

April 26, 2020 - Usual Bulletin Format will be used again when Mass Celebration Schedule is back to normal



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



St. John the Baptist
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Collections from April 12 to April 26

Regular Sunday offerings: \$733

Easter offering: \$140

* Thank you to all, who, even in difficult times and without Sunday Masses, take efforts to drop off their church's offerings in the rectory mail slot; some send through Canada post; some through PAP; and some use the online donation of "Canadahelps" link. May God reward you a hundredfold for your generosity.

* My Video or Voice Sunday Gospel Message will be posted in parish website while Church gathering restrictions continue.

* Please provide our office with your Email and Telephone number so that you can receive updates, messages from the parish and from the diocese.

* We celebrate Easter behind closed doors, like the followers of the Lord at that first Easter Sunday, but we celebrate confident that the Lord is among us and that the doors will be opened again. May God bless you and your family abundantly this Easter Season. I pray you are keeping well, and I look forward to our church community worship when things get normal. *Fr. Martin*

The Sunday Gospel Lk. 24:13-35

"We may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again, we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. But Jesus offers an interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing what has been written in the Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. Also, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others." *Sunday Connection*

Important Links:

<https://www.ladyofmercyhoneyharbour.ca> - This is now our new parish website

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/848623575RR0008-our-lady-of-mercy-church/> - Online Donation to Our Lady of Mercy Honey Harbour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ND4BL1t9iY&feature=youtu.be>

- Youtube Mass of Bishop Miehm 3rd Sunday Easter

www.peterboroughdiocese.org – Diocese of Peterborough

Bishop Daniel Miehm- Bishop of Peterborough Diocese

* OUR SUNDAY MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER-IN-CHAINS has been viewed by many people during this time of the pandemic. We have been blessed that COGECO YourTV Peterborough has committed to taping and broadcasting this Mass each weekend.

Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough will premiere on Cogeco YourTV in Peterborough on Channel 10 and 700 in HD on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. In Cobourg, the Mass will air at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. - and in Huntsville at 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Additionally, it will air on COGECO YourTV Facebook page on Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m. through this link on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/yourtvptbo>

This COGECO YourTV YouTube link will be active as of 9:00 a.m. on

Sunday. Here is the link: <https://www.yourtv.tv/peterborough/videos>

* CANADIANS AND PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WERE SHOCKED BY THE RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS in Nova Scotia. It has been hard to comprehend and process, even with the round the clock news coverage. We continue to hold in prayer all the victims, those who have lost loved ones, and those impacted in any way by this tragedy.

*I KNOW THAT MANY PRIESTS HAVE BEEN WORKING THE PHONES to check in with their parishioners. And many have told me that parishioners are calling them to make sure they are doing well. I am glad for the care and solicitude being shown by our priests – and to them! May God continue to bless us all in these trying times.

Donation Online

As you know, the Masses and parish gatherings in the church are currently suspended during this pandemic. We are living “love of neighbor” by praying at home, staying at home, physically distancing, washing our hands, and connecting with each other virtually.

While gathering for Mass as a parish community is not possible, the priests in the parishes continue to celebrate Mass privately for the intentions of the faithful, and our parish is finding ways to continue connecting with and serving parishioners during this time.

There have been enquiries from parishioners about ways to support the parish without being physically present. This is a sensitive topic to address with so many uncertainties and a situation which is evolving so rapidly. Many parishioners may already be facing financial difficulties as a family, and the first priority must be to take care of the needs of family and loved ones.

The parish relies on the generosity of the faithful. For those parishioners continuing to donate either by dropping off their donation in the rectory mail slot, through Canada Post, or through pre-authorized payments (PAP), thank you! We are grateful for your financial support. If you’re considering of (PAP), request a Form and we will send it to you.

Parishioners can avail of this online option:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/848623575RR0008-our-lady-of-mercy-church/> (Copy and Paste the above link to directly access to Our Lady of Mercy Honey Harbour Parish)

Continuing to support your parish at this time is an act of generosity and faith. The parish is grateful for any contribution you are able to make recognizing that these are difficult times financially for many people. Even more important at this time is your prayer for the parish, the priest, your fellow parishioners and especially those who are suffering from illness, those who have died and frontline workers during this COVID-19 pandemic.