



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 8, 2023**

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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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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
Sat. Oct. 14 4:00pm	Leon Livingstone	Linda Beaton
Sun. Oct. 15 10:00 am	Coline MacEachern	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 9 10:00am	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Oct. 10 6:00pm (R)	Darlene Ernst by Joanne Burke	
Wed. Oct. 11 6:00pm (R)	Annie MacLellan by Hughie John/Eileen Beaton	
Thur. Oct. 12 6:00pm	Sacred Heart Carmelites Comm. by Joe/Carmen Van Zutphen	
Fri. Oct. 13 6:00pm (R)	Francis J. MacDonell by Rebecca MacDonald	

N.B Thanksgiving Day Mass on October 9, at 10am, Rosary @ 9.40 am.

Message from the Pastor

“Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? (Mathew. 21:42) There was a legend, well-known in New Testament times, that in the building of God’s Temple by Solomon, most of the stones were of the same size and shape. However, one stone was different from the others. The builders took one look at it and said, “This will not do,” and sent it rolling down into the valley of Kedron below. The years passed and the great Temple was nearing completion, and the builders sent a message to the stonecutters to send the chief cornerstone that the structure might be complete. The cutters replied that they had sent the stone years before. Then someone remembered the stone that was so different from all the rest that it somehow did not seem to belong. They realized that they had thrown away the cornerstone. They hurried into the valley to retrieve it. Finally, from under vines and debris, they recovered it and with great effort rolled it up the hill and put it in place so that the great Temple would be complete: the stone that had been rejected had become the chief cornerstone. Jesus, who had been rejected by the “builders” (the religious leadership of Jesus’ time) became the saviour of the whole world and reigns at the right hand of the Father.

As a fruitful vineyard or farm pleases the farmer, so does a fruitful soul gives joy to God. God hates fruitlessness and rejection. We are God’s chosen people called to be fruitful vineyards and accept the salvation God has brought through his Son. The prophet Isiah describes God’s care of, and expectations for, His Chosen People. But God’s Chosen People failed to bear fruit, in spite of the blessings bestowed on them by a loving and forgiving God. Further, they were poor tenants in the Lord’s vineyard. Hence, God laments: “I expected My vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour ones instead?” Jesus also speaks of the unfaithful and ungrateful tenants who failed to produce fruits as the landlord expected. The landlord is God Himself and the tenants are his own people. They failed to produce fruits of love, righteousness, justice, and mercy. Jesus reminds us Christians that, since we are the “new” Israel, enriched with additional blessings and provisions in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the kingdom, fruits of the Holy Spirit, in our lives, giving Him all the Glory. We have been gifted everything needed to be fruitful. We are expected to make use of these gifts to produce fruits for God...fruits of holiness, love, mercy...

Parish Council: There will be a parish council meeting next Wednesday, Oct 11 at 7:00pm in the glebe.

