

## Saints Inspire Our Faith

“The saints are our holy friends. They are the Church at rest because they have fulfilled their God-given mission and made it safely home. The saints provide a glimpse into what faith can do. Also, saints help us understand our Church history. We are all called to be saints. We need to learn about saints so we know who we are meant to be. Multitudes of saints are in Heaven that aren’t in our books. Even if we are never canonized, our goal is heaven. And if we want to be saints, we need to know what makes people, just like us, into saints. Their lives show us how to live our faith. They show us what God can accomplish through frail humanity. They provide a tangible lesson on being a Catholic and inspire us to live our faith more fully.

It is often said the church does not make a saint, God does. Individuals who become names as saints most often demonstrate the qualities of being a positive role model and teacher who exemplifies generous and unselfish behavior. Often saints are believed in their lifetime to be channels for God in some fashion. Saints are believed to have a life mission where they intercede for the salvation of others and help humanity to evolve. In many cases the life of the saint, over time, becomes something of legend that inspires, guides us toward our truth and tells of the time in which they lived.

Catholic saints have shown a deep love for God by their lives while on earth. Saints are found in every walk of life. A person can turn from a life of sin and become a saint. People often find it easy to identify with the earthly life and struggles of a particular saint, and to ask that saint for help. The saint can bring you closer to Jesus. Prayers to saints then become prayers to Jesus.

The saints, then, can influence our lives in vastly superior ways, since they are initiators through intercessory prayer of many spiritual benefits and goods we may receive from Almighty God. In the saints, we have ordinary people made extraordinarily great through the gift of God, whose words of prayer unfailingly reach God on our behalf.

Find a saint with whom you can identify. Then strive to imitate their Christ-like virtues that can help to motivate and inspire you along life’s journey.”

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



**St. John the Baptist Church  
Port Severn**

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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**

## 33rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

November 14, 2021

**Gospel Today:** Mark 13:24-32– “The Gospel invites us to consider Jesus’ predictions and teaching about the end of the world. Jesus’ words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus’ words and God’s never-ending love for us.”



### Collections Last Sunday, November 7



\$715 - Regular Sunday Offerings, \$60 – All Souls Offerings

### Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wednesday 17 - No Mass (priests Study Day)

Thursday 18 - No Mass (Priests Study Day)

Friday November 19, 11am Mass - *+For all souls in purgatory & parishioners' requested intentions*

### Weekend Masses (Feast of Christ the King)

Sunday November 21, 9am @ Port Severn - *People of the parish*

Sunday November 21, 11am @ Honey Harbour

**Priests Study Day** - The Priests of the Diocese of Peterborough will participate in their annual Study Days this week (November 17-18). Dan Cellucci, C.E.O. of the Catholic Leadership Institute is the facilitator. Dan is a well-known speaker in the United States and Canada and has given talks and seminars to bishops, priests, and lay leaders in many different settings. His talks will focus on helping our priests to face pastoral challenges and opportunities as we come through the pandemic and move beyond it. Please pray for our priests as they gather for some learning and inspiration this Wednesday and Thursday.

**End Times** - “What can we expect during the end times? No one knows the day or hour that Jesus will come again, the second coming is a mystery to everyone. We should be preparing each day for the coming of Christ. Prayer, examination of conscience, frequent reception of the sacraments, reading scripture, all of these things help us to prepare for the end of time. The Great Warning is not something to be feared, we will see our sinfulness before God and then work on purifying ourselves, this is something we should be doing each day.”

**Priest Benefit Fund** – “Priest Benefit Fund” appeal will be today. You may use any envelope, and mark it “Priest Benefit Fund” with your name as it is tax receiptable. Your annual and ongoing financial support for our Priest Benefit Fund allows the diocese to financially assist priests in their time of illness and years of retirement. Thank you for your generosity.

**Synod of Synod of Bishop Survey**- In preparation for the next Synod of Bishops, there will be a worldwide conversation in the Church about community, engaged participation, and the mission of evangelization. This conversation will follow a two-year path and involve the People of God - everyone, everywhere. To open the conversations, a survey is launched inviting the input of all the People of God. This input will be part of both the worldwide and local conversations to establish pastoral priorities within the Church. Your participation in the conversation is important. This is an opportunity to express ourselves, to be heard and to contribute to how the People of God can better journey together. *Copies of the Survey are available at the church entrance. Please fill it up and return it on or before Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>.*

**Pope Francis (Opportunity for conversion)** “The pandemic has been a revelation to us all about the limitations and shortcomings of our societies and lifestyles. And yet, in the midst of this shadowy reality, we need to hope. The Christian tradition, particularly the social doctrine of the Church, as well as other religious traditions, can help to give the reliable hope that injustice and violence are not inevitable, are not our destiny. Faced with a pandemic which has “shaken the world,” our conscience calls us to a path of hope that is not comfortable with returning to a “normality” marked by injustice, “but to accept the challenge of taking on the crisis as a ‘concrete opportunity for conversion, for transformation, for rethinking our way of life and our economic and social systems. Let us not waste this opportunity to improve our world.”

**Visit of Pope Francis** – “The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops released some more details this week about the delegation of Indigenous Elders, Knowledge keepers and Youth meeting with Pope Francis. The visit will take place from December 17 to 20, when Pope Francis will hear from First Nations, Metis and Inuit delegates about their experiences and the traumatic legacy of Indian Residential schools. Delegates will also have the opportunity to share their hopes and desires for Pope Francis’ visit to Canada, which was announced two weeks ago. Let us pray for the success of these meetings, an important step in the journey of reconciliation.”