



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
January 11, 2026**

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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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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. Jan. 17, 4:00pm	Leon Livingstone	Darlene Watts
Sun. Jan. 18, 10:00am	Gabriella Watts	Marlene MacMillan
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Jan. 12 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. Jan. 13 11:00am	Funeral Mass for Raymond MacDonald	
Wed. Jan. 14 6.00pm (R)	Bobby MacDonald by Jim Dan MacDonald	
Thu. Jan. 15 6:00pm (R)	Bernie MacDonald by Sandy/Jane MacKinnon	
Fri. Jan. 16 6:00pm (R)	Lydia Behrens by Carmen/Joe van Zutphen	

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Funeral Mass: Funeral Mass for **Raymond MacDonald** will be celebrated on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 11.00am**. The cremains will be at the church from 10:00am, if you wish to come early to pay your respects.

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday, **January 13, 2026 @ 7:00 pm** in the glebe.

KOC: The regular monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 18, 2026, at 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. **Rosary at 7:00 pm.**

Session on MAiD: Knights of Columbus, St. Peter's Council Port Hood is hosting a session on **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) on Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm**. The session will be led by **Professor William Sweet**, Director, Centre for Philosophy, Theology, and Cultural Traditions, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish. There will be a presentation and time for questions & answers. Tea and Snacks will be served.

Parish Registration: You may be **regularly attending St. Peter's Church Port Hood, but you are not registered with the parish** or if you are **New to this Parish**, it is advisable that you register yourself and your family as the official members of the Parish. By registering you will get official communications from the parish and tax receipts for your contributions. To register please use a form that you will find at the back of the church and send it to the parish office.

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.**

Our Beautiful Church: Thank you for your generous support over the years for the spiritual and material needs of our church and parish. Due to the age of the church building and other buildings of the parish, we are compelled to undertake various kinds of repair and maintenance work from time to time. For the well-being and smooth functioning of this sacred place, your support-by prayers, your presence, your service and your financial contribution-is deeply appreciated. Let us all continue to walk together, cherishing this church as our own heavenly home and working for its beauty, growth and mission. **Tax receipts will be issued for all your financial contributions. Envelopes for the building fund are available at the back of the church. Donations can also be dropped in the collection box at the back of the church.**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The Church this year observes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from **Sunday January 18 to Sunday January 25, 2026**. The theme for this year is ***“There is one body and one spirit as you were called to the hope of your calling.”*** (Ephesians 4:4) Let us pray for unity among all Christian churches and communities.

From the Pastor’s desk

And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” (Mathew.3:17) Once, on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, a small community gathered on the banks of a cold northern river, their breath rising in clouds above the ice-edged water. As the priest dipped a cedar branch into the stream to sprinkle the congregation, he shared a simple story: "A father and child once stood by a foggy lake. The child, puzzled, asked, 'Why can't we see the far shore?' The father replied, 'The mist hides it, but it is there all the same. Sometimes, like in the Gospel, we look but do not see; we listen, but do not understand. Yet, with faith and open hearts, what is hidden becomes clear, and we find ourselves on the shore with Christ.'" This gentle reminder, echoing the words of Jesus in Matthew 13:13-17, encouraged all present to seek true understanding-not just with their eyes and ears, but with hearts ready to receive the light revealed at the river's edge.

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. His Baptism is not only a pivotal moment in the life of Jesus, but also a decisive revelation of His identity to humanity. The Gospel passage (Mathew.3;13-17) gives us the account of the Baptism of Jesus from John the Baptist. When Jesus approaches John the Baptist at the Jordan River, seeking to be baptized, John hesitates, recognizing Jesus' superiority, but Jesus insists, saying, ***“Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.”*** This humble act begins Jesus' public ministry and sets the stage for His mission to bring salvation to all.

What makes the Baptism of Jesus so extraordinary is the revelation that occurs immediately after Jesus emerges from the water. The heavens are opened, and the Spirit of God descends like a dove, alighting on Him. Then, a voice from heaven proclaims, ***“This is my Son, whom I love; with whom I am well pleased.”*** This moment is the direct manifestation of the Holy Trinity-the Son standing in the water, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father's voice resounding from above. In this event, Jesus is revealed not only as the obedient servant but as God's beloved Son, the Messiah expected by Israel, and the Saviour of the world. The baptism is therefore not simply a personal milestone for Jesus; it is a public declaration of His divine identity and mission. Through this act, Jesus identifies Himself with humanity in all its brokenness, though He Himself is without sin. By stepping into the waters of the Jordan, He sanctifies the waters for all who would come after Him, opening the way for our own baptism and new life in God. The descent of the Holy Spirit signals the anointing of Jesus for His ministry, empowering Him to preach, heal, and ultimately offer Himself for the redemption of humankind. The Father's voice affirms Jesus' unique relationship with God and His authority to act in God's name.

The revelation of Jesus at His baptism challenges us to see Him and accept Him-not merely as a teacher or prophet, but as the living Son of God sent for our salvation. It invites us to contemplate our own baptism and the call to live as children of God, filled with the Holy Spirit to lead a holy life as per God's commandments. This feast encourages us to make Christ known in our homes, communities, and nation. The baptism of Jesus is a call to renewal, an invitation to hear again the Father's words- “You are my beloved”-and to respond with faith and courage as witnesses to Christ in the world.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a brunch at the Judique Community Center on **Sunday, January 11th**, from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

The December winners of the JCC weekly draw for \$500.00: December 01: Joe and Liz MacDonald, #541, Judique; 08: Kitty and David MacEachern, # 666, Long Point; 15: Jeanette MacDonald, #505, Judique; 22: Anita Gillis, #503, Judique; 29: Theresa MacInnis, #597, Judique.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

“Remember your church in your Will”