



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us

The Parable of Wheat & Weed



**"Let both grow
together until
the harvest."**



St. John the Baptist
Pray for Us

The Sunday Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

Three parables. The first alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the “weeds” prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Collections Last Weekend July 12th

\$1, 740 - Regular Sunday Offerings

\$300 – Total HH Facade Renovation Donations

Weekday Masses

Wed July 22, 11am- No Mass

Thurs July 23, 11am Mass- *For peace in the world*

Friday July 24, 11am Mass- *For +Melchor & Salus*

Weekend Masses

Sunday July 26, 9am- *Port Severn*

Sunday July 126 11am- *Honey Harbour - People of the parish*

Important Links

<https://youtu.be/W4iu19Tf4Ro> -Youtube Mass of Michael Heffernan – 16th 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 – Diocese of Peterborough

Announcements

The Worship Safe Reopening Plan for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough states, "All in the assembly are strongly encouraged to wear a mask upon the recommendation of a Medical Officer of Health. Should a Medical Officer of Health determine that the use of a face mask is mandatory, the parishioners will be expected to comply before entering the parish."

Face Mask Mandatory – In Simcoe-Muskoka, the Health Unit has ordered that a face covering must be worn in places of worship as of Monday, July 13, 2020. This Order aligns with the By-law passed in the City of Toronto. The thinking behind the Health Unit's Order is that the Simcoe-Muskoka area receives many visitors from the GTA either as summer residents or cottagers. Therefore, in view of this population influx into the area, the Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit issued an Order making the use of face coverings mandatory in all public places, including places of worship. The Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit is the only Health Unit in the Diocese of Peterborough that has made the use of face coverings mandatory.

We are all committed to caring for our neighbors and those around us. While a number of restrictions have been lifted as the province moves into Stage 3 of Re-Opening, we are still in the middle of a pandemic and need to take the appropriate steps to minimize any potential spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

Provincial Specific Stage 3 effective Friday July 17th Further to Bishop Miehm's communications on July 14, 2020 to all parishes. Premier Doug Ford announced on Monday that most of the province will be moving to Stage 3 as of Friday, July 17 at 12:01 am. In the Diocese of Peterborough, this means that all areas except the Durham Region will be moving to Stage 3. The Durham Region remains in Stage 2. For places of worship, the provisions that were implemented in Stage 2 are unchanged i.e. 30% capacity. In Stage 3, continue to follow the Worship Safe reopening plan for the Diocese, the Orders from the local Health Unit, and the Registrar's Directive from the Bereavement Authority of Ontario. Bishop Daniel Miehm and the Reopening committee have deemed that Parish halls will remain CLOSED for rentals, events, etc. for indoor gatherings at this time.

HH Church Façade/Entrance – Happy to announce the completion of the renovation of the entrance part of the church in Honey Harbour.



Old stairs



Old Front



New Front

Fr. Charlie Fitzpatrick- Fr. Charlie was a former Pastor of the parish of Our Lady of Mercy and St. John the Baptist. He recently had broken hip and is due for surgery. Our prayers for his immediate recovery.

Pope Francis: "Evil never gives peace. It causes frenzy first then leaves bitterness. Instead, God's voice never promises cheap, easily acquired joy. He invites us to go beyond our ego to find that true good: peace."

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.

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.