



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



"Where two
or three are
gathered in
my name, I
am there
among
them."



St. John the Baptist
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Collections Last Weekend, August 30

\$906 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses

Wed Sept 9, 11am Mass- For the sick in our parish

Thurs Sept 10, 11am Mass- *For peace in the world*

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

Weekend Masses

Sunday Sept 13, 9am- Port Severn

Sunday Sept 13, 11am- Honey Harbour - *For people of the parish*



The Sunday Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Today's Gospel reading is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. Here, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

Important Links

<https://youtu.be/cJLff-7LSqE> - Mass of Bishop Miehm – 23rd 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

<https://youtu.be/cJLff-7LSqE> - BONUS!!!! - YOUTUBE LINK - The Mass for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time will be celebrated by +His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Miehm at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough.

Bishop Daniel Miehm - I have decided to permit the use of a cantor at funerals and weddings, so that those liturgies may be celebrated with more solemnity. This will also allow a greater and more sensitive pastoral response to families as they gather for these liturgies. It is crucial that the musician and cantor should practice safe physical distancing from each other and from the congregation while carrying out their ministry. Since we know that singing projects droplets into the air with greater force than speaking, the restriction on congregational singing remains in force. It would be advisable to announce that at funerals and weddings so that people are reminded that this restriction remains in place for the wellbeing and safety of all.

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.

St. Pope Gregory the Great (feast day Sept 3) Gregory was just two years old when the Plague called Black Death swept throughout the region. The plague was the most severe outbreak of deadly disease the world had ever known. About one third of the population in Italy was wiped out by the disease. In addition to disease, the barbarian Ostrogoths sacked Rome in 546. The Franks attempted an invasion in 554. It is believed these massive events impacted Gregory's development as a child. Gregory was well educated and excelled in all his studies. St. Gregory was famous for the emphasis he put on missionary work. He sent many people out to bring many to Jesus and into the Church. He was well known for his alms to the poor, and he gave generously of the riches donated to the Church by the wealthy people. Everything from money to land was given to the poor in some fashion. When a famine struck Rome in the 590s, Pope Gregory ordered the Church to use its assets to feed the poor. At that time, the Church controlled nearly two thousand square miles of land, overseen by the clergy and used to generate income. Now, instead of selling the produce of the land, he ordered it shipped to Rome and given away for free. In this way, he saved thousands of people from certain death. Pope Gregory himself refused to eat until his monks returned from their work of handing out food. He also made certain to dine with a dozen poor people at each meal. Because of his great respect for the poor, it was Pope Gregory and the Church that became the most respected --and obeyed force in Rome and across Italy. From the time of Gregory onwards, the people looked to the Church for government rather than the distant and indifferent emperors in Constantinople.

Pope Francis – “As a human family we have our common origin in God. We dwell in a common home, the garden-planet where God placed us. But when we forget all this, our social fabric is weakened, and the environment deteriorates.” “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.”

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.”