



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
Feb.18, 2024**

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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:

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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 |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| Sat. Feb. 24<br>4:00pm  | Jack Redden  | Donna MacDonald       |               |
| Sun. Feb. 25<br>10:00pm | Harvey van<br>Zutphen  | Janet van Zutphen     |               |
| Weekday Masses          |  |                       |               |
| Mon. Feb. 19            | 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris  |                       |               |
| Tues. Feb. 20           | 6:00pm Special Intention by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen   |                       |               |
| Wed. Feb. 21            | 6:00pm (R) David/Michelle Avery by Anita Dwyer   |                       |               |
| Thur. Feb. 22           | 6:00pm (R) Jennifer Cameron by Claire / Jon Kommes   |                       |               |
| Fri. Feb. 23            | 6:00pm Stations of the Cross/ Mass<br>(R) Dayawati Prem Shankar Mehra by Nitesh & Courtney |                       |               |

**During Lent weekday masses will be in the main church.**

**\*\*\*Income Tax Receipts can be found at the back of the church\*\*\***

### LENT - A CALL TO WALK WITH JESUS

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The second purpose is to bring us to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, allowing him to rule our lives.

Both these aims demand purification of minds and hearts. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to a metanoia or true "repentance," and by renewal of life through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, self-control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

During Lent, we talk to God and walk with God through personal, family, and liturgical prayers; we listen to Him by meditative Bible reading. We serve the Lord by giving alms, and we practice self-control through fasting. Since by Baptism we share the death and Resurrection of Jesus, today's readings refer to Baptism directly or indirectly.

Today's Gospel, says that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter at the end of his forty days of prayer, penance, and communion with the Father in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: "The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.

### How we can walk with Jesus

1) Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed: prayer, self-denial, and timely use of the word of God. During this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us though the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies.

2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. d) setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; e) abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions; f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the “Stations of the Cross” on Fridays; g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and h) doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent.

3) Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and the daily anointing of the Holy Spirit.

**CWL:** On Wednesday, February 21st, the annual kitchen tidy up will take place at the Parish Hall starting at 9:00 am. Anyone who is able to help out would be much appreciated. Feel free to bring your own cleaning supplies if you wish.

**KOC:** Regular monthly meeting will be held Sunday, February 25th, 2024, at 7:30 pm in the Church hall with Rosary at 7:00 pm.

**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.

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

**“Remember your church in your Will.”**