



## Parish News

### Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Sat. Dec. 16 4:00pm	Ellen Murphy	Linda Beaton	
Sun. Dec. 17 10:00 am	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen	Samuel Watts
<b>Weekday Masses</b>			
<b>Mon. Dec. 11 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris</b>			
<b>Tues. Dec. 12 6:00pm Deceased members of CWL by CWL</b>			
<b>Wed. Dec. 13 6:00pm (R) Catherine Teresa MacNeil by Jack/Lorraine MacDonell</b>			
<b>Thur. Dec. 14 6:00pm (R) Julia MacDonald by John Archie MacDonald</b>			
<b>Fri. Dec. 15 6:00pm (R) Joe MacDonald by Teresa &amp; John van Zutphen</b>			

### St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Dec. 10, 2023

#### Contact Information

Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Pastor  
1-902-787-3317

#### Parish Office

(902) 787-3317

#### Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from  
10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

#### Website

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#### Email

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#### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Leon Livingstone  
(902) 787-3041

#### CWL President

Anne E. MacDonald  
(902) 787-2213

#### KOC Grand Knight

Jack Redden  
(902) 787-2042

#### 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:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213  
Ellen Murphy 902-631-0613

#### Bulletin

[parishbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto: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

### Message from the Pastor

**“Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight”** (Mark. 1: 3). Construction of good roads is very important in the infrastructure development and the economic growth of any country. Bad roads stunt development, cause setbacks, scare investors, keep people landlocked in their little environment. Good roads will bring direct access to the outside world. There will be inflow and outflow of visitors who would bring investment, education, and civilization. A lot of good things come with good roads. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, the second Sunday of Advent calls for the straightening of paths of our life to welcome the Messiah. The prophet Isaiah brings a message of consolation to the people of Israel, announcing the end of their sufferings at the coming of the Messiah. But the crooked way must be made straight, valleys must be filled, and mountains made low for the Messiah to enter, and his glory revealed. John the Baptist asked his listeners to prepare a way for the Lord and make his road straight. John set an example and prepared a way for Jesus by calling people for repentance and baptizing them as a sign of repentance. Advent basically is a time for repentance because only repentant hearts shall receive the grace and gifts of the coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus the Messiah came for everyone in the world; but those who can receive him are only those whose hearts are not landlocked. As bad roads block good things from outside world, so does a sinful soul blocks access to the grace and salvation that Jesus brings. When Jesus came in history many did not recognize him. Now when He comes in mystery, i.e., in the Word and in the Sacraments, we still are yet to let him in. When He comes in glory would our hearts be ready receive him? Let us cut the rock of hatred, fill the potholes of prejudice, cut down the trees of pride, demolish the bumps of the flesh so that the King of Glory will have access to our hearts and lives and save us.

### Advent Notices:

- ❖ **Decorating the church: after Holy Mass on Sunday, December 10.** (Donations for Christmas flowers will be appreciated (put in envelope marked “Flowers” with your name on the envelope)
- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation: December 17 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** : **9.00pm**

❖ **Christmas Day Mass** : 10:00am

❖ **New Year's Day Mass** : 10.00am

**(Please Note:** There is a special **Christmas evening Mass at 9.00pm** on Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve).

**Parish Council:** There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, Dec 12 at 7:00pm in the glebe.

**KOC:** Regular monthly meeting will be held **Sunday, December 17th, 2023, at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with Rosary at 7:00 pm.

**KOC:** Please support the annual Christmas tree and Wreath sale commencing this weekend at the Port Hood Co-Op. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to support many projects in our community.

**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.

**Scam Emails:** Beware of scam emails that circulate under the name of Bishops, priests or parishes asking for money and gift cards. Ignore such emails.

**Inverness County Singers present:** "Love and Joy" under the direction of Laurel Browne and accompanied by Lawrence Cameron. **Saturday, December 9** at 7:30, Inverness County Centre for the Arts, Inverness. **Monday, December 11** at 7:30, St Mary's Church, Mabou. Free will offering will go to local charities after payment of expenses.

**Pastoral Airs St. Joseph's Church Glencoe Mills:** December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. There will be fiddlers, dancers, singers & and piper. Lunch will be served. Donations gracefully accepted at the door.

**The winners of the JCC November Lottery** of \$500.00 are: November 06, Bernie Gillis, # 535, Judique: 13th Blaise/FloAnn MacEachern, #596, Judique: 20<sup>th</sup> AnnMarie MacEachern, #586, Long Point: 27<sup>th</sup> Isabella Bacon, # 561, Judique.

## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL**

**EVERYDAY**

**From**

**9.00AM TO 3.00PM**

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