

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Nov. 30, 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. Dec. 6 4:00 pm	Malia Watts	Janice Campbell
Sun. Dec. 7 10:00 am	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Dec. 1 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. Dec. 2 6:00pm (R)	Isaac Goswell by Keith & Lorelei MacDonald	
Wed. Dec. 3 6.00pm	In honor of St. Joseph	
Thur. Dec. 4 6:00pm (R)	Josephine MacDonald by M.C. Pellerine	
Fri. Dec. 5 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada	
Sat. Dec. 6 11:00am	In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary	

****Please note:** The last date for 2025 donations to be included in this year's tax receipts is Sunday, December 28th. Any donations after that date will be receipted for 2026.

Parish Finance Council: There will be a Parish Finance Council meeting on Wednesday, December 2, at 7pm in the parish hall.

Knights of Columbus Members: Starting Thursday, Dec. 4 we will be selling Christmas Trees at the Co-op. We will have 2 shifts each day, 10 to 1 and 1 to 4, except only 1 to 4 on Sunday. Please call me to book your time(s). 787-3284 or 615-5697. Joe Morris

Catholic Women's League: The Breakfast with Santa is rescheduled to Saturday, Dec 13th, from 8:00 to 11:30 am. We hope everyone will come out to see Santa and enjoy a delicious full breakfast and grab some baked goods. Adults \$12 / Children \$7 **The service awards** will be given to CWL members on Sunday, December 7th and not December 30 as was posted in last week's bulletin.

If you are interested in joining us for our annual Christmas party, please let Ann know @ 902-623-2625. More details to follow on this.

Religious Education-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.

Bible Study: 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.

Holy Hour in honour of St. Joseph on Wednesday, December 3, from 4:45pm to 5:45 pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.00pm; in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, December 5, from 4.45pm to 5:45 pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.00pm and in honour of Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday December 6, at 10.00am followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

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. 30th** from **2-5 pm** at the Royal Canadian Legion, Inverness. Sale includes: Bake table, 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.

The Gift Shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou is currently closed. However, we have decided to open for a one day only Christmas Shopping Sale. On Sunday, December 7th from 1 to 4 pm. all items, except candles, will be 50% OFF for this one day only. Cash Only. The Shrine is open year round. We thank you sincerely for all your support this year. Many projects have been completed. Have a Merry Christmas and Good Health and Happiness in the New Year. *Board & Management of the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine. For inquiries call 902-945-2221*

From the Pastor's Desk:

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (Mathew 24:42). John F. Kennedy at the Annual Awards Dinner of the Overseas Press Club, New York, New York, on May 6, 1957, finished his speech with these words: "We have had enough of anguish and despair and empty promises. It is time now to re-examine, to illuminate, and then to act. In his book 'One Man's America', Alistair Cooke tells the story which best illustrates my point. On the 19th of May 1780, as he describes it, in Hartford, Connecticut, the skies at noon turned from blue to gray and by mid-afternoon had blackened over so densely that, in that religious age, men fell on their knees and begged a final blessing before the end came. The Connecticut House of Representatives was in session. And as some men fell down in the darkened chamber and others clamored for an immediate adjournment, the Speaker of the House, one Colonel Davenport, came to his feet. And he silenced the din with these words: 'The Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. I wish, therefore, that candles may be brought.'" John F Kennedy always closed his campaign speeches with this story. The message of this story is that rather than fearing what is to come, we are to be faithful till Christ returns. Instead of fearing the dark, we're to be lights as we watch and wait. Today's readings contain the same message: we always need to be prepared to receive Jesus at his second coming by accepting him now as our personal savior and doing now what he has commanded us to do. Today we begin our yearly pilgrimage through the events of history of salvation starting with our preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ and ending with our reflection on His glorious "second coming" as judge at the end of the world. We are entering the Advent season. We are invited to meditate on Jesus' first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible, and through the worshipping community, and finally His Second Coming at the end of the world. The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year, a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ. The Gospel reading (Matthew 24:37-44) invites us to reflect deeply on the themes of vigilance, readiness, and hope as we enter this sacred season. In this passage, Jesus draws a parallel between the days of Noah and the coming of the Son of Man. Just as people in Noah's time were caught off guard by the flood, so too will many be unprepared for Christ's return. "Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." These words challenge us to consider how we live our daily lives and whether we are truly awake to God's presence.

Advent is often seen as a season of waiting, but the gospel message is more urgent: it is a call to active watchfulness. We are reminded that it is easy to become preoccupied with the routines and distractions of daily life, much like those in Noah's generation who "were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage." The busyness of work, family, and social commitments can lead us into spiritual complacency. Jesus cautions us not to be complacent or indifferent but to remain attentive and alert. But this doesn't mean living in fear or anxiety about the future. Rather, it is an invitation to live with hope and intention, to see each moment as an opportunity to encounter Christ. Advent asks us: Where is God at work in my life today? How am I preparing my heart to welcome Christ, not just at Christmas, but at every unexpected moment? Being ready for Christ's coming means cultivating habits of prayer, reflection, and service. It means forgiving others, seeking reconciliation, and nurturing peace in our homes and communities. It means listening for God's voice in the quiet and responding generously when called. Today, by our faith we are called to be beacons of hope and love for others. To be vigilant is to notice the needs around us, to reach out with kindness, and to make space for God's grace in ordinary moments. As we begin Advent, let us embrace the challenge of Jesus to stay awake, not just with our eyes, but with our hearts. Let us prepare for Christ's coming by living each day with hope, generosity, and faith, trusting that God meets us in the unexpected and draws us ever closer to the light of His love.

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

Judique's Annual (St. Andrew's Parish) Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sunday, **December 7th 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"