



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



St. John the Baptist
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Collections from May 3-May 10

Regular Sunday offerings: \$800

Papal Charity: \$40

***FOR MOTHERS AND THOSE WHO OFFER MATERNAL CARE –
“Happy Mothers' Day!”**

* 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 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 John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, “If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more. The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. *Sunday Connection*

Important Links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVOv3FK_mM4&feature=youtu.be

Youtube Mass of Bishop Miehm 5th Sunday Easter

<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

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www.peterboroughdiocese.org – Diocese of Peterborough

Bishop Daniel Miehm- Bishop of Peterborough Diocese

***POPE FRANCIS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE CALLED FOR A DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND WORKS OF CHARITY.** The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue has announced that this Thursday, May 14 will be the day when people of faith around the world beseech God for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. There will be no public events that day, but it will be for each believer to place himself or herself before God in the offering of prayer, sacrifice and charity. Let us be united in a prayerful spirit with people of faith around the world, imploring an end to this current affliction of COVID-19.

***OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO THE JESUIT COMMUNITY IN PICKERING,** which includes their infirmary, Rene Goupil House. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a huge toll on the infirmary community, where five Jesuits have died. Sixteen residents and some staff have tested positive for the virus; some are in critical condition. Among the deceased are Father Francis Johnston, SJ, who served in 1975-76 as the administrator of Holy Family Parish in Britt, in the northern deanery of our Diocese. Father Erik Oland, SJ, Provincial Superior of the Jesuits in Canada, has asked that we pray for the residents, those who care for them and that the coming weeks may bring some relief and comfort. And we pray...for the Jesuit community and all those afflicted by the coronavirus.

***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.

May 1st, on the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker, His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Miehm consecrated the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough to the intercession, care, and protection of Mary, Mother of the Church during the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

Prayer of Consecration

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, in this time of pandemic, we turn our gaze to you, and in Christ consecrate to you the faithful of our Diocese together with all the people of Canada. At the Annunciation, fear gave way to trust as you embraced the mysterious and loving plan of God, who through his providence, care and concern brought about newness of life in you and through you. Intercede, we pray, on our behalf as your children, Virgin most faithful. Grant us, faith, hope and perseverance, as we strive to serve and bear witness to all persons, responding to the needs of those affected by this virus. Standing at the foot of the Cross at Calvary, you united yourself with the sufferings of Christ and so uniquely contributed to the mystery of our redemption. We beseech you as Health of the sick, draw to yourself in maternal compassion the brothers and sisters of your Son Jesus and all those who are grieved by this pandemic. Strengthen the dying and comfort those who weep so that all may experience the healing grace of Christ our Divine Physician. At the Cenacle, after the Resurrection, you accompanied the Apostles with prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In your maternal care as Consoler of the afflicted, accompany healthcare professionals, all who minister to the sick and those who seek a cure to end this pandemic, that the Holy Spirit may renew the face of the earth. To all of us, dearest Mary, Mother of all the living, be present and show forth your tenderness, as we raise our eyes to you who shines forth before the entire community as a merciful and compassionate companion on our journey. Time and time again, with burdens weighing heavily on their hearts and in their many necessities, the Christian faithful have sought refuge under your mantle of protection. Come quickly to our aid at this time, Mother of Mercy, and deliver us from the dangers that surround us in our hour of need; watch over especially the elderly, the weak and the infirm, our children and the unity of our families, and all those who give of themselves selflessly in pastoral care to those in need until in your arms and in your gentle embrace we all find safety and solace. Amen.