

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 19, 2025**

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Parish Office

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Please call Parish Office at least six
months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm to
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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. 25 4:00 pm	Melanie MacDonald	Linda Beaton
Sun. Oct. 26 10:00 am	Louise MacInnis	Judy Leadbetter
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 20 6:30pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. Oct. 21 6:30pm (R)	Helen Batherson by family	
Wed. Oct. 22 6.30pm (R)	Aaron MacDonald by Joy Watts	
Thur. Oct. 23 6:30pm (R)	Mae Ann Beaton by Anita Dwyer	
Fri. Oct. 24 6:30pm (R)	Veronica Gillies by Keith Sutherland	

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY-2025: The World Mission Sunday this year is observed on Sunday **October 19, 2025**. Pope Leo XIV's message for this year emphasizes the **theme "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples,"** encouraging Christians to be messengers and builders of hope in the Jubilee Year 2025. He asks the faithful to burn with holy zeal for a new era of evangelization, bringing hope to a world overshadowed by dark shadows, and to be a community of hope by letting the Spirit guide their actions. Let us join the missionary work of the Church by encouraging missionary spirit in us and in others, by promoting missionary vocations and by collaborating spiritually and materially with the missionary needs of the Church.

Parish Pastoral Council: The meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Tuesday, October 21 at 7.30pm** in the glebe.

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 be 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.**

KOC Roast Beef Dinner: We are so grateful to all who helped and all who attended or took home our Celtic Colours meal. To the ladies who baked the terrific pies; to the knights who donated the potatoes and turnip; to Sandy and Donald A. for their wonderful work on the meat; to Catherine for her amazing and often praised gravy; to Fr. Gene for blessing us with his presence; to the Knights who turned out in such numbers and team attitudes, thank-you. It was such a joyous occasion. Thank-you and God Bless. KOC

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.

ALL-SOULS' DAY: As this year **November 2** (traditionally the All-Souls' Day) is a **Sunday**, the **Holy Mass for All Souls' Day** will be on **Monday November 3, at 6.30pm**. **Candles will be lit for those who passed away or were buried since November 2024**. It will be greatly appreciated if the family members of the deceased can forward the pictures of the deceased to stpeter'sporthood@gmail.com or to Mary Janet MacDonald at maryjanetmacdonald@hotmail.com.

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. 26**. Time: **2pm to 5pm**. Place: **Westmount Legion**. There will be Food and Entertainment. Best Wishes only.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?" (Luke. 18:7) It took Winston Churchill three years to get through the eighth grade, because he couldn't pass English-of all things! Ironically, he was asked many years later to give the commencement address at his alma mater, Harrow School. The famous speech he made on 29th October 1941, centered around these words: **"Never give in, never, never, never!"** No leader in history, perhaps, matched Churchill's capacity for blurring the lines between speech and battle cry. This is one of his best. The "Never give in" exhortation comprised the totality of his address; Churchill went on for several more paragraphs. But there's no question that this, far and away, was what Harrow's students remembered. And that is the message of today's Gospel parable of ***The poor widow and the corrupt judge***.

At the time when St. Luke wrote the Gospel, the Second Coming of Jesus had been delayed beyond what the early Church had expected. In addition, the Church was experiencing persecution from both the Jews and the Romans. The persecuted early Christians were finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their Faith. Hence, this parable addresses the issues of Faith in difficult times. It reassures the disciples that God is listening to their persistent prayers and will grant them justice and vindicate their Faith in the end. This Gospel passage is a classic example of the link between perseverance and blessing. By this parable Jesus was challenging His disciples to pray always and not lose heart, that is, to persevere in prayer and receive God's blessings. Here Jesus emphasizes the "necessity of praying always and not losing heart." Jesus presents the widow in today's Gospel as a model of the trust, persistence and unwavering faith with which His disciples are to pray. Today we are reminded that perseverance in seeking justice and in prayer can yield remarkable results and blessings in our life. Hence, we need to have Faith in all circumstances, good or adverse. One measure of the depth of our Faith is our constancy in prayer, because prayer is a battle of faith and the triumph of perseverance. Jesus is asking us to persevere in the prayer that opens our hearts and minds to God's always available grace. Prayer does not seek to move God's heart for what we want. Prayer opens our own heart and spirit to what God wants for us. God hears the cry of the people, and God answers that cry speedily, although that may not fit with our actual experience of unanswered prayer. That is both because God operates in Eternity where, "one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 2:8), and because God answers us by His active presence in our lives. For God is intimately present in all the turmoil and terror of life, vindicating those who cry out in Faith. God is, in fact, with us, even before the cry for help leaves our mouth. God is present, experiencing our pain and distress, and Jesus is the illustration and guarantee of that Truth. So let us continue to pray to God through Jesus Christ, without losing heart, with the trust and sure hope that God will answer our prayers.

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.

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

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