



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
Jan. 14, 2024**

Contact Information

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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	Altar Servers
Sat. Jan. 20 4:00pm	Jack Redden	Janice Campbell	
Sun. Jan. 21 10:00pm	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen	
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Jan. 15	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Jan. 16	6:00pm (R)Henry van Zutphen by family		
Wed. Jan. 17	6:00pm (R)Mary MacLean by Donald MacDonald		
Thur. Jan. 18	6:00pm Children of Joanne MacDonald		
Fri. Jan. 19	6:00pm Souls in Purgatory by Lorelei & Keith MacDonald		

### "COME AND YOU WILL SEE."

In today's gospel, The Lord speaks this invitation to/ two of John the Baptist's disciples. One of them was Andrew, the brother of Peter. They heard John pointing to Jesus and saying: "Behold, the Lamb of God." The evangelist tells us they were following Jesus/ but at a distance. This may be interpreted as though they were curious/ but not sure of themselves/ or perhaps the person whom they were following.

This Sunday's gospel is all about the call of the first disciples. The invitation to discipleship is an invitation to life. Jesus comes from the Father to make him known. Not only that, as we saw in last week's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, Jesus invites them to become children of God. In the "call" accounts/ from the Gospels according to Matthew and Mark, Jesus uses the words, "Follow me." The call to discipleship involves a relationship with God the Father through Jesus. He is the focus. Being with Jesus they will hear what he says and they will see what he does/ but the "following" of Jesus is much more comprehensive than that. It involves everything about Jesus.

The disciples begin to follow Jesus. They leave behind what they are doing. Their priorities are being reorganized. Their "worldview" is beginning to develop around Jesus/ and his proclamation of the Kingdom. One element that is necessary for the disciples, then and now, is an openness to hear the invitation and to accept it.

"Listening" and "obedience" are closely related in the Scriptures. Listening to God/ demonstrates a willingness to be led. Obedience/ is a response to God in faith and trust.

God not only loves humanity in general, but He also loves each one of us uniquely. The experience of his profound love for you personally, will change you forever. But you have to dispose of yourself to this/ through the effort of the spiritual life.

Don't wait any longer! Jesus is calling out to you/ to come and see!

God's call is persistent and personal. Pray that you may hear God calling you by name, and when you hear his calling, respond to Him in the words of Samuel, "Speak o Lord, for your servant is listening."

**Parish Council:** There will be a parish council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 7:00 pm in the glebe.

**KOC:** St. Peter's Knights of Columbus are hosting the "St. Joseph's Icon" with a prayer service to be held **following weekday Mass at 6:45 pm. on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024.** All are invited to attend.

**KOC:** Regular monthly meeting will be held **Sunday, January 21st, 2024 at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with Rosary at 7:00 pm.

**Vacation:** Fr. Sunny will be away for vacation from **December 28<sup>th</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Fr. Feby Pulikan Raphel from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda, Kerala, India, will fill in for Fr. Sunny. Fr. Feby can be reached at the parish email ([stpetersparish@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersparish@gmail.com)), over phone **902-787-3317**.

**Envelopes for 2024:** The new envelopes for 2024 are at the back of the church. Please take your envelope, and dispose of any leftover envelopes from 2023. Please put your name and address on the first few you use so that we can be sure to credit you for your donation, as your number may have changed. If anyone hasn't been assigned an envelope and wishes to donate, take a box without a label and put your name on the envelope for the first couple of weeks.

**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.

**The December winners of \$500 from the JCC Weekly Lottery** are:

December 04, Allan Campbell, #67, Halifax: 11, Doug Gillis, #600, Judique: 18th , Neil/Janet MacIsaac, #522, Judique: 25, Gordon Griffith.#582, Long Point.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL  
FROM 9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY**

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