



Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us



**"Do not fear those who kill  
the body but cannot kill  
the soul."**



St. John the Baptist  
Pray for Us

### *The Sunday Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33*

When this gospel was written, Christians are being persecuted by the Jews. And Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well. Even family members will turn away from them because of their commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth and is certainly intended to strengthen these early Christians. And if we are believers today, it is because they stood firm and overcame their initial fears. Here Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The followers of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power because they cannot destroy the soul. Still persecution and suffering cannot be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his followers that God knows and cares about what happens to his children. We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us. Jesus invites us to trust as he reminds us that we remain in God's hand.

### *Collections June*

*Regular Sunday offerings*

### *Weekday Masses*

Wed June 24 11am Mass- *For safety  
of all Covid-19 Front Liners*

Thurs June 25 11am Mass- *For all  
souls in purgatory*

Friday June 26 11am Mass- *For all  
sick in the parish*

### *Weekend Masses*

Sunday June 28 9am- *Port Severn*

Sunday June 28 11am- *Honey Harbour*

### **Father's Day Blessing**

God our Father, in your wisdom  
and love you made all things.

Bless these men, that they may  
be strengthened as Christian  
fathers. Let the example of their  
faith and love shine forth. Grant  
that we, their sons and  
daughters, may honor them  
always with a spirit of profound  
respect. Grant this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
TO ALL FATHERS**

## *Important Links*

<https://youtu.be/dneww9vZh5g> Youtube Mass of Bishop Miehm – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time  
<https://www.ladyofmercyhoneyharbour.ca> - Our parish website  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/848623575RR0008-our-lady-of-mercy-church/> - Online Donation to Our Lady of Mercy Honey Harbour  
[www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org) – Diocese of Peterborough

## *Announcements*

- 1. Email Address** – To get connected with our parish, receive important communications from the diocese, and get updated of what is going on in the parish, please give your Email address along with your telephone numbers to our office. The Sunday Bulletins, where we usually get parish information and announcements, are not to be handed out in this time of pandemic. Bulletins are available in our parish website: <https://www.ladyofmercyhoneyharbour.ca>.
- 2. Music** - Currently with COVID-19 restrictions in place we are only allowed to provide instrumental music (no communal singing) at all Masses. Our Lady of Mercy Church in Honey Harbour is in need of a pianist or organist to join our choir group and help us with instrumental music during Mass. If you wish to assist at Sunday Mass, please contact Nestor Baryliuk at 707-756-1417 or 705-817-4394 or Father Martin at the Parish Office.
- 3. No Saturday Port Severn Mass** - Sunday Mass will commence at Port Severn and Honey Harbour this weekend June 20-21. However; due to COVID-19, churches must follow strict protocols at each Mass ensuring that the coronavirus does not spread among the people. As a result of these restrictions, Our Lady of Mercy Parish will continue to operate on its winter schedule - 9:00 AM Mass at Port Severn & 11:00 AM Mass at Honey Harbour. There will be NO Saturday evening Mass in Port Severn.
- 4. Volunteers** - Thank You to all of our volunteers who have responded quickly and with enthusiasm to help our Parish follow the COVID-19 Guidelines during our Sunday Masses. We truly appreciate your support during these challenging times.

## *Important Reminders During Pandemic*

**Pray always.** Stay at home as much as possible. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Observe physical distance. Wear a face mask or face shield when physical distancing is not possible. Connect with others virtually. Say “thank you” to frontline staff and community workers.

**Self Care Check-up:** Have you taken your temperature at home? Is your temperature normal? Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms- coughing and wheezing, fatigue, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, excessive sputum, aching muscles, headaches, chills, confusion, runny nose and/or shaking? Have you been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19? Have you been out of the country or the province? If yes, did you observe the mandatory 14-day quarantine upon your return? Are you awaiting test results from your own COVID-19 test?

**If the priest has an elevated temperature,** he should not celebrate Mass. In addition to temperature, other potential symptoms of viral contagion include, coughing and wheezing, fatigue, loss of appetite, shortage of breath, excessive sputum, aching muscles, headaches, chills, confusion, runny nose, shaking.

**Prayer During Pandemic:** O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.