



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



"I tell you, sinners go to heaven ahead of you because they believed, and you did not change your minds and believe."



St. John the Baptist
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Collections Last Weekend, September 20

\$1, 075 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses

Wed Sept 30, 11am Mass- For all sick in the parish

Thurs Oct 1, 11am Mass- For peace in the world

Friday Oct 2, 11am Mass- +For Souls of Claro, Sergio, Salus & Melchor

Weekend Masses

Sunday October 4, 9am- Port Severn

Sunday October 4, 11am- Honey Harbour – Robert Nicholson & Robi requested by Frances Scott

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League, Victoria Harbour

Saturday November 14 from 10am-3pm & Sunday November 15 from 12N-2pm. *Huge Craft and Penny Sale with a large selection of Gifts and Preserves for Sale.*

The Sunday Gospel Matthew 21:28:32

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that “actions speak louder than words” and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father’s will.

Jesus’ conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John’s message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Important Links

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_Cd0rFPwUxMtMRhS_UtCvg/videos - Mass for 26th Sunday Ordinary Time by Bishop Mieh
<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

Co-Vid-19 – As of last week, Premier Doug Ford announced that there are 407 new cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. Social gathering limits across the whole province have been decreased and fines have been increased effective immediately. Social gatherings indoors have been restricted to 10 people. Social gatherings outdoors are now restricted to 25 people. Places of worship remain at 30% capacity with 2 metres/ 6 feet of physical distancing, hand sanitizing, regular cleaning and the Health Unit Orders pertaining to the wearing of face coverings/face masks in place. *Clarification on provincial restrictions: The reduced limits do not apply to places of worship that are monitored - this assumes that physical distancing, the wearing of face masks, washing of hands, etc. are in place.

Bishop Daniel Mieh - The 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated this Sunday, September 27th. This year's theme is "Forced like Jesus Christ to Flee." Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the plight of internally displaced people across the globe, those who have been forcibly dislocated within the borders of their own country. At the end of 2019, the U.N. Refugee Agency reported that an astonishing 45.7 million people were internally displaced due to armed conflict, generalized violence of human rights abuses. Let us hold these people in our prayers in a special way this Sunday.

Let us Return to the Eucharist with Joy - The pandemic caused by the Covid 19 virus has produced upheavals not only in social, family, economic, educational, and work dynamics, but also in the life of the Christian community, including the liturgical dimension. To prevent the spread of the virus, rigid social distancing was necessary, which had repercussions on a fundamental trait of Christian life: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them"; "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And all who believed were together and had all things in common". The Christian community has never sought isolation and has never made the Church a city with closed doors. Formed in the value of community life and in the search of the common good, Christians have always sought insertion into society, while being aware of an otherness - to be in the world without belonging to it and without being reduced to it. And even in the pandemic emergency, a great sense of responsibility has emerged. In listening to and collaborating with civil authorities and experts, the Bishops of the Church were prompt to make difficult and painful decisions, even to the point of suspending the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist for a long period. As soon as circumstances permit, however, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, as "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows". Aware the God never abandons the humanity He has created, and that even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace, we have accepted our distance from the Lord's altar as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness. As soon as is possible, however, we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love, and hope. We cannot be without the banquet of the Eucharist, the table of the Lord to which we are invited as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters to receive the Risen Christ himself, present in body, blood, soul and divinity in that Bread of heaven which sustains us in the joys and labours of this earthly pilgrimage. Cardinal Robert Sarah -prefect of Divine Congregation for Divine Worship

Pope Francis - "The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended". "Life is grounded in three fundamental and closely connected relationships: the relationship with God, with our neighbour and with the earth."