

## NEW PARISH ASSIGNMENTS, Effective June 28

Fr. Martin Dalida- Our Lady of Assumption Parish- Grafton

Fr. Charles Orchard- Our Lady of Mercy Parish HHarbour/PSevern

### MEET YOUR NEW PASTOR

Father Charles Orchard's long journey from his youth in Cobourg to his recent appointment as a full-time associate at St. Peter-In-Chains Cathedral, Peterborough has taken him to Ottawa, where he has ministered in a dozen parishes, to a mission in the Philippine province of Batangas, to a Companions of the Cross formation house in Detroit and to St. Timothy's Parish in North York where he arrived just in time to take charge of a \$1.6 million renovation. While Peterborough isn't his hometown, it's close enough and that proximity to Cobourg and his parents is what brought him to St. Peter's when the cathedral was in need of a parish associate. "I felt the tug to be close to my parents and to work in my home area," says Father Orchard. "As priests, we're pulled in many directions – to serve where we're needed, to maintain contact with family and, in my case, community." Father Orchard's call to the priesthood was neither sudden nor dramatic, but a slow process of formation that began after his Grade 9 year when he attended a Charismatic Renewal Conference with parents, Rod and Cathy, who were very active in the Church (*Published by "Spotlight on the Cathedral"*). To be continued



### FROM BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM

**SAFE TRAVELS TO EVERYONE THIS VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND**, typically the beginning of the summer season and bigger crowds at our northern churches.

**OUR DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN** will be published next Sunday, on the feast of Pentecost. It's exciting to see this plan, with its pastoral goals and strategies, come to fruition after several years of hard work.

**THE CLERGY TRANSFERS** for our Diocese were published earlier this week, a set of moves which will take place at the end of June. Sincere thanks to all those priests who have graciously accepted new assignments – be assured of our prayers!"

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour



St. John the Baptist Church  
Port Severn

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### Weekend Masses

Port Severn: Saturday 5 P.M. (From Victoria to Thanksgiving)

Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)

Honey Harbour: Sunday 11 A.M.

### Weekday Masses

(See inside bulletin)

Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 21, 2023

**GOSPEL TODAY** John 14:15-21- "Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever. He commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" for eternity."

**"Remember,  
I am with  
you always."**



**The  
ASCENSION**



**Sunday Offerings \$640, Papal Charities \$110**

### **WEEKDAY MASSES (At Honey Harbour Chapel)**

**Wednesday May 24, 11am-** For sick members of the parish

**Thursday May 25, 11am-** For peace in the world

**Friday May 26, 10:30am –** Exposition of Bl. Sacrament & Mass

### **WEEKEND MASSES (Pentecost Sunday)**

**Sat May 27, 5pm @ PS -** +Danny Gendron by Geraldine Gorbutt

**Sunday May 28, 9am @ PS –** Special Intention of Millie Leduc for newly receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Sunday May 28, 11am-Honey Harbour-** For the people of the parish

**MEET YOUR NEW PASTOR -** Find this item at the back page of the Bulletin

**WELCOME SUMMER PARISHIONERS!-** I rejoice to welcome our valued summer parishioners, and visitors today to our celebration of the holy Mass.

Let me take this opportunity to let you know how important you are to us and just how much we appreciate that you continue to feel at home here in this humble parish of Our Lady of Mercy & St. John the Baptist Church.

Again, welcome to our Parish family and join us in serving our community together as God's precious family. *Fr. Martin*

**SATURDAY MASS –** Our 5pm Saturday Mass in Port Severn has resumed this weekend after more than 2 years of being canceled.

**POPE FRANCIS ON ST. FRANCIS XAVIER -** "The love of Christ was the strength that drove St. Xavier to the furthest frontiers, with constant toil and danger, overcoming setbacks, disappointments and discouragement, indeed, giving him consolation and joy in following and serving Him to the end. He never left prayer, because he knew there was strength there."

**HAPPY VICTORIA DAY!-** Victoria Day Weekend is the start of a busy season for many of our cottage country parishes in the Diocese. If you are travelling this weekend, please do so safely and enjoy the beauty of this land! We hope everyone had a safe and fun long weekend! May you be greatly blessed as you spend a purposeful day with your family!



**THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASCENSION-** "It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a literal, bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. A cloud hid Him from their view, and two angels appeared and promised Christ's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go" (Acts 1:11). The Scriptures frequently picture Him at the right hand of the Father—a position of honor and authority. Christ is the Head of the Church the giver of spiritual gifts, and the One who fills all in all."

**BISHOP DANIEL MIEHM on MAID-** "The Canadian conference of Catholic Bishops issued two letters about access to Euthanasia/Medical Assistance in Dying for those living with mental illness. One is addressed to the government and another to all the Catholic faithful. The bishops raise serious concerns about expanding the eligibility criteria for "MAID" to those whose sole medical condition is mental illness. They note that Euthanasia always violates the dignity of the human person and to extend this "treatment" to those suffering from mental illness reneges on our societal responsibility to provide support, caring and proper therapeutic interventions in such cases. I appeal that we should write to our Members of Parliament about this deeply concerning issue."

**THE BIBLE, GOD'S WORD-** "The scriptures give us specific instructions on how to prosper and be blessed in this life. There are numerous verses found throughout the Bible which offer promises for those who love God's Word, and particularly for those who read it often and meditate on its words. Psalms 1:1-3, "Blessed is the one whose delight is in the word of the Lord, and who meditates on His word day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – **WHATEVER THEY DO PROSPERS.**" And again, in Joshua 1:7-8, "Keep this Book of the law always on your lips, **MEDITATE** on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be **PROSPEROUS and SUCCESSFUL.**"