

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
July 19, 2026

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Baptisms

By appointment, please call
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Marriages

Please call Parish Office at least
six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday: 5:15pm
to 5:45pm & Saturday: 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. July 25, 4:00pm	Isabel Calder	Marcella Watts
Sun. July 26, 10:00am	Mary J MacDonald	Darlene Watts
Weekday Masses		
Mon. July 20 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. July 21 6:00pm	(R) Evelyn MacLean by Barbara MacLellan	
Wed. July 22 6:00pm	Protection of unborn by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen	
Thu. July 23 6:00pm	(R) Judy MacIntyre by Darlene MacDonald	
Fri. July 24 6:00pm	(R) John Sutherland by Donald/Jean MacMillan	

KOC: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on Sunday, **July 19, 2026 @ 7:30** pm in the Parish Hall. Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Mass: Holy Mass will be celebrated at the **Crossland** (Southside of the church) on **Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 6:00pm** (weather permitting). Some chairs will be set up, but those who wish, may bring their own.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: The 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on **Sunday, July 26, 2026**. Pope Leo XIV has chosen **"I will not forget you"** (Isaiah 49:15) as the theme for this year. This verse emphasizes **God's unwavering love for every person, even in old age**, and serves as a message of **comfort and hope** for grandparents and the elderly, especially those who live alone or feel forgotten. The theme also encourages families and communities to **recognize the elderly as a precious presence and blessing**.

The fourth ceilidh of the Chestico Museum's summer ceilidh series will be on **Thursday, July 23 at 7.00pm** at the museum. Performing will be Kinnon Beaton, Betty Beaton and Peter MacKenzie. Admission is \$10. Tea will be served.

Chestico Museum Twilight Tales walking tours led by John & Cathy Gillies are offered at 7:30 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays between July 20 and August 12. The Monday tour includes St. Peter's Parish cemeteries, and the Wednesday tour meets at the Union Protestant cemetery. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Please contact the Museum (902-787-2244) to reserve your spot!

The Chestico Museum is offering genealogy events this summer on **Friday, July 24 at 7.00pm and Wednesday, August 26 at 1.00pm**. Attendees will receive individual help using their family tree information to complete a 5-generation family tree chart and other genealogy charts. Bring all the information you have gathered on yourself, your parents, Grandparents, great grandparents and great-great grandparents. The fee is \$50. Registration is required. Contact Chestico Museum at 902-787-2244 or Chesticomuseum@ns.alianzinc.ca

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Brunch on Sunday, July 19 at the Judique Community Center from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

70th Annual Broad Cove Scottish Concert on Sunday, July 26th, at 3 pm on the grounds of St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove. Admission fee \$30.00 for Adults; children under 12 free. Canteen/refreshment tent/lots of great talent.

'MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS': Chapter 4. Safeguarding Human in Transformation. Truth, Work, Freedom-A Brief Summary: The fourth chapter explores how Artificial Intelligence and digital technologies are rewriting everyday gestures and social structures. The text focuses on three fundamental principles:

1. **Truth as a common good:** It denounces the risk of misinformation and the manipulation of content, images, and videos. In the face of distorted narratives, truth is not simply a "private matter," but the foundation of democracy. Technology must not blur the line between true and false.

2. **Dignity of Work:** It addresses the transition from automation to the "replacement" of humans; work is not merely production, but a means for people to express themselves. It warns against the de-skilling of workers, their subjection to automated surveillance, and the risk of relegating them to rigid and repetitive tasks, which deprive them of autonomy and dignity.
3. **Safeguarding freedom from all types of dependence and commodification:** It criticizes the transformation of the user into a "product." Personal information, especially biometric or health data, has become the new "rare earths" of power. The risk is a new digital colonialism where the data of the most disadvantaged are mined to train models that benefit the richest. The text concludes that simply "regulating" technology is not enough; critical education is needed to help people avoid becoming dependent on technological tools and rediscover the beauty of real encounters.

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another”. (Galatians 5:13)

QUOTATIONS FROM THE ENCYCLICAL

- The search for truth is an essential element of democracy, which is itself a means of contributing to the common good. [...] Indifference to the truth leads, slowly but surely, to a descent into totalitarianism. (MH 134)
- The Magisterium has recognized in work “the essential key” to understanding the entire social question, since it is through their work that individuals develop many dimensions of their existence. (MH 148)
- Here lies one of the most urgent moral challenges of our time: to ensure that shared knowledge becomes a true common good rather than an instrument of dominance. (MH 178)
- These have become the new “rare earths” of power: vital data which, once aggregated and analyzed, can be used to train predictive models, guide investment strategies, anticipate crises and, above all, determine who and what is deemed to matter. (MH 178)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

❖ ***On A Personal Level***

- Do I verify information before sharing it?
- Am I aware that social media tends to show me things that confirm my preferences?
- How many times during the day do I choose to look the person in front of me in the eye? Am I safeguarding my ability to remain in the "real" world and not live in the "digital world"?

❖ ***In community***

- What are we doing to train young people-and even older people-to recognize and counter manipulation? Can we offer moments of "digital literacy"?
- Does technology in our communities encourage everyone's participation, or is it creating new hierarchies between those who "have the tools," those who "know how to use them," and those who are excluded?

EXPERIENCES

❖ ***On a personal level***

- Fasting from sharing: For a week, commit to not sharing any link, news, or video until you've answered three questions: Is it true? Is it good? Is it useful? If a piece of news is only intended to trigger anger or indignation, choose not to share it.
- Personal privacy check: Check your phone settings. Disable advertising profiling and localization where it is not needed. It's an act of freedom: take back your "rare earths" (your data).

❖ ***In community***

- "Beyond the algorithm": choose a controversial current topic. Divide the group into two: one group will search for information only on social media, the other only on direct documentary sources (full texts, official data, extended interviews). Then compare the results. How was the "opponent" described on social media? What nuances were missing?

PERSONAL EVALUATION

❖ ***True or False***

- Human work has a value that goes beyond efficiency.
- In the search for truth, we must completely ignore digital platforms to avoid being influenced.
- The "new rare earths of power" are the geographical areas where electricity costs less to power AI.
- Technology must help the human person.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord, God of Truth and Life, teach us to guard the Truth as a common good: grant us discernment so as not to get lost among distorted narratives, and the responsibility to be witnesses of what is true and just, fleeing any manipulation that harms democracy and fraternity. Bless those who work: let technology always be a tool of service. Protect the dignity of every worker, so that each may express their beauty and creativity in their work. Teach us to remain human, ready to encounter and care, so that our freedom may always be a gift for others. Amen

“Remember your church in your Will.”