

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 5, 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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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. Oct. 11 4:00 pm	Jack Redden	Darlene Watts
Sun. Oct. 12 10:00 am	Mary Janet MacDonald	Marcella Watts
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 6 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. Oct. 7 6:00pm	Deceased members of CWL by CWL	
Wed. Oct. 8 6:00pm (R)	Josephine MacDonald by Jennifer MacLaren	
Thur. Oct. 9 6:00pm (R)	Michael Faucette by Brenda Beaton	
Fri. Oct. 10 6:00pm (R)	Sadie Murphy by Rebecca MacDonald	

KoC Hot Roast Beef Dinner: The Knights of Columbus are serving a hot roast dinner, with those delicious pies, on **Tuesday, Oct. 14, 4-6:30**. Plan to support. Take-outs available.

KOC: The annual Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 5th at the Provincial Day Park from 2:00-3:00pm. All are invited to attend.

Parish Mission: Please mark your calendar for the Parish Mission in St. Peter's Parish Port Hood from **Saturday, October 25 to Tuesday 28, 2025** preached by **Archbishop Martin Curry**, Archbishop Emeritus of St. John's NL. The mission will begin with the Holy Mass on Saturday at 4.00pm. Details to follow.

Registration for Religious Education: Parents planning to register their children for religious education for the year 2025/2026 and for the First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion for the year 2026, may contact Sheila MacIsaac at 902-631-2512.

Building Fund: Thank you to all the parishioners who have contributed generously to the parish building fund. Request to continue that whole-hearted support with generous donations to pay off the cost of the brick work done at the back wall of the church building last year, and also for the future maintenance works. Tax receipts will be issued to all donations. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Free Instruction: Adult upgrading classes, essential skills training, and CAEC (formerly GED) exam prep. are being offered throughout Inverness County from Sept.2025 to June/2026. Basic computer skills instruction can be provided in your community depending on the interest. If you would like more information, please call the Literacy Office 258-3110, or toll free at 1-877-258-5550. Instruction provided by Inverness County Literacy. Sponsored by the Dept. of Labour, Skills and Immigration, along with the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

Solemn Celebration of Rosary: As October is specially dedicated as the Month of Rosary, the Solemn celebration of the Rosary with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held for **5 days in October, beginning on Monday the 20th to Friday the 24th**. These days the **Holy Mass will at 6.30pm** followed by the **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary. By attending the Solemn celebration of the Rosary let us prepare ourselves for the Parish Mission Retreat beginning with Holy Mass on Saturday October 25.**

Burial Service: The burial service for Mary Lou MacDonell, wife of Blaise MacDonell formerly of this parish, will take place on Tuesday, October 14th, 11:00 am, at St. Andrew's Church, Judique.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: A pilgrimage to Medjugorje where the Blessed Virgin Mary is believed to have appeared is being organised from **April 26th to May 7th, 2025**. The pilgrims will be visiting locations associated with the apparitions, including the Apparition Hill, where the first apparition occurred, and Cross Mountain where they climb and pray the Stations of the Cross. There will be daily Mass and Rosary often with the local community and other international visitors; may have the opportunity to hear the visionaries share their experiences or hear testimonies of conversion and healing. Specific activities include spending time in adoration at Oasis of Pece Chapel and meeting a Canadian couple Nancy & Patrick's home-castle next door. Visiting neighbouring towns could include Shrine with miraculous Divine Mercy Painting, Mostar, UNESCO world heritage site etc. Meals and accommodations in a local Inn, where one of the families to host pilgrims live. This is an occasion for pilgrims to participate in prayer, reflection and experience profound spiritual renewal. Contact **Fr. Andrew**/group leader: rhonda_lynn_c@hotmail.com for more information.

From the Pastor's Desk

"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, Be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you." (Luke 17: 6) When asked for a definition of faith, Laverne W. Hall-an author and poet-gave a narration in the following way: ***"Summer sun and a lack of rain had left the fields parched and brown. As they tended their wilting crops, the townspeople worriedly searched the sky for any sign of relief. Days turned into arid weeks and still no rain came. The ministers of the local churches announced that there would be a special service to pray for rain on the following Saturday. They requested that everyone bring an object of Faith for inspiration. At the appointed hour, everyone turned out, filling the town square with anxious faces and hopeful hearts. The ministers were touched to see the variety of objects clutched in prayerful hands-prayer books, Bibles, crosses, rosaries, etc. Just as the hour of prayer was concluding, and as if by some Divine cue, a soft rain began to fall. Cheers swept the crowd as they held their treasured objects high in gratitude and praise. From the middle of the crowd, one faith symbol seemed to overshadow all the others; a small nine-year-old child had brought an umbrella!"*** Without speaking a word, the child enunciated that quality of authentic Faith which expresses itself in commitment and action. By bringing the umbrella, the child affirmed the fact that Faith is more than intellectual assent to a set of revealed truths or theological doctrines.

The readings for the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time focus on the theme of faith and how it works in our lives. The readings present three dimensions of faith. 1) The theological virtue of Faith enables us to believe something to be true and therefore worthy of trust simply because it has been revealed to us by God. 2) Faith operates as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ. 3) Finally, Christian Faith is the trusting Faith in God in action, expressed by that steadfast loyalty, fidelity, and total commitment to Him which results in our offering ourselves to Him in those we encounter through our humble, loving service. Jesus teaches His Apostles that Faith allows us to share in God's power, and, hence, even in small quantities, deep Faith allows Him to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. It is Faith which makes one just, putting one into right relation with God and neighbor. In the Bible, Faith means reliance on, or confidence in, God, and Hope is the expectation of a better future with the means necessary to attain it. While the Apostles ask for an increase in the quantity of their Faith, Jesus reminds them, and us, that the quality of their faith is more important. Using the parable of the mustard seed Jesus teaches us that faith is not measured by volume but by authenticity and trust. Even a small, sincere faith can bring about remarkable changes. Jesus tells us that if we have even a small relationship with our Heavenly Father, we can do anything. No matter how weak it seems, Faith is an overwhelming power. Even a little dose of Faith can direct our lives, comfort us when we are discouraged and challenge us when we are complacent. When a person of Faith is trustingly receptive to God's power, all things become possible. Today we are invited to reflect on the nature of faith-not as a quantity to be measured, but as a dynamic force rooted in trust. Following the example of the Apostles, let us pray for greater Faith and trust in God. Let us grow in Faith by using the means Christ has given us in His Church- by cultivating our Faith through prayer, regular attendance of the Holy Mass, Bible study, and leading a well-disciplined spiritual life. Faith is the gift of God. So let us pray that God will increase our Faith. ***"To one who has Faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without Faith, no explanation is possible."*** (St. Thomas Aquinas).

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

"Remember your church in your Will"