

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Sept. 7, 2025

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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Leon Livingstone

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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

By request only

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. Sept. 13 4:00 pm	Leon Livingstone	Linda Beaton
Sun. Sept. 14 10:00 am	Susan MacDougall	Judy Leadbetter
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Sept. 8 9:30am	Home Schooling Mass	
Tues. Sept. 9 6:00pm	(R) Rita MacInnis by Bradley and Brenda Beaton	
Wed. Sept.10 6:00pm	Protection of the unborn/culture of life by Joe/Carmen	
Thur. Sept.11 9:30am	(R) Danny MacMillan by Trudy MacDonald	
Fri. Sept.12 6:00pm	(R) Florence Teresa MacDonald by Trudy MacDonald	

Parish Pastoral Council: Community Yard Sale: The Finance Council is holding a Community Yard Sale in the church parking lot on Saturday, Sept 13 from 9am to 2pm. Rent a table for \$20 or donate items to be sold by the Parish, with funds raised going to the Building Fund. Reach out to Melanie MacDonald at 902-495-7903 or melanie_mac@hotmail.com to reserve a table. Donations of yard sale items will be accepted at the Parish Hall on Wed, Sept 10 and Fri, Sept 12 from 5-6pm. Please note, if weather is poor, yard sale will be held in the Parish Hall.

Pastoral Council Meeting: There will be a parish council meeting on Tuesday, Sept 9 at 7pm in the glebe.

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**.

The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine Mabou: All are invited to attend the **Annual Celebration** at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine scheduled for **Sunday September 14, 2025**. The Continuous Rosary starts at **1:00 pm at the Shrine** until 3:30. **Mass will be offered at 4:00 pm at St. Mary's Church Mabou**. Many prayers will be said for many intentions. Please join with us in prayer from home if you are unable to attend. Lunch to follow the Mass in the Parish Hall compliments of St. Mary's CWL. The gift shop is open every day from 10.00am until 4 pm until mid October. Cash only. For inquiries call **902-945-2221**. The Shrine is open year-round. Thank you for your continued support.

Board of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine.

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. **Envelops are available at the back of the church.**

The Judique Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **Brunch**, on **Sunday, September 7th and September 21st**, at the **Judique Community Center**, from **10:30 -12:30**. Adults \$12.00, Children, \$6.00.

From the Pastor's Desk

“Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27) St. Thomas More was the Lord Chancellor, when Henry VIII was the King of England. More, with a wife and children, was a successful lawyer, a great linguist and a renowned spiritual and political writer. He refused to take an oath supporting the Act of Succession, which recognized the offspring of the self-divorced Henry and his second wife Anne Boleyn as the heir to the throne; declared Henry's first marriage with Catherine as null and void; and rejected the Pope and named himself Supreme Head of the Church in England. Consequently, Thomas More was imprisoned in the Tower of London in the year 1534. He could not, with any honesty, approve Henry's second marriage and he could not acknowledge the King as the supreme head of the Church of England. His family begged him to take the oath for his sake and theirs. Even though his daughter Margaret, wife and son-in-law tried hard, Thomas refused to support the King and his actions. He spent fifteen lonely months imprisoned in poor health, isolated from the other prisoners, deprived of his beloved books; not even paper and pen were given to him. Thomas More was convicted of treason, sentenced to death and, on July 6th, 1535, he was beheaded. On mounting the scaffold, Thomas More proclaimed that he was “the king's good servant but God's first.” St. Thomas More paid the price for his discipleship by loving God more than his wife, children and even his life. In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus challenges his would-be followers to calculate the cost in following him, because they will have to leave their families and possessions and accept the pain and suffering involved if they are to follow him as true disciples.

The Gospel passage reminds us to count the cost of being a Christian because the cost is high. Christian discipleship requires that one “renounce” or be detached from, both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart, i.e., one's relationships. Jesus lays out four conditions for true Christian discipleship: i) renouncing the attachment to family by putting God first, before other relationships and self-interest; ii) severing the attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing our blessings with others; iii) accepting the hard consequences of discipleship which include offering daily sacrificial service to others and being ready to die, rather than to deny Jesus and/or betray the brethren. We must also be faithful in our stewardship, faithful in everything of our day-to-day life. iv) calculating the cost involved. Using the two parables of the tower-builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says that we must think long and hard about Christian discipleship before we commit ourselves to Jesus in this full, life-long surrender. Today we are called to a deliberate, wholehearted discipleship. Jesus lays out the price and asks each of us to make a conscious, thoughtful choice. Like the builder and the king, we are invited to sit down, reflect, and determine whether we are prepared for the road ahead. Let us ask ourselves whether we can accept the challenge of Christian discipleship with heroic commitment and practice it in our daily life.

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

“Remember your church in your Will.”