

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
April 27, 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

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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. May 3 4:00 pm | Jack Redden | Marlene MacMillan |
| Sun. May 4 10:00 am | Coline MacEachern | Marcella Watts |
| Weekday Masses | | |
| Mon. Apr. 28 6:00pm | Special Intention by Fr. Morris | |
| Tues. Apr. 29 6:00pm | MEMORIAL MASS for POPE FRANCIS | |
| Wed. Apr. 30 6:00pm | Deceased members of CWL by CWL | |
| Thur. May 1 6:00pm | Souls in Purgatory by Barbara MacLellan | |
| Fri. May 2 6:00pm | In reparation for the sins of Canada | |
| Sat. May 3 11:00am | In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary | |

Mass for Pope Francis: A memorial Mass for **Pope Francis** will be celebrated on **Tuesday April 29, at 6.00pm**. All are welcome to attend this Holy Mass and pray for Pope Francis.

KOC: Regular monthly council meeting will be held **today (Sunday, April 27) at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. **Rosary at 7:00 pm.**

Blessing of the Boats: The annual blessing of the boats will take place **today (Sunday, April 27)** after the **10.00am Mass**, beginning at Murphy's Pond, and continuing to Little Judique Harbour and then Pig Cove.

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27): The Divine Mercy Sunday is being celebrated **today** (the Second Sunday of the Easter) with **Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplets** from **2.00pm to 3.00pm**. **Confession at 1.30pm**. All are welcome.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, May 2nd** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**. Holy Hour in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, May 3rd**, at **10.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am** in the chapel.

CWL: The Mass this Saturday has been celebrated for the members of the CWL. St Peter's Parish wishes to express its gratitude for the work the CWL does in our parish and for the financial support it offers to the parish.

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**.

Thank You: The parish community extends a big thanks to all those who helped with the Liturgical services for the Easter Triduum-those involved in all the ministries (the readers, the Eucharistic Ministers, the music, the altar servers, the ushers, the decorators, the twelve volunteers for the washing of the feet, those who represented the parish for the Chrism Mass, who presented the Holy Oils, those who participated in the processions and everyone else who participated in the services), those who contributed towards the expense of the flowers and those groups who led the Stations of the Cross during Lent and on the Good Friday. A special thanks to the Liturgy Committee who coordinated all the celebrations.

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.**

Remembering Pope Francis

“Today, we mourn the loss of our beloved Pope Francis, a shepherd who dedicated his life to spreading the message of love, compassion, hope, and unity across the globe. His tireless efforts to advocate for the marginalized and his commitment to interfaith dialogue and synodality have left an indelible mark on the world.

Pope Francis was not only a spiritual leader but also a voice for peace and justice. His humility and warm-heartedness inspired millions, and his teachings will continue to resonate in our hearts and communities.

We cannot forget Pope Francis’s visit to Canada in July 2022, which was described as a “pilgrimage of penance” aimed at apologizing for the harm caused by Catholic-run residential schools that sought to assimilate Indigenous children. These schools, operated by the Catholic Church, were part of a broader policy to erase Indigenous cultures and languages. The Pope’s visit included stops in Alberta and Quebec City, where he met with Indigenous leaders and survivors of residential schools.

As we remember his legacy, let us come together in prayer, reflecting on his profound impact on our faith and the world. May we honour his memory by continuing to live out the values he championed—mercy, social justice, and a deep love for our neighbours. In this time of mourning, we also turn our gaze to the future, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide the Church in the days to come. We ask for God’s comfort for all who are grieving during this difficult time, remembering that we are all Pilgrims of Hope journeying together in faith.” **(Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick)**

Message from the Pastor’s Desk

“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (John 20: 23) Sister Faustina Kowalska, who was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II on 30th of April 2000, is known as the apostle of Divine Mercy. She invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: **1.** to pray for souls, entrusting them to God’s incomprehensible Mercy; **2.** to tell the world about God’s generous Mercy; and **3.** to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God’s Mercy. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: **“The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy.”** The Lord of Divine Mercy, a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina Kowalska, shows Jesus raising His right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on His Heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, **“Jesus, I trust in You!”**. The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the water of Baptism which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God. On this second Sunday of Easter as we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday, let us ask God our Father to open our hearts so that we may receive His Mercy in the form of the Holy Spirit. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting on our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. God wants us to know that our reception of the graces of His mercy is dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will be able to receive. The Gospel command, **“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,”** (Luke. 6:36) requires that we show mercy to our fellow human beings always and everywhere. We shall radiate God’s mercy to others by our corporal and spiritual works of mercy, by our kind and supportive words, and by our prayers for all our brothers and sisters. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) has said: **“If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action.”**

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

Chisholm Bursary Committee are 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** for an application.

Gaelic Song Gathering: Learn background of Gaelic songs and singers and a few choruses. No Gaelic required! Story Tellers Gallery, Judique on April 29, 7-8:30. Fee: \$5

“Remember your church in your Will.”