

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan. 18 4:00pm	Gerard MacPhee	Donnie McLlone
Sun. Jan. 19 10:00am	Malia Watts	Marlene MacMillan
Weekday Masses (in the Chapel)		
Mon. Jan. 13 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Jan. 14 6:00pm (R)	Wayne Murphy by Sadie Murphy	
Wed. Jan. 15 6:00pm (R)	Isaac Goswell by Brett Robinson	
Thur. Jan. 16 6:00pm (R)	Protection of unborn & culture of life by Carmen & Joe Van Zutphen	
Fri. Jan. 17 6:00pm (R)	Living & deceased members of CWL by CWL	



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Jan. 12, 2025

Contact Information

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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:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213
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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 Council: There is a parish council meeting on **Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 pm** in the glebe.

The 2025 Envelopes are at the back of the church. If anyone that doesn't currently use envelopes and would like to, there are blank boxes also. Please put your name and address on the first few you use. Please discard old envelopes as our number may change in 2025.

Building Fund: Request whole-hearted support from the parishioners to raise money for the **Building Fund** with your generous donations, especially to pay off the cost of the brick work done at the back wall of the church building and also for the future maintenance works. Tax receipts will be issued to all donations. **Envelopes are available at the back of the church.** Donations can also be dropped in the collection box at the back of the church.

Sign-Up for Holy Hour: Invite more people to sign up for the daily **Holy Hour** schedule. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or may contact **Cathy MacDonald (902-787-2627)** or **Mary Buchanon (902-227-5512)**.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Invite the parents of those children who would like to make their **First Reconciliation** (in the spring before Easter) and receive the **First Holy Communion** (May) and the **Confirmation** (November) this year may contact the coordinator for Religious Education **Sheila MacIsaac at 902-631-2512**.

KOC: Regular monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 19, 2024, at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with **Rosary at 7:00 pm**.

Dates to Remember:

March 5 : Ash Wednesday
March 9 : First Sunday of Lent
April 13 : Passion (Palm) Sunday
April 17 : Holy Thursday
April 18 : Good Friday
April 19 : Easter Vigil
April 20 : Easter Sunday

From the Pastor's Desk

“And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” (3:22)

The Christmas season, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The Baptism of the Lord is a great event celebrated in the Church because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist was a mystical experience that Jesus felt deep within his soul at the crucial turning point of His life. The opening of the Heavens with Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon Jesus, and the Voice declaring of Jesus, “This is My beloved Son with Whom I am well pleased,” are God's revelation to humankind of the Mystery that He is Triune. The presence of the Triune God at this baptism, reveals Jesus' true identity and mission. The Heavens' opening also indicates that this was a moment of God's powerful intervention in human history and in the life of His Son. Baptism was a very important event in the life of Jesus. It was a moment of **decision**. It marked the end of Jesus' private life, which had prepared Him for His public ministry. It was a moment of **identification** with his people. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people who realized for the first time that they were sinners. It was a moment of **God's affirmation** of His identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission is to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the “suffering servant.” God the Father's words, “This is my beloved Son,” (prophesied in Ps 2:17), confirmed Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words “with whom I am well pleased,” (prophesied in Isaiah 42:1; referring to the “suffering servant”), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. It was a **moment of equipment**. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. It was a **moment of decision** to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His beloved Son.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity-of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ [CCC #1279]. Hence, “Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments” (CCC, #1213). Jesus' baptism reminds us of our mission: to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children, and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them, and serving them in all humility; and to live as the children of God in thought, word, and action so that our Heavenly Father may say to each one of us what He said to Jesus: “You are My beloved son/daughter with whom I am well pleased.” Also, this is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises: Let us pray for the grace to lead a holy life by living out our Baptismal vows...to live as children of God.

Regular Schedule for Confession: A reminder that the regular schedule for confession in our parish is as follows: **Tuesday to Friday: from 5.15 to 5.45pm; Saturday: from 2.30 to 3.30pm.**

Plaques: The Plaque Fundraiser, once again taken up a few years ago in memory of our loved ones, has been very successful. There is **one** more spot left for anyone who may be considering doing so. Thank you to all those who have so far contributed to this privileged cause. Contact Mary Buchanan.

Sessions on Vatican Council II: From January to May, **Fr. Bill Burke** will be presenting a series of eight sessions on the documents of Vatican II. The first two will take place **Sunday, January 19 and Sunday, January 26 at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish from 2:00-4:00pm.** All are welcome. The sessions will be livestreamed. Future dates will be announced by the end of January.

The Judique Knights of Columbus will be having a **BRUNCH** on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th**, at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30.** Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL (9.00AM TO 3.00PM)

“Remember your church in your Will”