



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Dec. 24, 2023**



Contact Information

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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

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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:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213
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Bulletin

parishbulletin@hotmail.com
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	Altar Servers
Sun. Dec. 24 4:00 pm	Coline MacEachern	Sandy MacKinnon	Kate Calder
Sun. Dec. 24 9:00 pm	Emily Chisholm	Catherine Trenholm	John MacDonald
Mon. Dec. 25 Christmas Day 10:00 am	Angela Avery	Donna MacDonald	John MacDonald & Samuel Watts
Sat. Dec. 30 4:00 pm	Leon Livingstone	Janice Campbell	Christian
Sun. Dec. 31	Mary Janet MacDonald	Ann MacDougall	Samuel Watts
Mon. Jan. 1 10:00 am	Melanie MacDonald	Marlene MacMillan	Christian
Weekday Masses			
Tues. Dec. 26 6:00pm Souls of the Dead			
Wed. Dec. 27 6:00pm Souls of the Dead			
Thur. Dec. 28 6:00pm Protection of unborn by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen			
Fri. Dec. 29 6:00pm Christie & Alexander Rankin by Don MacKinnon			

Message from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Peace on Earth and Goodwill Towards All

The beginning of the new year is entrusted to Mary Most Holy whom we celebrate as the Mother of God. As we contemplate Mary in the stable where Jesus was born, we are reminded that Mary did not speak. She welcomed the mystery with awe, she cherished everything in her heart, and, above all, she lovingly took care of the Child who lay in the manger. As we see Mary taking care of her Child, let us learn to take care of others and ourselves, caring for our physical and mental health, our spiritual life, and also our environment and common home. Even more so let us learn to care for our brothers and sisters in need who call for our attention and compassion.

In November, Pope Francis said, "Every human being, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God and has the right to live in peace. Let us not lose hope: let us pray and work tirelessly so that the sense of humanity may prevail over hardness of heart." We must promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to promote poverty and death. In addition to praying for an end to all wars, we also need to join together in caring for our common home by implementing effective measures to combat climate change. There can be no peace on Earth with ongoing wars and conflicts and there can be no peace on Earth with devastating droughts, wildfires and floods that clearly demonstrate a need to change for the better.

We can and must do better if we are to live in a world of peace and prosperity for all people. In the words of an old song, "let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." May Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Peace, intercede for us and for the whole world. May you and your families have a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Fraternally,

Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

From Fr. Sunny

“To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord”. (Luke.2: 11), It is this Good News of great joy for all the people, that the Christmas bring us as we celebrate Christmas this week. I wish and pray that the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, may come and live with and within us and give us His peace, joy, and salvation. As we are about to say goodbye to 2023 and welcome the New Year-2024, let us thank the Lord God for all the great blessing He showered upon us and our families and our community; beg pardon for the moments we did not respond positively to His Grace; and pray that God may continue to bless, guide, and protect us throughout the New Year. Wish you all Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!!

Mass Schedule for Christmas & New Year

- ❖ **Christmas Eve**
 - **Cantata** : 3.30pm
 - **Christmas Family Mass** : 4.00pm
 - **Christmas Evening Mass** : **9.00pm**
- ❖ **Christmas Day Mass** : 10:00am
- ❖ **New Year’s Day Mass** : 10.00am (**The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy of Mother of God-** Day of obligation)

(Please Note: There is a special **Christmas evening Mass at 9.00pm** on Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve).

Midnight Holy Hour: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **Sunday, December 31, 2023, from 11.00pm to 1.00am on Monday, January 1, 2024**, in the chapel. All are welcome to attend the Adoration.

Vacation: Fr. Sunny will be away for vacation from **December 28th to February 15th**. Fr. Feby Pulikan Raphel from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda, Kerala, India, will fill in for Fr. Sunny. Fr. Feby can be reached at the parish email (stpetersparthood@gmail.com), over phone **902-787-3317**.

Envelopes for 2024: The new envelopes for 2024 are at the back of the church. Please take your envelope, and dispose of any leftover envelopes from 2023. Please put your name and address on the first few you use so that we can be sure to credit you for your donation, as your number may have changed. If anyone hasn't been assigned an envelope and wishes to donate, take a box without a label and put your name on the envelope for the first couple of weeks.

Plaques: In the past we offered families the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on a plaque in the back of the church. We plan to continue this practice. We will print and mount plaques on a bi-yearly basis. If you would like to have the name of someone engraved on such a plaque, you may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter’s Parish Building Fund.

Scam Emails: Beware of scam emails that circulate under the name of Bishops, priests or parishes asking for money and gift cards. Please ignore such emails.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL
FROM 9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY**



Merry Christmas!

“Remember your church in your Will.”