

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Nov. 2, 2025**

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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. Nov. 8 4:00 pm	Gabriella Watts	Ann MacDougall
Sun. Nov. 9 10:00 am	Angela Avery	Sandy MacKinnon
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Nov. 3 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. Nov. 4 6:00pm (R)	Lennie MacDonald by Joanne & Mary MacDonald	
Wed. Nov. 5 6:00pm (R)	Sadie Murphy by Ian Batherson	
Thur. Nov. 6 6:00pm (R)	Sonny MacInnis by Jack & Lorraine MacDonell	
Fri. Nov. 7 6:00am (R)	John W. Beaton by Sandra & Alex MacDonald	

ALL-SOULS' DAY: As All Souls' Day (November 2) this year falls on Sunday, the Weekend Masses will be celebrated as the Commemoration of All the Faithful departed. The Holy Mass on Saturday (November 1) at 4.00pm will begin with lighting of the candles for those who passed away or were buried since November 2024. We would like to welcome all the family members of the deceased to the lighting of the candles and the Holy Mass.

Parish Finance Council Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Council on Tuesday, November 4, at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of St. Joseph on Wednesday, November 5th from 4.45pm to 5.45pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.00 pm; and in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, November 7th, from 4.45pm to 5:45 pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.00pm.

Confirmation-2025: The Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish will be on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the 10.00am Holy Mass officiated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. There will be a reception in the parish hall following the Mass.

Remembrance Day: The Holy Mass on Remembrance Day will be celebrated on Tuesday November 11 in the church at 9:30am. The slideshow to honour our local veterans will begin at 9.30am followed by Holy Mass.

CWL: CWL members who paid their 2025 dues can find their yearly membership cards in alphabetical order on the table at the back of the church.

Diocese of Antigonish-Dignity Sunday: November 2, 2025, is being observed by the Diocese as Dignity Sunday. Nova Scotia faces a serious problem unique in Canada. Each week, we hear heartbreaking stories from vulnerable patients who are being offered MAiD in our hospitals, nursing homes and doctor's offices before they even ask. You may have already heard from parishioners in similar situations. We all Nova Scotians are asked to pray and urge the government to ensure people in need receive genuine care, not death. The dignity of the human person is at stake, and we have a responsibility to take some action in defence of life. All the parishioners in our Diocese are asked to send a letter urging the Premier to step in to find a solution to this problem. The Premier knows what the solution is; he just needs to know that the public supports this. Copies of letters to be signed are available at the back of church. You can reach out to the Premier also by email to premier@novascotia.ca or pictoueastamanda@gmail.com. You can join this campaign also by visiting <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>.

Thank You: Thanks to all who participated in the solemn celebration of Rosary-to the Liturgy committee who coordinated it and to those who led the Rosary each day. Love the Rosary and continue to recite the rosary every day without fail. May Jesus Christ bless all, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thank You: Thanks also to all who attended the Parish Mission preached by Archbishop (Emeritus) Martin Currie-to the Parish Councils and the Liturgical Committee who coordinated the Mission and to those who supported the Mission by donations, and by food.

From the Pastor's Desk

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." (Revelation 21: 4) **All Soul's Day**, observed each year on **November 2nd**, stands as a touching and sacred occasion in the Liturgical calendar. It is a day set aside for the remembrance of all the faithful departed, a time when families, communities, and congregations gather to pray for those who have gone before us. This day is rich in spiritual tradition, inviting believers to reflect on the mysteries of life, death, and the promise of resurrection. This day reminds us of the profound hope rooted in our faith, the hope that death is not the end, but the beginning of a new and everlasting life with God—a passage to eternal life with Him.

The Gospel passage for today (Luke 7:11-17) offers a profound narrative that summarizes the essence of hope and compassion—qualities at the heart of All Soul's Day. In the Gospel, Jesus raises the young man at Nain, demonstrating His power over death and His compassion for those who mourn and suffer, offering consolation and restoring hope where it seemed lost. It is a reminder that Christ is the resurrection and the life, and that our hope rests in Him. All-Soul's Day and the story of the widow of Nain both centre on remembrance and the hope of new life. On this day, prayers and masses are offered for those who have died, expressing the Christian belief that death is not the end but a passage into eternal life. This passage from Luke reminds us that God's love and mercy reach beyond the grave. Just as Jesus comforted the grieving widow and restored her son to life, so too does He promise comfort and renewal to all who mourn.

This year the All-Souls' Day is also observed as the **Dignity Sunday** in our diocese reminding us that as followers of Christ, we are called to uphold the dignity of every human life, especially at its most vulnerable. This is why the Catholic Church firmly opposes Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). MAiD seeks to intentionally end life prematurely, often under the guise of compassion, but in reality, it can undermine the inherent dignity of every person. Since 2016, over 60,000 Canadians—an entire city's worth of people—have chosen to end their lives through assisted death. What began as a measure for the terminally ill has expanded beyond its original intent. Now, MAiD is available to those who are not dying, including individuals with disabilities, chronic conditions, mental health struggles, and feelings of loneliness or being a burden. This expansion raises profound moral and spiritual questions. It suggests that life, especially life with suffering, can be deemed less valuable or no longer worth living. But as Catholics, we know that every human life, regardless of age, health, or ability, is sacred, created in the image and likeness of God and loved unconditionally. The Church teaches that suffering, while painful, is a part of the human condition that can be united with Christ's suffering. It is through suffering, not by ending life prematurely, that we find true compassion and respect for human dignity. Every life, no matter how fragile or frail, bears the image of God and deserves our care, our compassion, and our respect until natural death, and so we are called to accompany those who suffer with love, presence, and care. This Dignity Sunday invites us to oppose practices like MAiD because they threaten to devalue life, especially the lives of the sick, elderly, and disabled. We are called to walk alongside those who suffer, offering hope, comfort, and the love of Christ. We are to advocate for palliative care and support systems that respect the dignity of life at all stages. As we observe the All-Souls' Day and Dignity Sunday today, the words and actions of Jesus call us to a deeper faith in the resurrection and a greater commitment to compassion and to value the dignity of life. In remembering our loved ones and praying for all souls, we affirm that God's mercy endures and that love is stronger than death. May this day inspire us to live with hope, to comfort those who mourn, and to trust in the promise of new life.

Our Celtic Music Interpretive Centre: We are running an online auction from **November 1-9**, and it is just in time for you to find all your Christmas gifts, seasonal wreaths and wonderful homemade baking for the holidays. Our donors have been amazingly generous! We have something for everyone, with items ranging from a smoker for your meats and fish, a truckload of gravel, gift certificates, return flights for 2 to Toronto with 2 nights' accommodation, pans of tasty lasagna, dinner for 4 prepared by Mary Janet MacDonald, lemon, butterscotch, apple and Bavaria cream pies, lap quilts, single bed quilts, homemade salsa, tickets to Bette MacDonald Christmas show—the list goes on and on with **about 100 items being auctioned!** Next week, we will begin posting the list of items online for you to see and will also post at Wayne's Variety. That will give you time to prepare before the auction starts on November 1. Check out the Facebook page for the auction, sign up and register and share with your friends and neighbours. All funds raised will be used to support the CMIC 's revitalization project and the installation of a new roof. Join us online at facebook.com/events/2160800654414284 now to sign up for the auction that will begin on November 1.

The St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Car Draw: You could drive away with a brand-new car and help out our parish in the process! Tickets are \$50.00 each or 3 for \$125.00! You could win a NEW Chevrolet TRAX 2RS. The draw will take place on Dec. 31st. If we sell out before New Year's Eve, the draw will take place earlier. Only 2000 tickets.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Brunch** on **Sunday, November 2nd and 16th** at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30**. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

"Remember your church in your Will"