

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
May 4, 2025**

Contact Information

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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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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:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213
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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. May 10 4:00 pm	Leon Livingstone	Catherine Trenholm
Sun. May 11 10:00 am	Louise MacInnis	Darlene Watts
Weekday Masses		
Mon. May 5 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Morris	
Tues. May 6 6:00pm	Intention of the Election of the new Pope	
Wed. May 8 6:00pm	In honor of St. Joseph	
Thur. May 9 6:00pm	Successful/safe fishing season by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen	
Fri. May 10 6:00pm	(R) Brenda Lee Lelacheur	

Mass for the Election of new Pope: As the Conclave to elect the new Pope begins on Wednesday May 7th, a Ritual Mass for **the intention of the election of the new Pope** will be celebrated on **Tuesday May 6th, at 6.00pm**. All are welcome to attend this Holy Mass and pray for the conclave.

Parish Finance Council: There is a Parish Finance Council meeting on **Wednesday, May 7th at 7.00pm** in the glebe.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph, on Wednesday May 7th** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**.

First Holy Communion: The first Holy Communion of children in our parish is scheduled for **Sunday, May 11th at 10.00am**.

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a parish pastoral council meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00pm in the glebe.

KOC Bursary: Knights of Columbus are once again offering Bursaries to the 2024 graduates. Applicants must be a member of St. Peter's Parish and planning to attend a recognized Post-secondary education program in the Fall of 2024. Any person applying must complete an application form, which can be found in the back of the church and be returned to our council on or before **June 2nd, 2025**.

CWL: CWL is collecting the 2025 CWL Dues. Once again, this year the Annual fee is \$34.50. Money can be placed in a sealed envelope, marked CWL Dues and add to the weekly church collection. If additional arrangement for collection is required, please call **Debbie MacDonald at 902-6232578**.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 17, at 10:30am** for the souls of the faithful who have departed over the winter months, and whose remains and cremains have not yet been buried in the parish cemetery. The coffins and urns will be interred on **May 15 and May 16**. Following the Mass on Saturday, priests will bless each grave and say memorial prayers. For next of kin who wish to contact the cemetery committee to arrange for burials, please call **Hughie John Beaton (902-787-2322)** or **John Gillies (902-787-3441)**. If this date does not suit the family and you wish to arrange another burial date, please contact the parish office **(902-787-3317)**. *(Cemetery Committee: Hughie John Beaton, Bernie Gillies, John Gillies, Martha Gillis, Colleen MacLeod & Fr. Sunny)*

From the Pastor's Desk

"We must obey God rather than any human authority." (Acts. 5: 29) The Easter season, also known as Eastertide, is a period of fifty days beginning with Easter Sunday and ending with Pentecost Sunday. It is a time of great joy and celebration, as it commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life. During this season, the Church focuses on the appearances of the Risen Christ and the establishment of the early Christian community. The Sunday Gospels from St. John emphasizes the unique theological insights into Christ's resurrection. All the readings for this season create a progression that guides the disciples from the empty tomb to recognition, understanding, and finally mission, mirroring our own faith journey and touching our hearts by showing how ordinary people were transformed by their encounters with the Risen Christ, offering us a way to relate to their experiences through the readings. The first reading from the **Acts of the Apostles (5:27-32, 40b-41)** presents a decisive moment in the early Christian church. The apostles, having been arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin, are charged with disobeying the authorities by continuing to preach about Jesus. The apostles' response to the Sanhedrin is one of courage and conviction. Peter, speaking on behalf of the group, declares that they must obey God rather than any human authority. This statement becomes a defining principle for Christian ethics and moral decision-making. Peter's response, "We must obey God rather than any human authority" (Acts 5:29) challenges us to examine our ultimate allegiance and whether we have the courage to stand for truth when facing opposition. The apostles' actions demonstrate their complete trust in God's plans, even when obedience leads to suffering and persecution. Their example reminds us, that authentic faith often requires making difficult choices that may put us at odds with prevailing cultural norms or authorities. It doesn't mean defiance for its own sake, but rather a recognition that we need to align our lives with God's higher purposes. As we reflect on the apostles' courage, we are inspired to make similar choices in our own lives, trusting in God's plan and guidance.

The Gospel Reading presents a profound narrative from **John 21:1-19**, that describes Jesus' appearance by the Sea of Galilee, where He performs a miraculous catch of fish and subsequently shares a meal with His disciples. The catch of fish is symbolic, representing the disciples' mission to gather people into the community of faith. It underscores the importance of obedience to Jesus' instructions, as the disciples' efforts on their own yield nothing, but following Jesus' guidance results in abundance. Following the meal, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him. Peter, having denied Jesus three times during the Passion, is given the opportunity to reaffirm his devotion. Each time, Jesus responds by commissioning Peter to care for His flock, effectively reinstating him as a leader among the disciples. This threefold affirmation not only restores Peter but also emphasizes the importance of love and commitment in discipleship. It serves as a powerful reminder that forgiveness and restoration are available to those who sincerely seek to follow Jesus. Jesus' command to "Feed my sheep" transforms Peter's role from that of a fisherman to a shepherd, establishing a new relationship between the Risen Christ and His Church. This pastoral commission is not limited to Peter but extends to all disciples, challenging them to care for one another and to nurture the faith community. The Gospel passage reminds us of our own call to serve and care for others, embodying Jesus' love in our actions and words. By doing so, we fulfill our mission as disciples and contribute to the growth and vitality of the faith community. We are challenged to embrace our role in the mission of Christ, to witness to the redemption we have experienced, and to serve others in love. By doing so, we fulfill our calling as disciples and contribute to the ongoing story of salvation. Let us continue to live our call as Christ's disciples by showing our love for Jesus through acts of kindness, support, and service to others.

Applications to the Bishop Power Foundation: Diocesan, parish, and other non-profit groups are invited 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 7, 2025, is the deadline to submit applications.**

Chisholm Bursary Committee is now accepting application for bursaries for the 2025-2026 year. St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's Parish members who are attending post secondary education next year are welcome to apply. Please email [**chisholmbursary@gmail.com**](mailto:chisholmbursary@gmail.com) for an application.

Inverness County Singers and Young County Singers present: "A Tribute to Musicals" under the direction of Laurel Browne and accompanied by Lawrence Cameron. **Friday, May 9th, 7:30pm:** Whycocomagh Waterfront Centre, Whycocomagh; **Saturday, May 10th, 7:30pm:** St. Mary's Parish Hall, Mabou; **Tuesday, May 13th, at 7:30pm:** Inverness County Centre for the Arts, Inverness. Free Will offering will go to local charities after payment of expenses.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL
(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)**

"Remember your church in your Will."