

# Parish News

## Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Nov. 9, 4:00 pm	Gerard MacPhee	Sandy MacKinnon
Sun. Nov. 10, 10:00 am	Isabel Calder	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Nov. 4 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Nov. 5 6:00pm	(R) Angus MacDonald by Lorelei/Keith MacDonald	
Wed. Nov. 6 6:00pm	In honor of St. Joseph	
Thur. Nov. 7 6:00pm	Souls in Purgatory by Joanne/Wayne Lambe	
Fri. Nov. 8 6:00pm	(R) Theresa MacDonald by Archie MacDonald	



### St. Peter’s Parish Port Hood Nov. 3, 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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Thank you,  
Tudi MacEachern

From the Pastor’s Desk

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Mark.12: 30-31) Once, a village blacksmith had a vision. An angel came to him and said, “The time has come for you to take your place in His kingdom.” “I thank God for thinking of me” said the blacksmith, “but as you know, the season of sowing the crops will soon be here. The people of the village will need their ploughs repaired, and their horses shod. I don’t wish to seem ungrateful, but do you think I might put off taking my place in the kingdom until I have finished?” The angel looked at him in a wise and loving way of angels. The blacksmith continued his work, and almost finished when he heard of a neighbor who fell ill in the middle of the planting season. The next time the blacksmith saw the angel, he pointed out towards the barren fields and pleaded with the angel. “Do you think eternity could hold of a little longer? If I don’t finish my job, my friend’s family will suffer.” Again, the angel smiled and vanished. The blacksmith’s friend recovered, but another’s barn was burned down and a third was in deep sorrow at the death of his wife. And the fourth...and so on...Whenever the angel appeared, the blacksmith just spread out his hands in a gesture of resignation and compassion and drew the angel’s eyes to where the suffering was. One evening the blacksmith began to think of the angel and how he had put him off for such a long time. He felt very old and tired, and he prayed “Lord, if you would like to send your angel again, I would like to see him now.” Immediately, the angel appeared before him. “If you still want me to take me,” said the blacksmith, “I am now ready to take my place in the kingdom of the Lord.” The angel looked at the blacksmith, and smiled, as he said, “Where do you think you have been living all these years?” (A story from “And That’s the Gospel Truth” by Jack McArdle)

**The** story speaks to us how the blacksmith made the Kingdom of God a reality in his village by practising love of God and love of neighbour in its true sense. In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus says, true religion is loving God and loving our fellow human beings at the same time. It is by showing genuine, active love for our neighbours that we can demonstrate that we really love God. The “great commandment in the Law” is really threefold: we are commanded **to love God, to love our neighbor, and to love ourselves**. We are to love God, for it is in loving Him that we are brought to the perfection of His image in us. We are to love our neighbor and ourselves as well, because both of us bear God’s image, and to honor God’s image is to honor Him who made it. We are to love our neighbor and our self as a way to love God: God gives us our neighbors to love so that we may learn to love Him. The command to love our neighbor as we love ourselves is a very demanding one. Love for our neighbor is a matter of deeds, not feelings. It means sharing with others the unmerited love and mercy that God lavishes on us. This is the love for neighbor that God commands in His law. When we practise this Command of Love, we will be able to make the Kingdom of God a reality in our families, our communities, in our workplaces and in our surroundings. Then Jesus Christ will say to us as He said to the scribe, **“You are not far from the Kingdom of God.”**

**Finance Council Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Council on **Wednesday, November 6, at 7.00pm** in the glebe.

**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be a parish council meeting on **Thursday, November 14, at 7pm** in the glebe.

**Holy Hour:** Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, November 6**, from **4:45pm to 5:45 pm** followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** in the Church.

**Thank You:** Thanks to all who attended the Parish Mission preached by Rev. Fr. Bill Burke. Thanks to the Parish Council and the Liturgical Committee who coordinated the Mission.

**CWL:** The CWL will be hosting their annual Auction on Saturday **November 30<sup>th</sup>**; canvassing will be taking place door to door at the local businesses in our area in the coming days. Those businesses or individuals who would like to donate items to be auctioned off for our annual fundraiser would be greatly appreciated and can contact Ann MacDonald (little Ann). More details to follow for this event.

**Funeral Luncheon:** After much discussion, our members came to the decision that when a lunch is prepared for a family after a funeral, we have no other choice but to ask for a minimum donation of \$250.00. With the increasing cost of food and other items that we use, and being a non-profit organization, we have to take this step in order to continue to provide this great service in the future to our families and communities.

**KOC Meal:** Your KOC Council are scheduling a roast beef dinner for **Saturday, November 16**, in support of our many charities. Price per meal will be \$25. Please plan on lending your support.

**Talk on the Bishops' Synod:** Sunday **November 3, at 3pm** St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Michael Higgins on his experience as official journalist for Paulist Press covering the recent synod in Rome. He will speak of his experiences at the synod and also his book launch "The Jesuit disruptor" which deals with the impact of Pope Francis has on the church. Free admission, all welcome.

**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](mailto:maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com). The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

**Hunters Breakfast:** Glencoe Station Hall-Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 23, Nov. 30 from 7-11am; \$15 per person.

**The Judique Knights of Columbus** are having a **brunch** on **November 10th and 24th** at the **Judique Community Center** from 10:30 to 12:30. **Adults \$12.00. Children \$6.00**

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHURCH (9.00AM TO 3.00PM)**

**"Remember your church in your Will"**