

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood July 27, 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. Aug. 2 4:00 pm	Melanie MacDonald	Linda Beaton
Sun. Aug. 3 10:00 am	John Gillies	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. July 28 11:00am	Funeral Mass for Ken MacNeil	
Tues. July 29 6:00pm	Cemetery Mass	
Wed. July 30 9:30am	(R) Peter Behrens by Carmen & Joe van Zutphen	
Thur. July 31 9:30am	(R) Alex Allan, Bernice, & John Carl Gillies by Gillies family	
Fri. Aug. 1 9:30am	(R) Clair & Aaron MacDonald by Charlie & family	
Sat. Aug. 2 10:00am	In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	

Funeral Mass: The funeral Mass for **Ken MacNeil**, son of **Stanley** and the late **Margie MacNeil**, will take place on **Monday July 28th** at **11am**. Visitation will be in the church starting at **10.00am**.

Cemetery Mass: Holy Mass will be celebrated at the **Crossland** (Southside of the church) on **Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 6:30pm** (weather permitting). Some chairs will be set up, but those who wish, may bring their own. The Mass will be followed by a short theatre play in the parish hall, performed by the children attending the Summer Camp.

Weekday Mass: During the Chestico Week, **the Holy Mass from Wednesday to Friday (July 30-August 1) will be at 9.30am**. Rosary at 9.00am.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, August 1st**, after the **9.30am Holy Mass**. Holy Hour and Benediction in honour of **Bl. V. Mary** on **Saturday, August 2nd** at **9.00am** and **Holy Mass at 10.00am**.

Summer Camp 2025 & Theatre Play: The last day of the **Camp 1** will be on **Monday 28** at the St. Peter's Parish Hall from **9.00am to 12.00noon**. A short theatre play (**I Can, I Ought, I Will!**) will be performed by the children on **July 29, 2025, at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall. (After the Cemetery Mass). **Camp 2 will begin on August 11**.

Lobster Raffle: The Finance Council is putting on a second lobster raffle. Three grand prizes of 20lbs of lobster each will be drawn August 1. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and are available at the back of the church. Parishioners are asked to take some to sell; tickets and money can be turned in to Louise MacInnis, 902-631-2068. Tickets will also be available from any member of the Finance Council. This includes Melanie MacDonald, who accepts e-transfer at melanie_mac@hotmail.com.

From the Pastor's Desk

"Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir.14:2)" The 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is being observed this Sunday (July 27,2025) with the theme **"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"**. These words, taken from the Book of Sirach, express the beatitude of the elderly and show the hope in the Lord as the path to Christian and reconciled old age. This Day invites the Church and the world to pause, reflect, and celebrate the immeasurable dignity and enduring hope carried by our grandparents and elderly loved ones. This is a day set aside to cherish those whose lives are woven deeply into the fabric of families and communities. It is an invitation to reflect on the quiet, steadfast courage that grandparents and elders embody, and to honour the hope they inspire in each passing generation. **The Message by Pope Leo XIV**, for this year's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly highlights the importance of this celebration. Following is a summary of Pope's message. To read the full message, visit the webpage of the **Dicastery of Laity, Family and Life**.

The Gift of Hope in the Lives of the Elderly: Pope Leo begins his message by acknowledging the journey of life that grandparents and the elderly have travelled. Through joys and sorrows, victories and losses, it is often hope that has sustained them. Their lives are chapters in the great story of faith, marked by steadfastness, patience, and the quiet perseverance that comes from trust in God. He recognizes that many elderly people have experienced upheaval, loneliness, or illness. Yet, despite these challenges, many continue to radiate hope, inspiring those around them. The

Pope asks the elderly to continue to be “guardians of hope,” inspiring their families and communities to look to the future with courage and confidence. Hope is a blessing not only for the elderly themselves, but for all who come after them. He says to the elderly, “You are the living memory of our faith, guardians of hope, and gentle teachers of perseverance. Your prayers and your wisdom shape the faithful hearts of tomorrow.” He encourages them to continue sharing their hopes and dreams-not only for themselves but for their children, grandchildren, and the world. Even when faced with illness or frailty, their hope remains a powerful witness that life is always meaningful, at every stage and in every condition. **Honouring the Pillars of Our Families and Communities:** Pope Leo in his message emphasizes that grandparents and the elderly are the living memory of families and the Church. Their faith, resilience, and love have shaped generations and continue to anchor families in turbulent times. The Pope reminds us that their stories, prayers, and presence are not only a blessing but a vital source of wisdom and stability. He calls on all believers to recognize the dignity of each elderly person. He warns against the dangers of neglect and isolation, which too often mark the later years of life. “Let us not allow the voices of our elders to fade into silence,” he urges. Rather, he advocates for an active engagement with the elderly, encouraging families to make space for their stories and contributions.

Intergenerational Solidarity: A Source of Renewal: Pope Leo highlights the importance of relationships between generations. He encourages families and parishes to foster bonds where the wisdom of the elderly is cherished, and their presence embraced. Drawing on the biblical example of Simeon and Anna, who awaited the coming of Christ in hope, Pope Leo highlights how the elderly, through their patience and prayer, become pillars for the young. “When the young listen to the old, and the old open their hearts to the young, hope becomes a gift that is handed down-a living flame, not a flickering ember.” Pope Leo envisions a renewed culture where the elderly are not set aside but welcomed as active participants in the life of the Church and community. He invites parishes to create opportunities for intergenerational encounters-moments where the wisdom of age can enlighten the enthusiasm of youth, and the dreams of the young can invigorate the seasoned hopes of their elders. Grandparents and elders are called to share their faith, stories, and traditions. In turn, the younger generation is invited to approach them with respect, gratitude, and a willingness to receive. Pope stresses that in a world often captivated by novelty, it is vital never to discard the wisdom and faithfulness of those who have walked before us. **Faith Amidst Loneliness and Isolation:** Pope Leo gently acknowledges the reality that many elderly individuals find themselves isolated or neglected, especially in a rapidly changing society. He urges the global community to remember these individuals, to reach out in friendship, and to build inclusive environments where all feel valued. He reminds us that even in solitude, the elderly are never alone: God is always near, and the Church is called to be a family that embraces every member. “To those who feel forgotten or alone: know that the Lord sees you, loves you, and walks beside you. Your prayers are precious, your presence irreplaceable.” In practical terms, he encourages communities to reach out to the elderly, to visit those in nursing homes, and to support those who live alone. Acts of kindness, he reminds us, become expressions of God’s love and a testament to the unity of the human family. He also invites the parish communities to ensure that the elderly remain engaged in the life of the Church. He suggests that even a simple conversation, a shared meal, or a prayer together can reignite hope and joy. This Day is a time to celebrate the legacy, wisdom, and love of those who have gone before us. It is an invitation to cultivate relationships across generations, to cherish the gift of our elders, and to commit ourselves to a society where every age is valued and every person is cherished. Responding to Pope Leo’s call, let us resolve to build a world where the wisdom of the elderly continues to shine as a beacon for all. For, indeed, blessed are those who-no matter the darkness-keep the candle of hope burning bright, lighting the way for all who follow.

Chestico Museum’s summer ceilidh series: The fifth ceilidh will be **Thursday, July 31. Performing will be Koryne MacDonald, Mary Elizabeth MacInnis and the Boys from the Hood. Admission is \$10 and tea will be served.**

Chestico Museum Twilight Tales Walking Tours led by John & Cathy Gillies are offered between July 28 and August 20. The Monday tour includes St. Peter’s Parish cemeteries and begins at 8 PM. The Wednesday tour meets at the Union Protestant Cemetery at 7:30 PM. Please contact the museum@902-787-2244 to reserve your spot.

Join us at the Chestico Museum on July 30th at 4:00pm for a special panel event celebrating the stories of women’s hockey in Inverness County. The Beaton Institute will be on-site to scan and collect any memorabilia so bring along your photos, clippings, programs, or any other material. Admission is free.

Chestico Museum is offering a series, “Starting the Genealogical Journey”, on Tuesday, July 22, from 7-9 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. Brenda (Hawley) Harrison, and Port Hood local residents John and Cathy Gillies and the museum will be providing workshops for the beginner or more experienced person who wants to record and research their family tree. Contact the Chestico Museum@902-787-2244 for more information and to reserve your spot (\$20 registration fee). **Pre-registration is required.**

250th Anniversary of Judique: The Judique Community Centre is busy preparing a special 5-course dinner with excellent music on Tuesday, August 5. Tickets (\$ 50 each) available online at Event-250 Anniversary Dinner or by texting 902-717-6635. A reminder that the week begins with the grand opening taking place at 6:00pm on August 3rd at Michaels Landing. **(Bring your own lawn chair for event)**. Afterwards everyone is invited to join us at the **Celtic Music Interpretive Centre** for a free social, where tea, refreshments and music await you. For any questions please email: judique250@gmail.com. For schedule of events visit Facebook page of the event.

“Remember your church in your Will.”