



St. Peter’s Parish
Port Hood
Dec. 1, 2024

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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 |
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| Sat. Dec. 7, 4:00 pm | Harvey van Zutphen | Janet van Zutphen |
| Sun. Dec. 8, 10:00 am | Gabriella Watts | Marcella Watts |
| Weekday Masses | | |
| Mon. Dec. 2 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris | | |
| Tues. Dec. 3 6:00pm Protection of the unborn | | |
| Wed. Dec. 4 6:00pm In honor of St. Joseph | | |
| Thur. Dec. 5 6:00pm Souls in Purgatory by Joanne MacDonald & family | | |
| Fri. Dec. 6 6:00pm In reparation for the sins of Canada | | |
| Sat. Dec. 7 11:00am In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary | | |

From the Pastor’s Desk

“Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” (Luke 21: 27-28) There is a beautiful story about a bus driver who reached an unusual record. In 23 years, he had driven his bus over 1,000,000 miles without having a single accident. When asked how he had done it, he gave this simple answer: “Watch the road.” In today’s Gospel Jesus gives the same advice in several ways: “Be alert at all times”, “stand up and raise your heads”, “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life”. This is not only a good spiritual advice for the Advent season but also a safe rule for daily life. A good football player or basketball player should always concentrate his/her attention on the ball and the players. A good student must be alert, awake and attentive, watching the teacher and listening to his/her words. A good Catholic in the Church must be physically and mentally alert, watching the altar and actively participating in the prayers and songs. Like the Roman god Janus, who had two faces, one looking at the past year and the other looking into future, Christians during the Advent season are to look at the past event of the first coming of Jesus into the world and expectantly look forward to Jesus’ second coming in glory.

Today we begin the Season of Advent, which is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Advent is also time that reminds us of Christ’s Second Coming encouraging us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant, and well-prepared to welcome Him at His Second Coming. Let us prepare ourselves for Christ’s second coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives and Advent gives us time to make this preparation by repenting of and confessing our sins, renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and sharing our blessings with others. In Advent, we also ought to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. As at His Second Coming we will each be asked to give an account of our lives before Christ the Judge, we are challenged to assess our lives every night during Advent and to make the necessary changes in our thoughts, words, deeds, and omissions, in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration. Let us be alert and raise our heads in hope and with expectation, knowing that the Lord is coming again. “Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke. 21: 36).

The 2025 Envelopes are at the back of the church. If anyone that doesn't currently use envelopes and would like to, there are blank boxes there also. Please put your name and address on the first few you use.

Thank you: The Parish Community and the Liturgy Committee express sincere thanks to Cathy Hawley and Susan MacInnis for their many years of service to the parish in the Music Ministry. They have both indicated that they cannot continue. Music is a large part of our Eucharistic services, and they certainly did an excellent job in their part. May God bless them.

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a short meeting for the Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, Dec. 8 immediately after the 10am Mass. Some things have changed and this will give us the opportunity to go over the procedures we follow. We welcome your input. As well, if anyone else would like to become a minister of the Eucharist, you are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend, I will pass on any pertinent information. *(Linda Beaton)*

Variety Concert-A Night of Music and Talent: Please join us for an unforgettable evening of entertainment on **Saturday, December 7th, at 7 pm**, in the parish hall in Port Hood. We have an incredible lineup featuring Lynn and Cyril Chisholm, Delores Boudreau, Jeannie Beks, Adam Cook, Andrea Beaton, Buffy Mankoe, Vincent MacDonald, Iain MacQuarrie, and hometown trio Sandy Gillis, Gerard Walker, and Edgar Cormier. Special Guest Rob MacLean and the emcee for the evening will be Cecil MacDonald. It promises to be a night full of fantastic music, good company, and community spirit. **Admission by donation with all proceeds benefiting St. Peter’s Parish Building Fund.** Come one, come all-we can’t wait to see you there!

Advent Notices:

- ❖ **Decorating the church: after Holy Mass on Sunday, December 15.** (Donations for Christmas flowers will be appreciated (put in envelope marked “Flowers” with your name on the envelope)
- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday December 15 at 2pm. (Several priests will be available)**

Mass Schedule for Christmas & New Year

- ❖ **Christmas Eve.**
 - **Cantata** : 3.30pm
 - **Christmas Family Mass** : 4.00pm
 - **Christmas Evening Mass** : 8.00pm
- ❖ **Christmas Day Mass** : 10:00am
- ❖ **New Year Eve. Mass** : 4.00pm
- ❖ **New Year’s Day Mass** : 10.00am

Advent Mission in Our Lady of Grace Monastery: Rev. Fr. Bill Burke Pastor of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys parish in Sydney will be leading an **Advent Mission** in the Our Lady of Grace Monastery from **December 9 to 11 (Monday-Wednesday)**. The mission begins with **Holy Mass at 7:00 pm** each evening. Light refreshments available in the Retreat House Dining Room following each presentation. Anyone wishing accommodations may contact Lucille Fougere at **(902) 623-0075** or by e-mail: ladyofgracemonastery@gmail.com

The CWL will be having their annual Christmas social for members **on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 6:00pm**. Traditional turkey dinner with trimmings and dessert as well as our Christmas gift exchange. If interested in attending, please notify **Ann @ 623-2625 by December 6th**.

Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, 4th of December** from **4:45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm**; in honour of **Sacred Heart of Jesus** on **Friday, 6th of December** from **4.45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** and in honour of **Blessed Virgin Mary** on **Saturday, 7th of December** at **10.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am**. Complimentary Brunch at the Marian Centre after the First Saturday Holy Mass.

KOC: will be collecting donations for the Food Bank on Saturday, December 7th at 9am weather permitting. Please have your non-perishable items ready or leave them at the end of your driveway in a clearly marked bag. Snow date is December 14th. **KOC** will be selling **Christmas Trees and Wreaths** in the parking lot of the Port Hood Co-Op starting **Thursday, December 5th, 2024**.

Thank You: On behalf of the hospital auxiliary, I want to express my sincere thanks for all the generous donations. Special thanks to all the canvassers who did a terrific job. Total realized was \$2963.00. (Monetary Donations \$2005.00) (Parcel Post \$958.00) *Alice Landry*

Sunday, December 1st: Come and join us in **Central Park at 6 PM**. There will be music and hot chocolate, and special treat bags supplied by the *Port Hood Volunteer Fire Department*. Santa will arrive at 6:30 to light the Christmas tree and visit with the children. Come and help him in the count-down! *(Port Hood Area Development)*

Inverness County Singers and Young County Singers present: “**Tell the Story**” under the direction of Laurel Browne and accompanied by Lawrence Cameron on **Friday, December 6th, 7:30 pm**, St. Margaret’s of Scotland Church, Broad Cove; on **Saturday, December 7th, 2:30 pm**, St. Marks Church, Port Hawkesbury and on **Tuesday, December 10th, 7:30 pm**, St. Mary’s Church, Mabou. Free Will offering will go to local charities after payment of expenses.

“Remember your church in your Will”