

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 12, 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
Sat. Oct. 18 4:00 pm	Leon Livingstone	Jon Kommes
Sun. Oct. 19 10:00 am	Coline MacEachern	Janice Campbell
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 13 9.30am	Mass for Thanksgiving Day	
Tues. Oct. 14 6:00pm	Protection of unborn & culture of life by Joe/Carmen	
Wed. Oct. 15 9.30am (R)	Lenny MacDonald by Caddy MacDonald	
Thur. Oct. 16 9.30am (R)	Josephine MacDonald by Barbara/ Gerald MacLellan	
Fri. Oct. 17 9:30am (R)	Rita MacInnis by Katrina MacLean	

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Oct. 13 Thanksgiving Monday: **9.30am**; Oct. 14 Tuesday: **6.00pm**.

Oct.15-18 Wednesday to Friday: **9.30am**.

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.

Work Schedule:

Oct. 13, Monday : 4:00 pm Peeling Vegetables and hall preparation

Oct. 14, Tuesday : 2:00 pm Meal Prep and serving the meal

: 6:00 pm Cleanup

Thank You: The Knights of Columbus council would like to thank everyone who participated in the Life Chain last Sunday. Your participation was very much appreciated.

KOC Meeting: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 19, 2025 @ 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. Rosary at 7:00 p.m.**

Parish Mission: All are invited to attend the Parish Mission that takes place in our church from **Saturday, October 25 to Tuesday 28, 2025** preached by **Archbishop Martin Currie**, Archbishop Emeritus of St. John's NL. The mission will begin with the Holy Mass on Saturday at 4.00pm. The detailed schedule of the Mission:

October 25, Saturday : 4.00pm Holy Mass; Talk during the Mass

October 26, Sunday : 10.00am Holy Mass

: 7.00pm Talk

October 27, Monday : 6.30pm Holy Mass &Talk

October 28, Tuesday : 6.30pm Holy Mass & talk

(Archbishop Martin Currie will be available for hearing confession on Monday and Tuesday) Archbishop will be in the parish from Friday (Oct.24) evening. If you are willing to have him for a meal during his stay here, please contact Linda Beaton (902-787-3040).

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.**

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.

Milestone Celebration for Fr. Doug Murphy: All are invited to celebrate with Fr. Dough Murphy, the three milestones in his life: **65th Anniversary of his priestly ordination, 20th year of service at Holy Rosary Church, Westmount and his 90th Birthday** (in November). Date: **Sunday Oct. 25. Time: 2pm to 5pm. Place: Westmount Legion.** There will be Food and Entertainment. Best Wishes only.

Pilgrims of Hope-200th Anniversary celebration of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Broad Cove: Sunday Oct. 12: 9.30am-Thanksgiving Mass; **Monday: 2-4pm**-Confession, silent prayer; **Tuesday: 2.00pm**-Mass followed by confession and silent prayer; **6.30pm**-Presentation by Dr. Peter Ludlow of Acadia University (topic: ***Faith through the Eyes of the Parish 200 years of the parish***); **Wednesday: 2.00pm**-Mass, followed by Food drive for Food Bank; **Thursday: 2.00pm**-Gaelic Mass; **Friday: 12.00Noon**-Anniversary Day Mass, followed by lunch.

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.

John Allan Cameron Song Session featuring: Glen and Keith MacNeil, Thanksgiving Monday, October 13th from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Admission: \$15.00

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Brunch** on Sunday, October 19th at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30**. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

Free Public Presentation on **'Why Being a Patient is a Hard Pill to Swallow'** on **Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025**, from **3.00-4.00pm** at Presentation Theatre, Building A, NSCC Sydney Waterfront, by **Dr. Harvey Max Chochinov** MD, PhD, FRCPC-a leading authority on the emotional dimensions of end-of-life, and on supportive and palliative care.

From the Pastor's Desk

"...**Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.**" (Luke 17: 19) Fr. John Kavanaugh, S.J., a well-known author and an American columnist once spoke of an old woman in an extended care hospital as perhaps the most grateful person he has ever heard of. He wrote of her in the following words. "She had some kind of wasting disease, her different powers fading away over the march of months. A student of mine happened to meet her on a coincidental visit. The student kept going back, drawn by the strange force of the woman's joy. Though she could no longer move her arms and legs, she would say, "I'm just so happy and grateful to God that I can move my neck." When she could no longer move her neck, she would say, "I'm just so glad and thankful I can hear and see." When the young student finally asked the old woman what would happen if she lost her senses of hearing and sight, the gentle lady said, "I'll just be so grateful that you come to visit." The Gospel passage for this weekend offers a powerful lesson on gratitude, faith, and the boundless mercy of Jesus. It reminds us of the significance of gratitude in our spiritual lives. In the journey of faith, moments of healing and gratitude often serve as powerful reminders of our relationship with the divine and with one another.

The passage from St. Luke presents ten persons suffering from leprosy approaching Jesus for healing. Jesus instructs them to go and show themselves to the priests. As they go, they are cleansed of their disease. Of those ten, one-a Samaritan-returns to thank Jesus, praising God in a loud voice and falling at his feet in gratitude. Then Jesus asked: "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Jesus' response highlights the heart of the passage. This brief but profound account highlights two key lessons. First, the story emphasizes the importance of gratitude. All ten lepers are healed, but only one returns to express thankfulness. Jesus' question serves as an invitation to us to consider how often we take our blessings for granted. Second, the narrative challenges social and religious boundaries: the only one who returns is a Samaritan, a group often despised as gentiles. Jesus' acceptance of the Samaritan and his affirmation that faith transcends all barriers is a powerful message of inclusion. Also, the Samaritan's return is not only an act of thankfulness but also an expression of faith. Jesus affirms this by telling him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." Today we are reminded of our duty to be thankful to God and to others for all the blessings we have received in our life. It is a call to recognize and respond to the gifts we receive. It is an invitation to us to reflect on our own attitudes toward thankfulness. Do we remember to return and give thanks? Are we open to the lessons and gifts offered by those whom society may overlook? In a world often marked by division and ingratitude, the story of the ten lepers-and the one who returned-calls us to cultivate hearts of gratitude and to recognize the faith and humanity in everyone we meet. So let us be grateful to our forgiving God by forgiving others and by loving God in them, radiating His love, mercy, and compassion to all we encounter, including our families and friends. Let us vow to take good care of our old and sick parents thus expressing our gratitude to them for the loving sacrifices they have made in raising us. Let us always have an "attitude of gratitude" to God and to our neighbors.

"Remember your church in your Will"