sat. Mar. 28, 4:00pm Palm Sunday | Jack Redden W, I, N Leon Livingstone 2, Int, S | Marcella Watts |
| Sun. Mar. 29, 10:00am Palm Sunday | Angela Avery W, I, N ColineMacEachern2, Int, S | Marlene MacMillan |
| Weekday Masses | | |
| Mon. Mar. 23 6:00pm | Special Intention by Fr. Eugene | |
| Tues. Mar. 24 6:00pm (R) | Angus Beaton by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald | |
| Wed. Mar. 25 6:00pm (R) | Deceased members of MacKinnon by Jeanette Campbell | |
| Thu. Mar. 26 6:00pm | Donald, John & Francis MacDonald by Annie Mae MacDonald | |
| Fri. Mar. 27 6:30pm | Protection of unborn & culture of life by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen | |

Communion Pyx: Several parishioners have asked for a pyx so that they can take communion home to a family member. If you have one that you are no longer using, it would be appreciated if you could return it to the church. Thank you.

The monthly meeting of the CWL will be held on **Sunday, March 29**, at the Parish Hall, immediately following the Sunday Mass. All members are warmly welcomed to attend. Please remind members you see and if possible, offer to drive anyone who may require transportation to the meeting. **CWL dues** will be submitted to the National Council this month. If you have not paid your 2026 dues, please get in touch with Deb MacDonald as soon as possible.

Lenten Reconciliation. The annual Lenten Reconciliation is to take place @ **2:00 pm on Sunday, March 22**. Several priests will be available.

Stations of the Cross: On **Friday, March 27, at 6:30pm** there will be Stations of the Cross led by Heralds of the Gospel, followed by Holy Mass in the Church.

Development and Peace Sunday: Today the **5th Sunday of Lent** (March 22) is being observed as the Development and Peace Sunday or the **Solidarity Sunday**. Let us give generously to **Share Lent**, our annual fundraising campaign supporting the transformative work of Development and Peace in over 30 countries. The envelopes, brochures and prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

Donations for flowers: If you wish to make donations to defray the costs for Easter flowers, you may put the money in an envelope (marked flowers and your regular envelope number) in the weekend collections.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary: The Annual Renewal of Consecration will take place after Mass on the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Wednesday, March 25 at 6.00pm in the church**. Those making their Consecration or Renewal may choose to wear a white top as a symbol of their Baptismal Innocence.

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday. The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's Holy Places in the Holy Land, and to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. **This collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3.**

Marriage Preparation Course: A marriage preparation course is being offered at St. Joseph's Parish, 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney on **Sunday, April 19th from 10 am to 4 pm**. It is a requirement for any couples seeking to be married in the Catholic Church and all couples in the diocese are welcome to this free course. Marriage preparation starts with **Mass at 10.00 am** with a special homily on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, followed by a social in the hall. Then sessions on: Hopes/dreams, communication spirituality, conflict, family, intimacy, NFP and finances. Includes a free lunch & certificate and ends at 4.00pm. Couples must register by **Wednesday April 15th at 902-794-3951** or by email: stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Dates to Remember:

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| Sunday March 29 | : Passion (Palm) Sunday |
| Monday, March 30 | : Mass of Chrism at St. Ninian's Cathedral @2.00pm |
| Holy Thursday, April 2 | : Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration. |
| Good Friday, April 3 | : Outside Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am. |
| | : Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm |
| Saturday April 4 | : Easter Vigil Service and Mass at 8:00 pm |
| Sunday April 5 | : Easter Sunday Mass at 10.00 am. |

Washing of the Feet in the Family: Families, if possible, may do the washing of the feet of the family members on Holy Thursday as a mark of the family-bond and of the readiness to be servants to one another in the family.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Wyne Joseph Kirkpatrick

Share Lent Campaign Development and Peace-Caritas Canada (DPCC) 2026

My Dear Clergy and My Dear People,

Since its founding in 1967, '**Development and Peace**' has dedicated itself to addressing the root causes of these injustices by collaborating with partners in the Global South and mobilizing fellow Canadians to pursue justice and dignity for all. This Lent, let us join in solidarity with those who suffer the burdens of unjust debts, which they will never be able to repay.

This Lent, join us ***On Track for Justice***, walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are mobilizing to ensure their rights and the environment are respected. Our partner '***Justiça nos Trilhos-JnT***' (Justice on Rails) supports communities affected by the Carajás railway, which connects one of the world's largest iron ore mines in the state of Pará to the port of São Luis in the state of Maranhão.

This Lent, we will meet communities whose lives are affected by the railway, mining and industrial agriculture. We will learn how they are resisting simply to exist on their lands, to defend human rights, and to protect the environment. As we journey through this Season of Lent, let us embody Christ's compassion by turning our collective hope into tangible help for those in need. Your generosity can help transform lives and foster lasting change.

On Solidarity Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, please give generously to Share Lent, our annual fundraising campaign supporting the transformative work of Development and Peace in over 30 countries.

If you have any questions about the campaign or the Share Lent materials, you are invited to contact our Regional DPCC animator, Adah Ogbé, at aoqbe@devp.org.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Fraternally,

+ Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

Bishop Wayne Koseph Kirkpatrick

Bishop of Antigonish

"In the name of human dignity and international law, I repeat to those responsible what Pope Francis used to say: "War is always a defeat!" And with Pius XII, "Nothing is lost with peace. Everything can be lost with war". (Pope Leo XIV)

Pray for Peace!

"Remember your church in your Will"