



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Dec. 31, 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

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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	Altar Servers
Sun. Dec. 31	Mary Janet MacDonald	Ann MacDougall	Samuel Watts
Mon. Jan. 1 10:00 am	Melanie MacDonald	Marlene MacMillan	Christian
Sat. Jan. 6 4:00pm	Gerard MacPhee	Marcella Watts	
Sun. Jan. 7 10:00pm	Louise MacInnis	Darlene Watts	
Weekday Masses			
Tues. Jan. 2 6:00pm	Children of Joanne MacDonald		
Wed. Jan. 3 6:00pm	(R) John MacDonald by Hughie/Eileen Beaton		
Thur. Jan. 4 6:00pm	(R) Mary Claire by Peter Parker		
Fri. Jan. 5 6:00pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada		
Sat. Jan. 6 11:00am	In reparation for the sins committed the Immaculate Heart of Mary		

Message from the Pastor

In an audience, St. Pope Paul VI told how one day, when he was the Archbishop of Milan, he went out on parish visitation. During the course of the visitation, he found an old woman living alone. 'How are you?' he asked her. 'Not bad,' she answered. 'I have enough food, and I'm not suffering from the cold.' 'You must be reasonably happy then?' he said. 'No, I'm not', she said as she started to cry. 'You see, my son and daughter-in-law never come to see me. I'm dying of loneliness.' Afterwards he was haunted by the phrase 'I'm dying of loneliness'. And the Pope concluded: 'Food and warmth are not enough in themselves. People need something more. They need our presence, our time, our love. They need to be touched, to be reassured that they are not forgotten'. Once a senior Judge while attending a wedding, congratulated the bride and groom with an important piece of advice: "See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys in an attempt to justify their behavior, their family becomes a court of law, and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife-as in a confessional-are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a heavenly one." On this last Sunday of the year, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, the Pope's experience points to the importance of strong and family relationships and the words of the judge to the couple show the way to maintain the family relationships intact.

On this day of the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example, and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood, and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that Jesus might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. **This feast reminds** us that each family is called to holiness like the Holy Family. By the Sacrament of Matrimony, Jesus sanctifies not only the spouses but also the entire family. The husband and wife attain holiness when they discharge their duties faithfully, trusting in God, and drawing on the power of God by prayer. If parents are truly holy their children also will attain holiness. **This feast again reminds** us that we are part of a human family and at the same time we belong to God's family, the Church. In both these families, we have privileges and responsibilities. In both, we work out our salvation together, as women, men, and children living and working in love and peace. Hence let us try our best to make life pleasant for other members in our family and let us begin it today. Wish you all the blessings of the Feast and wish a Happy New Year.

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 (stpetersporthood@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.

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of St. Joseph on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 4.45 to 5.45 followed by Holy Mass at 6.00pm**. Holy Hour in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus on **Friday, January 5, 2024, from 4.45pm to 5:45pm followed by Holy Mass at 6.00pm** in the Chapel. Holy Hour in honour of Bl. V. Mary on **Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 10.00am followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am**. Complementary Brunch at the Marian Centre after the Holy Mass.

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.

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

Happy New Year!

"Remember your church in your Will."