

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
July 5, 2026

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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. July 11, 4:00pm	Jack Redden	Donnie McIlhone
Sun. July 12, 10:00am	Angela Avery	Ann MacDougall
Weekday Masses		
Mon. July 6 11:00am	Funeral Mass for Mary Alphonsa (Phonsie) Sutherland	
Tues. July 7 6:00pm (R)	Catherine Cannon by Barb and family	
Wed. July 8 6:00pm (R)	Dorothy MacDonald by Rebecca MacDonald	
Thu. July 9 6:00pm	Ann MacLennan by Barbara MacLellan	
Fri. July 10 6:00pm (R)	Margie Beaton by Jeanette MacNeil	

**Funeral Mass:** A funeral Mass for **Mary Alphonsa (Phonsie) Sutherland** will be held on **Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 11.00am** at Saint Peter's Parish Port Hood; Visitation is from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the church.

**The second ceildh of the Chestico Museum's** summer ceildh series will be Thursday, July 9 at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be John Donald Cameron, Cathy Hawley and John Moloney. Admission is \$10. Tea will be served.

**The Judique Knights of Columbus** are sponsoring a **Brunch on Sunday, July 5th** at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00. Children \$6.00**

### **'MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS': Chapter 2. Foundations and Principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church-A Brief Summary:**

The second chapter of the Encyclical focuses on the cornerstones of the Social Doctrine of the Church (SDC), presenting them as a "living wisdom" necessary to guide humanity in the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and of major technological transformations. The human person is the foundation of everything. The human being is never an object or a data point, but a subject with dignity, whom technology is called to serve and not replace.

#### **The Principles:**

- **Common good:** It is a non-negotiable value; it is the set of conditions that allow everyone to achieve their perfection. In the digital age, this includes the right to access technology and the protection of personal data.
- **Universal destination of goods:** The goods of the earth (including digital goods and innovation) belong to everyone. Profit cannot be the only criterion; innovation must reduce inequalities, not increase them.
- **Subsidiarity:** safeguards the freedom of individuals and intermediate groups from the interference of strong powers (state or technological).
- **Solidarity:** The destiny of each person is tied to the destiny of all: "no one is saved alone."
- **Social justice:** It is not just about the fairest distribution of goods, but also about active participation and transparency in decision-making processes, including those driven by algorithms.

These principles, when considered together, create a social ethic capable of humanizing modernity and fostering the integral human development of every person, no one excluded.

#### **QUOTATIONS FROM THE ENCYCLICAL**

- Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that precedes and transcends each person. (MH 50)
- Solidarity demands that decisions regarding data, algorithms, platforms and artificial intelligence take into account not only the immediate benefit for a few, but also the impact on all peoples and on future generations. (MH 76)
- In this day and age, social justice must also grapple with the environment shaped by digital technologies. (MH 80)

#### **Biblical Passage**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the

proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

### Questions for reflection

#### ❖ *On A Personal Level*

- What determines the value of people?
- Do my daily choices seek the common good or only my own interests?
- Does my daily use of technology (social media, apps, AI tools) serve to improve my relationships and include others, or is it becoming a form of isolation that only fuels my own private interests?

#### ❖ *In community*

- Are we attentive to those who are “left behind” by digital inequality? What are we doing concretely to ensure that innovation does not generate new forms of marginalization among the elderly or the more disadvantaged?
- Are we capable of seeking "transparency and accountability" in the decision-making processes that affect us?
- How can we prevent the "safe havens" of algorithms from replacing human discernment and the genuine participation of the baptized?

### Experiences

#### ❖ *On a personal level*

- The test of the "common good": Before making a career or family decision, don't just ask yourself, "What's best for me?", but ask yourself:
  - How does this choice impact those around me?
  - Does it foster inclusion or create barriers?
- Giving knowledge: In line with the "universal destination of goods," spend some time this week explaining something you do well to someone who struggles to understand it, without asking for anything in return.

#### ❖ *In community*

- Digital solidarity: Organize a small "help desk" for those who struggle with using technology (e.g., seniors who must complete paperwork online), transforming technology into a useful tool for everyone.

### Personal evaluation

#### ❖ *Choose the Correct Answer*

1. A technological innovation that increases a platform's profits but excludes the poorest segments of the population violates the principle of:
  - Industrial secrecy
  - Common good
  - Technical progress
2. When a central institution prevents a local association from addressing a problem that it could effectively solve, it is violating:
  - Solidarity
  - Subsidiarity
  - Distributive justice
3. What does it mean to apply the "universal destination of goods" to digital knowledge and AI?
  - Make all software free by law
  - Abolish private data ownership
  - Direct the fruits of ingenuity so that progress truly belongs to everyone, not just a few
4. If a company uses an algorithm to evaluate employee performance based solely on numbers, which principle of the Social Doctrine of the Church is primarily at risk?
  - Solidarity
  - The dignity of the human person
  - The universal destination of goods

### CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord, source of life, teach us to see in every person a face, so that technology may always be at the service of the person. Help us to seek the good of all, sharing knowledge in a spirit of solidarity and valuing the good that comes from below. Give us the wisdom to build true justice, so that technological progress may be a path of peace for all humanity. Amen

**St. Peter's Parish extends a warm and cordial welcome to all the Visitors  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel**

**“Remember your church in your Will.”**