



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



St. John the Baptist
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The Sunday Gospel Matthew 14:13-21

The Gospel today is a very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. It tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

Collections Last Weekend July 12th - \$883 Regular Sunday Offerings

\$4,410 – Total Donations for HH Church Facade Renovations to date. A heartfelt thanks and grateful appreciation to those who chipped in donations to defray expenses for the newly finished Church Facade Renovation in Honey Harbour. God bless you all.

Weekday Masses

Wed August 5, 11am- *For Safety of Covid-19 Front Liners*

Thurs August 6, 11am Mass- *For peace in the world*

Friday August 7, 11am Mass- *For End of Pandemic*

Weekend Masses

Sunday August 9, 9am- *Port Severn*

Sunday August 9, 11am- *Honey Harbour - People of the parish*

Important Links

<https://youtu.be/t912d0ZaZAM> - Mass of Fr. Tom Lynch – 18th 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

Campus Ministry Special Collection. A special collection will be taken this weekend August 1-2, for the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Peterborough and for Peterborough Campus Ministry. The Vocations Office supports our seminarians and young men and women who are discerning their Vocations. Peterborough Campus Ministry brings the saving message “job and pursue something that had been of Jesus’ life death and resurrection to campus at Trent University and Fleming College’s Sutherland Campus.

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 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. 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.



Happy Civic Holiday. Enjoy the August long weekend with family and friends!

St. Ignatius of Loyola (feast day Aug 31)- was born in 1491 in Spain. He was a page in the court of Ferdinand and Isabella, and then joined the Spanish army as a soldier. After a leg injury in Pamplona in 1521, he was hospitalized for a long time, and in his boredom, read “Lives of the Saints.” This book led him to convert to the Catholic faith. After his conversion, Ignatius spent a year in solitude, and then went on pilgrimages to Rome and the Holy Land, converting Muslims and writing his “Spiritual Exercises,” which are still widely used today. When he came to France, Ignatius attracted many followers, the first members of the Society of Jesus. Pope Paul III approved the society in 1540, and it gained a great deal of popularity. St. Ignatius died on July 31, 1556. He was made a saint in 1622. The Jesuit society is still in existence today, with many groups throughout the world.

Pope Francis: “Friendship is one of life’s gifts and a grace from God. Faithful friends, who stand at our side in times of difficulty, are a reflection of the Lord’s love, His gentle and consoling presence in our lives.”

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.