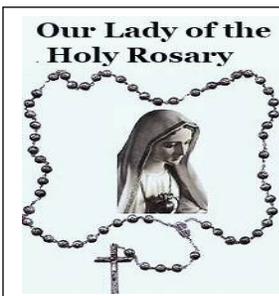


OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY AND THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

“On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe. This event is known to history as the “Battle of Lepanto”, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history. Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570. The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571. Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces. Christians were greatly outnumbered in this encounter. They commanded only 214 boats and 80,000 troops. The Turkish force totaled 120,000 troops, about 225 galleys, and an additional 50 smaller boats. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary. The Feast is in reality great festival of thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Mother Mary. Dominican friar Juan Lopez in his 1584 book on the rosary states that the feast of the rosary was offered "in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people that day against the Turkish armada.”



OUR PARISH BULLETIN



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Honey Harbour**



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Weekend Masses

**Sunday 9 A.M. - Port Severn
Sunday 11 A.M. - Honey Harbour**

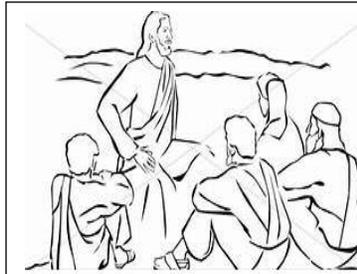
**Weekday Masses
(See inside bulletin)**

**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October 3, 2021

Gospel Today: Mark 10:2-12– “The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. During the time of Moses, the law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage.”



"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

Collections Last Sunday, September 26



\$600 - Regular Sunday Offerings
\$145 – Needs of Canadian Church

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed October 6, 11am Mass – For peace in the world
Thurs October 7, 11am Mass - For our sick parishioners
Friday October 8, 11am Mass – For all +Souls

Weekend Masses – 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday October 10, 9am @ Port Severn – For the People of the parish
Sunday October 10, 11am @ Honey Harbour – For +Alex Muzzo by MacMillan family

PS Church Roof Repairs - Gerry, Wally & Mark recently did a great job of fixing the perennial roof leaking problem in Port Severn church. The newly fixed roof seems to be ready now for battle with the coming tough winter iced snow that deteriorates the building overtime. Thanks to the 3 Go-to-Guys for their labour of love & generous efforts.



Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that Left Physical Evidence

“Throughout Christian history, our Lord has shown us that he is really present as the Blessed Sacrament. Most Eucharistic miracles involve incidences in which the Host has “turned into human flesh and blood”. We as Catholics believe that the consecrated Host is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, under the appearances of bread and wine. Therefore, Jesus, through these miracles, merely manifests His Presence in a more tangible way:

Argentina Miracle of the Host - On August 18, 1996, a woman came up to Fr. Alejandro Pezet after Holy Mass and pointed to a discarded Host on a candleholder at the back of the church. Unable to consume the Host, Fr. Pezet put it in a container with water and placed it inside the tabernacle. A week later, as he opened the tabernacle, he saw that the Host had turned blood red. He informed Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (later became pope Francis), who immediately had it photographed. The photographs revealed that the Host had become a fragment of bloodied flesh and had grown significantly in size. On October 5, 1999, Bergoglio, seeing that the Host did not decompose, sent it for scientific analysis in New York City to Dr. Frederic Zugiba, a well-known cardiologist and forensic pathologist, who did the examination. His findings revealed that it was “real flesh and blood and containing human DNA. Zugiba testified that the material was a fragment of the heart muscle responsible for contraction to supply blood to all parts of the body.”

Pope's Prayer Intention for month of October – “We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.”

Holy Guardian Angels (feast day October 2) - “The word, "angel," comes from the Greek word, "aggelos," which means, "messenger." The Catholic Church confirms the existence of angels, and that they are active in our lives. The Catechism states, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith". God has commended to each of us an angel for our very own. What love has God for his children, for those he has created in the image of his incarnate Son! Every moment of each day, day after day, year after year, our faithful guardian angels stand at our side, focused on our well-being with far greater power and intensity than we ourselves can summon, since the strength of their angelic will is far greater than ours. Let us thank God each day for their protection and guidance, giving to us great advantage here below, for they see the reality of our life in clarity, which is something we often fail to do.”

Bishop Daniel Miehm – “LIFE CHAIN takes place in more than 200 locations across Canada this Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., a silent, peaceful protest to defend the unborn. Let us pray for the success of these demonstrations, promoting the sacredness of human life in the womb and beyond.”

“THE CANADIAN BISHOPS have followed up last week's apology to Indigenous people with a commitment to a 30-million-dollar campaign to promote programs to assist survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities. It is noted in the statement that this national campaign will be locally driven and focused, in consultation with Indigenous Leaders. I look forward to developing plans here in the Diocese of Peterborough, so that we may do our part in this important venture to advance the cause of healing and reconciliation.”