

St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Jan. 21, 2024

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Parish Office (902) 787-3317 Parish Office Hours Wednesday to Friday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

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<u>Baptisms</u> By appointment, please call. Parish Office

<u>Marriages</u> 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 Ellen Murphy 902-631-0613

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
Sat. Jan. 27	Leon	Ann MacDougall	
4:00pm	Livingstone		
Sun. Jan. 28	Mary Janet	Donna MacDonald	
10:00pm	MacDonald		
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Jan. 22 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris			
Tues. Jan. 23 6:00pm (R)Randy Robinson by Sara Watts			
Wed. Jan. 24 6:00pm (R)Lydia Behrens by Carmen & Joe van Zutphen			
Thur. Jan. 25 6:00pm (R)Dayawati Premshankar Mehra by AJ/Annie Beaton			
Fri. Jan. 26	Fri. Jan. 26 6:00pm Special Intention by AJ & Annie Beaton		

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

TODAY IS THE TIME FOR REPENTANCE

Each of our readings this Sunday has to do with how we use the time we have been given: each of the scriptures contains references to "time". Jonah is to announce to the Ninevites that they have a short time/ in order to repent and convert from their wickedness. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians/ that their time is running out. In the Gospel our Blessed Lord's inaugural address is about Time: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." There is a sense of urgency in our readings today.

The word repentance is translated from the Greek word 'Metanoia' and the meaning is "change of one's mind." The call is to re-think one's vision of life. Those who accept the call to discipleship are invited to view life through the lens of the Kingdom of God, in other words, God's vision for life. There is a "turning" involved. Turning away and turning toward. Turning away from those things that are not part of God's vision/ and turning toward those that are of God.

Focusing on God's way is a focus on Jesus and all that he is. As we keep our focus on Christ it is as if we become the clay in the hands of the potter. He shapes and molds us into the persons we are called to be. This requires humility and an open heart. True Repentance opens our minds and hearts to the will of God and disposes us to act accordingly. True Repentance also changes the mind of God. As we read in today's first reading: When God saw how Ninevites turned away from their evil ways, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; and he did not carry it out.

The people whom Jesus called first for His mission are no more with us. Therefore, this work of becoming fishers of men is continued by the Church, through you and me.

This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel and follow Jesus today.

KOC: Regular monthly meeting will be held **Sunday, January 21st, 2024 at 7:30** pm in the Church Hall with Rosary at 7:00 pm.

<u>Vacation</u>: 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 (<u>stpetersporthood@gmail.com</u>), over phone **902-787-3317.**

<u>Plaques</u>: 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 biyearly 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 <u>maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com</u>. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a Brunch at the Judique Community Center on January 21 from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00

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

"Remember your church in your Will."