

# Parish News

## Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan. 11 4:00pm	Gabriella Watts	Anne MacDougall
Sun. Jan. 12 10:00am	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses ( in the Chapel)		
Mon. Jan. 6 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Jan. 7 6:00pm (R)	Bernard Chisolm by Jim Chisolm	
Wed. Jan. 8 6:00pm (R)	John W. Beaton by Catherine & Donald A MacEachen	
Thur. Jan. 9 6:00pm (R)	Mae Ann Beaton by Jake MacDonald	
Fri. Jan. 10 6:00pm (R)	Anita Cameron by Harvey & Janet van Zutphen	
Sat. Jan. 11 11.00am	Funeral Mass for Bernard Chisolm	



## St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Jan. 5, 2025

### 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

[www.saintpetersporthood.com](http://www.saintpetersporthood.com)

### Email

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### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Leon Livingstone  
(902) 787-3041

### CWL President

Anne E. MacDonald  
(902) 787-2213

### KOC Grand Knight

Ron Schmidt  
(902) 787-3484

### 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  
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.

**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. **Envelops are available at the back of the church.** Donations can also be dropped in the collection box at the back of the church.

**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.

**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)**.

**Thank You:** The Liturgy Committee wishes to express sincere gratitude to all those who helped to prepare for our Christmas liturgies. Thank you to those who helped to decorate the church, to the KoC for setting up the crèche outside, and for their donation of the wreaths and Christmas trees, and to Vince MacInnis for making the 2 large wreaths. Thank you to the CWL for their donation for flowers, and for all others who donated money for the flowers. A special thanks to all those who served in the various ministries-the altar servers, the lectors, the Eucharistic ministers, the ushers, and those who brought up the offertory gifts. We also greatly appreciate those who provided the music for helping us celebrate these special occasions in song. We wish to thank Fr. Sunny for leading us in the celebration of the liturgies, and we thank Fr. Morris for his participation and his continued dedication to our parish.

**Funeral Mass:** Funeral Mass for Bernard Chisolm will be celebrated on **Saturday, January 11, 2024, at 11.00am**. The visitation will be from **10.00am to 10.45 am** in the church on the same day.

**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**.

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

**Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.** (Isaiah. 60: 1)  
Beginning from the early 15th century until the middle of the 17th century, European explorers took to the seas in search of trade, knowledge, and power. The story of human exploration is as old as the story of civilization, and many of the stories of these explorers have become legends over the centuries. In History we have stories of great explorers like Marco Polo, Zheng He, Christopher Columbus, Vasco Da Gama, Pedro Álvares Cabral, Ferdinand Magellan and several others who left the security of their homeland to venture forth into strange and unknown lands which changed the course of world history and human civilization. Today on the Feast of Epiphany we remember three travelers from the first century-the Magi-who following a star, went in search of the child who was born as King of the Jews, the Messiah. They also left the security of their homeland to travel to a remote country, having nothing other than a star to show their direction. They faced the hardships and the uncertainties of their travel with the hope of discovering an immense secret-the secret of the whole universe-the secret of God's incredible love for His people. For, the Child they were looking for was no ordinary child, but the very Son of God who became man to save the world.

The Greek word Epiphany (*epiphanos*), which means **appearance** or **manifestation** or **showing forth**, is used to describe Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles. 'Epiphany' refers to God's Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son to all humankind. While in the Western Church, this feast commemorates the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, in the Eastern Church, the feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed him to the Magi. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus' identity to Israel at his Baptism in the Jordan. The Gospel passage for today teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah in the first reading, prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light and would bring gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ Child, God allowed them to see wondrous things. To experience the Messiah and the Redemption, like the Magi we must be ready to give up the securities, possessions and comforts that holds us back to the world and go in search of Jesus Christ and His teachings. To experience Jesus Christ today, with open hearts, minds and eyes let us approach the Altar where, in the Eucharistic Celebration the Epiphany of Jesus Christ happens everyday and offer ourselves on the Altar.

### **Dates to Remember:**

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

**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.

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

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