

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

## 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



### St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Nov. 23, 2025

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#### Parish Office

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#### Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from  
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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

[parishbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:parishbulletin@hotmail.com)

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. 29 4:00 pm	Ellen Murphy	Linda Beaton
Sun. Nov. 30 10:00 am	Louise MacInnis	Judy Leadbetter
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Nov. 24 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. Nov. 25 6:00pm (R)	Mae Ann Beaton by Melanie & Annie Mae MacDonald	
Wed. Nov. 26 6:00pm (R)	Special Intention by Fr. Sunny	
Thur. Nov. 27 6:00pm (R)	Michael Fawcette by Beverly Beaton	
Fri. Nov. 28 6:00pm (R)	Lennie MacDonald by Rita & Robert Campbell	

**Knights of Columbus:** Your Knights will once again be selling Christmas Trees and Wreaths beginning the first week of December.

**Catholic Women's League:** On Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, the CWL will be hosting a **Breakfast with Santa** from 8-11:30 am at the Parish hall and we invite everyone to come and join us. Full breakfast included. Santa will be handing out treat bags and there will be a bake table with delicious treats as well. **Adults \$12.00; Children \$7.00.** Anyone in the Parish who would like to volunteer for this day or contribute to the bake table please let Ann know @902-623-2625. **The annual kitchen clean at the Parish hall will take place on Wednesday, Nov.26 beginning at 9:00 am.** Please bring your own supplies. **Service pins will be awarded** to members for their years of service during the **10:00am Mass on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**New members to CWL:** We are actively seeking **new members** to join our group and to fill our vacant positions, if this is something that interests you, you are invited to come to one of our meetings and see how our CWL is actively involved within our Parish and community and what the CWL stand for. With the decline in membership over the recent years and members who have been on positions for numerous years, and with an aging minority, this is the time for younger women to join and grow in faith and to come see and experience what we are about and what the CWL's mission is and how you may contribute your time to such an awarding and fulfilling role within our Parish. Please consider and reach out to us. *Ann MacDonald, CWL President.*

**2026 Living with Christ Missals:** The new missals will be sold the weekends of Nov. 22/23 and Nov. 29/30. They are \$5.00.

**Religious Education:** We have started a Bible Study for **youth group aged 12 and up**, on **Mondays from 6 to 7.15pm.** Anyone interested, may contact **Sheila MacIsaac** or **Noah Dunn.** **Advent Presentation:** All are invited to an Advent Presentation (Drama & Carols) by St. Peter's Parish Family Programs (Religious Education) on **December 1, 2025, at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.** The Theme is **'As For Me and My House: From Creation to Christmas'**. Donations appreciated at the door.

**Intriguing Implications of Artificial Intelligence:** This year's Vicar of the Founder Lecture features **Fr. Philip Larrey, PH.D.**, a Catholic priest, author, and professor of philosophy at Boston College, and former Chair of Logic and Epistemology at the Pontifical Lateran University in the Vatican. His scholarly work focuses on the philosophy of knowledge, critical thinking, and the impact of the digital era on society. His presentation takes place on **November 25 from 12.00 to 1.30pm at St. Ninian Place, Antigonish.** Admission is free. All are welcome.

Visit: [www.antigonishdiocese.com](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com) for more information.

**Retreat with Fr. Mark Cherry:** All are welcome to the retreat talks in **Our Lady of Grace Monastery** by Fr. Mark Cherry from **November 28-30 (Friday-Sunday).** For more information and to register for the on-site retreat package, please contact **Lucille Fougere** at (902)623-0075.

**New Liturgical Year (A):** The New Liturgical Year begins with the Season of Advent on the Weekend of **November 29/30.** The season of Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us; and it is also a time when we look forward to His second coming, at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. Let us prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives by receiving the **Sacrament of Confession** and by **attending the Holy Mass daily during the Advent.** **The weekday Mass during advent will be in the church, if there are more people to attend.**

**The ICMH Auxiliary** will be holding the Annual Christmas Tea & Sale on Sunday **Nov.30<sup>th</sup>** from **2-5 pm** at the Royal Canadian Legion, Inverness. Sale includes: Bake tablet, Fudge, Jewellery, Christmas Crafts, Parcel Post and Silent Auction upstairs. Take Out or Eat in Tea (\$5.00) downstairs. Our area is asked to supply wrapped articles for Parcel Post marked Man, Woman or Child. A canvasser will call on you for a donation. For further information contact Alice Landry at 902 302 0627. Please print Nov. 15th, 22nd & 29th.

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

**Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."** (Luke 23.43) Charles Colson, founder of the Prison Fellowship and Prison Fellowship International, contrasting earthly rulers with Jesus Christ and speaking of Him as a King with big difference, has said: *"All the kings and queens I have known in history sent their people out to die for them. I only know one King who decided to die for his people"*. In the Church's calendar, the liturgical year concludes with this Feast of Christ the King. This year, it is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the institution of this Feast by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This Feast was instituted in order to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16<sup>th</sup> centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: **"Pax Christi in regno Christi"** ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government, and to remind Christians of the personal fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by His Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Feast was also a reminder to the leaders of the totalitarian governments of that time that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We declare our loyalty to Him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our humble service of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honor Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing Him to take control of our lives. In the hearts all Christian believers over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is His throne and the Sermon on the Mount, His rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: *"Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you."* His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: to free us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

The Gospel passage for today (Luke 23: 35-43), challenging conventional ideas of royalty and power, presents Christ as the King with a big difference, who reigns from the cross rather than a throne. Unlike earthly rulers who display might and demand allegiance, Jesus reveals His kingship in vulnerability and mercy. The passage reaches its climax when the second criminal, acknowledging his own guilt, turns to Jesus: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Here, Jesus' response- "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise"-shows that His kingdom is not built on force, but on forgiveness, compassion, and the promise of salvation. On this feast, We Christians are invited to re-examine what it means to call Jesus 'King.' His reign defies worldly expectations: it is marked by humility, self-sacrifice, and unconditional love. The cross becomes His throne, where He exercises authority not through domination, but through the gift of Himself for others. This radical vision challenges us to embody Christ's values in our daily lives-standing with the marginalized, offering mercy, and building communities of hope and justice. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that true leadership is service, and real power is found in love. The Gospel passage calls us to recognise Christ's kingdom in places of suffering, to trust in his mercy, and to participate in the work of reconciliation and peace. In a world often overwhelmed by status and influence, Christ the King invites us to follow a different way-a way of compassion, humility, and enduring hope. Let us recommit ourselves to building Christ's kingdom-not through worldly power, but by following His example of self-giving love. Let us be people of reconciliation and service, drawing others to the King, Who invites all to share in His life and love.

**CORAH (Centre of Rural Aging & Health) For Older Adults Age 55+:** Join us this November for a variety of engaging and wellness-focused activities. There is something for everyone: **CORAH-Café**-connect over coffee and conversation, **Chair-Yoga**-Gentle movement for all abilities, **Crafter-Noons** -Creative afternoons of crafting fun, **Cooking Classes**-Learn and cook together in the CORAH Kitchen, **Meditation Sessions**-Relax and recharge your mind, **Death-Café**-Open conversations about life and loss, **Foot Care**-By appointment only. For more information or to register, please phone **902-625-4252**.

**Judique's Annual (St. Andrew's Parish) Christmas Bazaar** will be held on Sunday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00-1:00**. Hot Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Adults \$20.00, Children \$10.00. There will be crafts, bake goods & much more.

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL**

**"Remember your church in your Will"**