

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood May 18, 2025

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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

parishbulletin@hotmail.com
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 24 4:00 pm	Malia Watts	Linda Beaton
Sun. May 25 10:00 am	Angela Avery	Judy Leadbetter
Weekday Masses		
Mon. May 19 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Morris	
Tues. May 20 6:00pm	Special family intention	
Wed. May 21 6:00pm	(R)Francis Beaton	
Thur. May 22 6:00pm	(R)Jimmy MacIsaac by Barb/Gerald MacLellan	
Fri. May 23 6:00pm	(R)Herman van denHogan by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen	

KOC Bursary: Knights of Columbus are once again offering Bursaries to the 2025 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 2025. 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 **Today (Sunday, May 18) at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. **Rosary at 7:00 pm.**

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**

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, as you know, is always open unless there is painting or repairs underway during the month of May. The Gift Shop will be opening on May 18, 2025. The shop hours are 10am to 4pm, 7 Days per week starting on May 18, Sunday. Work being done here at the Shrine has been enabled by generous contributions by many of you. Every project we do is a step closer to getting identified projects done in order of priority. Sincere thanks and we look forward to seeing you this season. Board & Management, Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

Confirmation: Invite the parents of those children (**Grade 7 or higher**) who are supposed to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this year (**Sunday November 9th**) to contact the coordinator for Religious Education **Sheila MacIsaac at 902-631-2512**.

Congratulations to the 8 children of our parish community, who made their First Holy Communion on last Sunday. Special thanks to their parents, grandparents, and the teachers who prepared them for this important moment in their faith life. Let us continue to encourage them that they may grow in their faith and lead a life centred on the Sacraments.

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference: Inviting high schoolers into a life changing encounter with Christ from **July 11-13, 2025, at Dalhousie University**. To register your youth with the Diocese of Antigonish group that will be attending, contact **Sarah Robinson** of St. Peter's Port Hood at **902-302-2324**, sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com. Visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/Steubenville-atlantic.

The Cemetery Committee extends thanks to Hughie John Beaton of our parish for donating a beautiful new entry sign for our parish cemeteries. The plywood, design, printing, painting and erection of the sign are all part of the donation. It is a fine addition at the first Wharf Road entry way into the cemetery. Thanks are also extended to Gerard MacPhee of our parish for the cutting down and removal of partially dead poplar trees from the bottom of the old graveyard. Thanks go to both parishioners for their volunteer donations which serve to enhance the surroundings of the final resting place of our beloved parishioners. (*Cemetery Committee*)

First Message of Pope Leo XIV (May 8, 2025)

“Peace be with you all!”

Beloved brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who has given his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all peoples, to all the earth.

“Peace be with you!”

This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarmed peace and a disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all unconditionally. We still retain in our ears that weak but always courageous voice of Pope Francis blessing Rome! The pope blessing Rome gave his blessing to the world, to the whole world, that morning of Easter Day. Let me follow up on that same blessing: God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God’s hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other-let us go forward. We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love. Help us also, and then help each other to build bridges, with dialogue, with encounter, uniting us all to be one people always at peace. Thank you, Pope Francis!

I also want to thank all my brother cardinals who have chosen me to be Successor of Peter and walk together with you, as a united Church always seeking peace, justice, always seeking to work as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear, to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries. I am a son of St. Augustine, an Augustinian, who said, “For you I am a bishop, with you, I am a Christian.” In this sense we can all walk together toward that homeland that God has prepared.

To the Church of Rome, a special greeting! We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square, with open arms. Everyone, everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue and love. [In Spanish] And if you allow me a word, a greeting to everyone and especially to my dear Diocese of Chiclayo, Peru, where a faithful people have accompanied their bishop, shared their faith and has given so much, so much to continue to be a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

To all of you, brothers and sisters from Rome, from Italy, from all over the world, we want to be a synodal Church, a church that walks, a church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer. Today is the day of Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii. Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and love. So, I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole church, for peace in the world, and let us ask Mary, our Mother, for this special grace. Ave Maria...

Our Lady of Grace Monastery: Our Lady of Grace Monastery in 2025 celebrates 200 years of faith community in our beautiful spiritual oasis here in northern Nova Scotia, Canada. The Monastery chapel is open daily 8 am-5 pm, and the outdoor shrine is open year-round. The chapel offers daily Mass at 10.00am and weekend Mass on Sunday at 10.00am, celebrated by chaplain Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA. To know about the upcoming events in the Monastery visit: www.ourladygracemonastery.ca/upcoming-events-for-2025.

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 Road 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**.

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

“Remember your church in your Will.”