



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



**"Take heart,
it is I; do not
be afraid"**



St. John the Baptist
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Collections Last Weekend, August 2nd

\$1,200 - Regular Sunday Offerings

\$115 - Vocation & Campus Ministry

\$4,410 – Total Donations for HH Church Facade Renovations to date. A 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 12, 11am- *For Safety of Convid-19 Front Liners*

Thurs August 13, 11am Mass- *For peace in the world*

Friday August 14, 11am Mass- *Thanksgiving Fr. Martin*

Weekend Masses

Sunday August 16, 9am- *Port Severn- +Grant Cadeau by Don & Eileen Cadeau*

Sunday August 16n, 11am- *Honey Harbour – +Dr Leszek Marchow by Marchow family*

The Sunday Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water, Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

Important Links

<https://youtu.be/Y0fCMg2vhn4> - Mass of Bishop Miehm – 19th 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

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. 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. For places of worship, the provisions that were implemented in Stage 2 are unchanged i.e. 30% capacity. Parish halls will remain CLOSED for rentals, events, etc. for indoor gatherings at this time.

Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic Reveals Who We Truly Are

The coronavirus pandemic is an unprecedented health crisis, a growing economic disaster and a fundamental moral test. Our response demonstrates who we are, what we believe and what kind of society we are becoming. Terrible times reveal our true values, priorities and character as individuals and as a society. At the center of Catholic social teaching is the protection of human life and dignity. This requires us to help people avoid infection, overcome illness and recover from the virus whenever possible. The loss of life is horrific and growing in our nation and around the world. There is a compelling moral obligation to avoid actions, behaviors and attitudes which permit the virus to spread and threaten the life and health of others. Social distancing, staying in place and avoiding crowds and contact with others are not options, but obligations. Because human life is sacred, we have a right to life and to those things that protect life and dignity: health care which sustains life; family and religious life; and decent work, housing and education. The absence of these rights makes every aspect of this pandemic worse. Our faith requires us to secure and protect these rights, not only for ourselves and our families, but for all God's children. *John Carr*

Pope Francis On St. Pope John Paul II: Celebrating Mass on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Karol Wojtyla, the future St John Paul II, Pope Francis described his predecessor as a man of prayer, closeness, and justice.

A Man of Prayer: Despite his many duties as Pope, John Paul II always found time to pray. He knew well that the first task of the bishop is to pray. This is the teaching of St Peter in the Acts of the Apostles: the first task of the bishop is to pray. John Paul knew this and did it.

Close to the people: St John Paul II was also close to the people, not detached or separated from them, but travelling the whole world to seek them out. John Paul followed the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, drawing near to both the great and the small, to those close by and those physically far away.

Merciful Justice: Finally, St John Paul II was remarkable for his love of justice. But his love for justice was a desire for justice completed by mercy. And so, John Paul was also a man of mercy, because justice and mercy go together. John Paul, who did so much to promote the Divine Mercy devotion, believed that God's justice "had this face of mercy, this attitude of mercy."

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.