

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood**

May 11, 2025

Contact Information

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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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Leon Livingstone
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Ron Schmidt
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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 17 4:00 pm	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Sun. May 18 10:00 am	Gabriella Watts	Janice Campbell
Weekday Masses		
Mon. May 12 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Morris	
Tues. May 13 6:00pm (R)	Ethel Chisholm by family	
Wed. May 14 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Sunny	
Thur. May 15 6:00pm (R)	Michael Faucette by Marion MacLean	
Fri. May 10 6:00pm (R)	Hugh Watts & Glen MacDonald by Sarah Robinson	

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**.

KOC: Regular monthly council meeting will be held **on Sunday, May 18 at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. **Rosary at 7:00 pm.**

Building Fund Silent Auction Update: The Finance Council wishes to express sincere gratitude to the parish and community for your generous donations of auction items and monetary contributions, and for your participation in last month's silent auction, all of which made the fundraiser a huge success. Thanks to you, we raised \$7,850 for the Building Fund. Thank you, Melanie, for taking this initiative.

Please don't litter our cemetery: It's been brought to our attention that there have been beer cans, full and empty, left on tombstones of loved ones. This is a type of vandalism and is not acceptable. So out of respect for our loved ones, we ask that those responsible, please refrain from this type of behaviour and assist us in keeping the cemetery clean and a place of respect. (*The Cemetery Committee*)

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*)

62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations: The Fourth Sunday of Easter is being observed as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The theme for this year is **'Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life'**. We are asked to encourage and pray for our young men and women to respond to God's call to serve His Church by the ministerial priesthood and by religious life. Let us also pray for all of us that we may live out our vocations as He wills. **"A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of His children"**. (From the Message of Pope Francis)

From the Pastor's Desk

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me". (John 10: 27) **'His Master's Voice'** is an entertainment trademark featuring a dog named Nipper, curiously peering into the horn of a wind-up gramophone. Painted by Francis Barraud in 1898, the trademark has appeared on consumer electronics, record labels, and entertainment retailers worldwide. The logo first belonged to the British

entertainment company HMV, which is in fact named after the original painting on which this logo is based, called His Master's Voice. Francis Barraud was a painter from Liverpool, England, who had a brother named Mark. From Mark who died in late 1800s, Francis inherited a bunch of his stuff, including an early cylinder phonograph player, cylinder recordings of Mark's voice and Mark's dog, a fox terrier named Nipper. Francis observed that when he played the records of his dead brother's voice, the dog would turn over to the phonograph and listen intently. Francis painted this scene calling it 'His Master's Voice' and tried to sell the painting. Initially none was interested. But in 1899 the Phonogram company purchased it and by 1900 it was their corporate logo. Roughly eight years later they changed their name to HMV, after the painting. The American right to this logo was acquired by the Victor Talking Machine Company which was later purchased by Radio Corporation of America (RCA) and thus the logo became popular. *(Wikipedia)* As the dog in the painting is said to have recognized its master's voice, on this **Good Shepherd Sunday** we are invited to listen to the voice of our Master, the Good Shepherd-Jesus Christ. Jesus says, ***"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.*** (John 10: 27-28)

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, devotedly and kindly taking care of His flock-a shepherd who leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects His flock. Introducing Himself as the Good Shepherd of His flock, Jesus Christ makes three claims in today's Gospel passage. **1. He knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice:** Just as the Palestinian shepherds knew each sheep of their flock by its name, and each sheep recognized the flock's shepherd and his voice, so Jesus knows each one of us-our needs, our merits, and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations, and He expects us to return His love by keeping His words, spoken to us today through the Holy Eucharist, through the Bible, through people and events in our lives. **2. He gives eternal life to us,** His sheep by receiving us into His sheepfold and giving us Faith through Baptism, then strengthens that Faith in Confirmation, giving us food for our souls in the Holy Eucharist, giving us the graces that we need in our lives through other Sacraments, and strengthening us through the Word of God. **3. He protects His sheep** by placing them in the loving hands of his Almighty Father. Without Him to guide us and protect us, we are an easy prey for the evil forces of this world. Today we are called to listen to Jesus' voice and follow Him as good sheep in His flock. He has promised that if we are good sheep in His flock, no one can snatch us away from His Father's hands. Let us be good sheep listening to His voice through the Church, through our spiritual leaders, and people in our lives. As the good sheep, let us always stay with our parish Eucharistic Community, through which Jesus Christ will pour upon us His Grace abundantly.

Altar Servers: Children having received the First Holy Communion are invited to be Altar Servers. Parents and grandparents are requested to encourage children. Those interested, please call **Joe van Zutphen @ 902-787-2467** or **Maria Jardin @ 902-483-5234**

March for Life: Campaign Life Coalition Nova Scotia (CLC NS) is organising a provincial **March for Life on May 22 at 1.00pm**. Marchers will walk from the meeting point of St. Mary's Cathedral Halifax on Spring Garden Rd. to outside Province House where they will peacefully witness to the dignity and humanity of preborn children and pray for an end to abortion. Prior to the March, a **Pro-Life Youth Summit** is being hosted in the **morning from 10:00-12:00 on the same day** focussing on the role of social media in the pro-life movement, and how to approach men and women who have a history with abortion. The guest speakers are **Shania Fernandes**, a former CLC intern and UN delegate and **Madison Gorham**, a university student and volunteer with Project Rachel. Lunch will be served. If any youth wish to attend this event, they may RSVP to ruth@campaignlifecoalition.com. Tickets are \$35 for a single person.

The ICMH Auxiliary will be holding its Spring Fling & Tea Sale on Sunday, May 25th from 2:00-5:00pm at the Inverness Legion, Central Ave., Inverness. Sale includes Bake Table, Children's Table, Fudge Table, Jewellery Table, Craft Tables, Parcel Post, Raffle Items, Silent Auction and Tea Tickets. Our area is asked to supply wrapped articles for parcel post worth \$2.00 and marked Man, Woman or Child. A canvasser will call on you for a donation. For further information contact Alice Landry @ **902-787-2491**.

Gaelic Song Gathering: Learn background, listen, remember and sing along to Gaelic songs. No Gaelic required! Story Tellers Gallery, Judique, on **May 12th, 7-8:30pm**.

Inverness County Singers and Young County Singers present: "A Tribute to Musicals" under the direction of Laurel Browne and accompanied by Lawrence Cameron. **Tuesday, May 13th, at 7:30pm:** Inverness County Centre or 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."