

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 26, 2025**

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Send notices no later than 12 noon
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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. 1 4:00 pm	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Sun. Nov. 2 10:00 am	Malia Watts	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 27 6:30pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene		
Tues. Oct. 28 6:30pm (R) Deceased members of CWL by CWL		
Wed. Oct. 29 6.00pm (R) John W Beaton by Donald/Jeannie MacMillan		
Thur. Oct. 30 6:00pm (R) Isaac Goswell by Deniese/Raymond MacEachern		
Fri. Oct. 31 9:30am (R) Anita Cameron by Pat/Margo Batherson		
Sat. Nov. 1 11:00am In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary		

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 the days of Mission) On Tuesday following the Talk, there will be a reception in the basement hall of the Glebe. Envelopes and a collection basket will be at the back of the church for donations towards the expenses of the Parish Mission.

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. **A Meeting for CWL members** will be held on **Monday, October 27th at 1:00pm** at the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

All Saints' Day: The Solemnity of All Saints Day is being celebrated on **Saturday November 1st**. As it is also the **First Saturday**, there will be **Holy Hour** in honour of **Bl. V. Mary and all the saints** at **10.00am**, followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am**. It is a day to honor all the saints, known and unknown, who led holy and virtuous life on earth and have attained heaven. This feast reminds us of our call to holiness. **"For this is the will of God, your sanctification"**. (I Thessalonians. 4:3) The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "The Church is the communion of saints". (Ch.3, Art. 9, para.5: 946)

ALL-SOULS' DAY: As All Souls' Day (**November 2**) this year falls on **Sunday**, the **Weekend Masses** will be celebrated as the **Commemoration of All the Faithful departed**. The Holy Mass on **Saturday (November 1) at 4.00pm** will begin with lighting of the **candles for those who passed away or were buried since November 2024**. We would like to welcome all the family members of the deceased to the lighting of the candles and the Holy Mass.

Confirmation-2025: The Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish will be on **Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the 10.00am Holy Mass** officiated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. There will be a reception in the parish hall following the Mass.

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted". (Luke. 18:14) A news reporter once asked St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) if she had ever been tempted to be proud. Mother Theresa responded with a smile, *"Proud about what?"* The reporter replied, *"Why, about the wonderful things you have been doing for the poorest of the poor!"* Then came her answer, ***"I never knew I had done anything, because it was God who worked in and through my Sisters and volunteers."*** True humility differentiates a saint from a sinner. If we are proud of our talents, our family connections, our reputation, or our achievements in life, in today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we need to get rid of our pride and make us truly humble, so that we may be justified before God and our prayers be heard.

The parable in today's Gospel (Luke 18:9-14) is one of Jesus' most compelling teachings on the nature of humility and righteousness. In this brief but profound story, Jesus contrasts two men who went to the temple to pray: a Pharisee, known for his religious devotion and strict observance of the law, and a tax collector, a figure often despised in Jewish society for working with the Roman authorities. Standing apart from the others, the Pharisee's prayer is less about communion with God and more about self-praise. He thanks God that he is not like other people- thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. He lists his religious achievements: fasting twice a week and giving a tenth of all he gets. While his actions appear pious, his attitude reveals a heart focused on comparison, pride, and self-righteousness. In stark contrast, the tax collector stands at a distance, unwilling even to lift his eyes to heaven. Beating his breast, a sign of deep remorse, he utters a simple and heartfelt plea: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Unlike the Pharisee, the tax collector does not rely on his own merits. He recognizes his shortcomings and throws himself on the mercy of God, aware that only divine grace can restore him. Jesus declares the tax collector as justified before God and not the pharisee. The central focus of this parable is not about prayer itself, but rather about the evil of pride, the need for true humility, and the role of God's grace in our salvation. Today this passage warns us against the danger of pride, self-flattery, comparing ourselves to others and thinking of ourselves as spiritually superior. True faith is not about what we achieve or how we are seen by others, but about our attitude before God. As we Christians, value fairness and humility, this parable encourages us to approach life and faith with honesty and a willingness to admit our need for mercy. The parable calls us to examine our own hearts and make changes in our lives. Are we like the proud pharisee? We become the proud Pharisee when we boast about our achievements, giving no credit to God, when we seek praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments, and when we degrade others with insensitive comments, hurting their feelings. Today Jesus challenges us to get rid of this proud pharisee in us and to imitate the humble tax collector by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His Grace for all our achievements and blessings; by confessing to God daily our sinfulness and asking for His pardon and forgiveness; by praying for God's continued daily support through His Grace; by asking God for strengthening through the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit living within us; and by becoming more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, serving Jesus in them as best as we can.

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.

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.

Talk on Artificial Intelligence: There will be a special presentation at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney **"Understanding AI (Artificial Intelligence) – What it means for Us and How We can Respond"** on Tuesday, **October 28th at 7PM**, by Francis Syms, P.Eng.-Associate Dean at Humber Polytechnic in Toronto, and a regular technology commentator for CBC Radio. Francis will give a special 30-minute presentation-exploring what Artificial Intelligence really is, how it's already part of our daily lives, and what it means for our communities, families, and workplaces. All are welcome to attend this engaging and down-to-earth talk, followed by a Q&A session.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Brunch on Sunday, November 2nd and 16th** at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30**. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

Judique Card Games will resume on Sunday, **Nov. 2nd at 7:00pm**.

"Remember your church in your Will"