



Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us



**"Get behind  
me, Satan!  
You are  
thinking not  
as God does,  
but as  
humans do."**



St. John the Baptist  
Pray for Us

### Collections Last Weekend, August 23

\$1,133 - Regular Sunday Offerings

### Weekday Masses

Wed Sept 2, 11am Mass – For the sick in our parish

Thurs Sept 3, 11am Mass- *For peace in the world*

Friday Sept 4, 11am Mass- For safety of Covid Frontliners

### Weekend Masses

Sunday Sept 6, 9am- Port Severn- *For people of the parish*

Sunday Sept 6, 11am- Honey Harbour- *+Kathlyn Sullivan by Anne Moliski*

### The Sunday Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

Simon Peter was called the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus’ identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him “Satan.” In opposing this aspect of Jesus’ mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ’s disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus’ disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus’ prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called “rock” would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

## Important Links

<https://youtu.be/SixWIGnxOak> - Mass of Bishop Miehm – 22nd 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

<https://youtu.be/SixWIGnxOak> - This will be the FINAL YOUTUBE LINK for the Mass and it will be live on Sunday, August 30 at 8:00 a.m. The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - YourTV Broadcast airs on Sunday, September 6th and it will also be FINAL Broadcast on YourTV.

Special Collection for Lebanon - The Diocese is doing a special collection for the Lebanon crisis today's weekend of August 30, 2020. The donations are tax receiptable and will be matched by the government when the Diocese submits them on a consolidated basis. Put your donation in the envelope marked "Donation to Lebanon" with your name.

Bishop Daniel Miehm - We watched in horror on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, as the port of Beirut in Lebanon exploded into flames leaving a trail of death, injury, and devastation. In the days since then, concerted efforts have taken place to shape a response and outreach which will ease the suffering of the people in Lebanon and restore its vital services. The CCODP/Caritas Canada has launched an appeal for the crisis in Lebanon following the recent explosion in Beirut. Through their membership with the Canadian Food grains Bank, donations to CCODP/Caritas Canada are eligible to be matched by the Canadian government. Let us keep the people of Beirut in our prayers and may the generosity of our support assist them as they begin to take steps toward recovery.

Face Mask Mandatory – In Simcoe-Muskoka, the Health Unit has ordered that a face covering must be worn in places of worship. In view of the 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 provision that of 30% capacity sitting capacity stands. Parish halls will remain CLOSED for rentals, events, etc. for indoor gatherings at this time.

## Cure the Corona Virus, Prayer to Incredible Saint Roch,

Who Defeated Plagues - (feast day Aug 16) - Saint Roch was born in Montpellier around the 14th century and the only child of a wealthy nobleman. His life was marked by a series of miracles, and one of them is a red birthmark in a cross-shaped on his chest. Roch renounced his nobility after the death of his parents at the age of 20. Later, he gave away his possessions to travel to Rome to take care of the poor and heal the plague victims with the sign of the cross. Eventually, Roch got infected with the diseases too. Not wanting to infect the others, he retreated to the woods to die. While dying from his illness and wounds, a hunting dog found him and licked his wound. Miraculously, the dog healed him. The dog also took care of him by bringing him bread to eat. From this story, a dog with bread in its mouth has become a symbol of Saint Roch and usually portrayed with him. After Roch made a full recovery, the dog stayed loyal to him even after he returned to France. France was on civil war, and Roch was mistaken as a spy. He and his dog are put into prison for five years. Even during his sentence, he kept caring for other prisoners. Roch then died on August 16 in prison. During his life, Roch never revealed his nobility so no one knows who he was until people discovered his cross-shaped birthmark on his chest after his death. Roch later officially declared as a saint 100 years after his death. From his life, he is known as the patron of dogs, pestilence and plague.

Prayer to St. Roch – "O Blessed Saint Roch, Patron of the sick, have pity on those who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world, that by the sign of the Cross, many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears and obtain for us that health we seek. Through Christ our Lord.

Pope Francis – "Trust in the Lord and make an effort to enter into his plans, accepting that His salvation can reach us in ways that may be different from what we expect." "To pray is to allow yourself to be looked at by God without illusions, excuses, or justifications. Because from the devil come darkness and lies, from God come light and truth."

## 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."