

From Most Rev. Daniel Miehm- Bishop of Peterborough

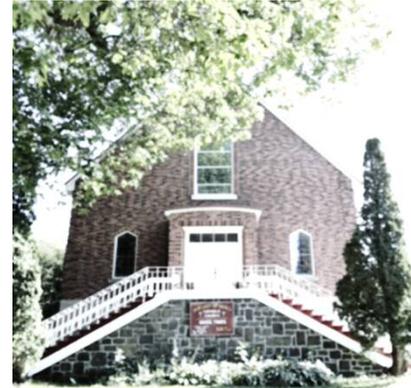
CHURCHES IN OUR DIOCESE OPENED FOR SUNDAY MASS last weekend after our province entered Step 1 of Reopening. With the gradual easing of pandemic restrictions, it was a blessing to gather with people once again for the Eucharist, even with the current limit of 15% of occupancy. My sincere thanks to the priests and parishioners who worked hard to get the churches ready with attention to all the safety protocols. Let us continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and for all those affected by Covid-19.

MONDAY, JUNE 21 IS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY. It is an occasion to celebrate the heritage, culture and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people. The day takes on special poignancy this year with the discovery of the remains of so many children in unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, and other places. Last Friday, a ceremony of remembrance organized by Indigenous and Community leaders was held on the steps of our Cathedral and concluded a week-long memorial. I was pleased to be there with several priests, sisters, and many lay people and to join in a moving and dignified ceremony. It was a reminder of ongoing steps and tangible acts that the Church must take to promote reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

IN THIS YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH, Dioceses across the country are celebrating an "Act of Entrustment," asking the intercession and protection of St. Joseph on our nation. He is the principal patron saint of Canada, and so this is often being done in conjunction with Canada Day. We have taped a Mass from our Cathedral which concludes with the Act of Entrustment and will be broadcast on July 1. Additionally, the faithful are being urged to make the Novena leading up to Canada Day and the prayers for that may be found here.

THIS SUNDAY IS FATHERS' DAY which Catholics can celebrate this year with attention to St. Joseph in his role as earthly father of Jesus. In his Apostolic Letter, "*With a Father's Heart*," Pope Francis reflects on seven qualities of St. Joseph – beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, a working father, and a father in the shadows. These traits in Joseph mirror for us the love of God the Father and help us to reflect on the love of our own fathers. I wish all the "dads" out there a very blessed Fathers' Day!

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)

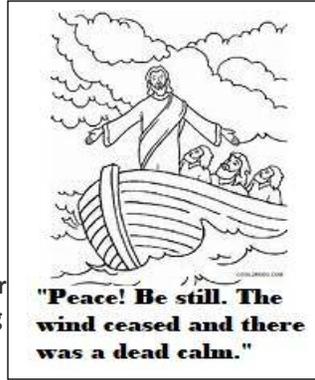
Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

12TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

June 20, 2021

Gospel Today: Mark 4:35-41- "Today's reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. We notice the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him. This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective."



June 13 Sunday Collections

 \$1,145 - Regular Sunday Offerings
\$125 – Priest's Benefit Fund

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed June 23, 11am – +Melchor & Salus

Thurs June 24, 11am Mass - +Sergio & Claro

Friday June 25, 11am Mass - +Peace in the World

Weekend Masses – 13th Sunday

Sunday June 27, 9am @ Port Severn – +Grant Cadeau by Don & Eileen
11am @ Honey Harbour – For the People of the parish

The impulse to honor fathers is a worthy one and it comes with the biblical admonition to honor our fathers and mothers: (Exodus 20:12) "Honor your father and your mother".



Catholic Catechism - THE FAMILY IN GOD'S PLAN – "A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family. In creating man and woman, God instituted the human family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Its members are persons equal in dignity. For the common good of its members and of society, the family necessarily has manifold responsibilities, rights, and duties. **THE FAMILY AND SOCIETY** - The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society. **THE DUTIES OF PARENTS** - The fecundity of conjugal love cannot be reduced solely to the procreation of children, but must extend to their moral education and their spiritual formation. The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable. Parents must regard their children as children of God and respect them as human persons. Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in heaven, they educate their children to fulfill God's law. **THE DUTIES OF CHILDREN** - The divine fatherhood is the source of human fatherhood; this is the foundation of the honor owed to parents. The respect of children, whether minors or adults, for their father and mother is nourished by the natural affection born of the bond uniting them. It is required by God's commandment. Respect for parents derives from gratitude toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace. With all your heart honor your father, and do not forget the birth pangs of your mother. Remember that through your parents you were born; what can you give back to them that equals their gift to you?"

Pope Francis – "The seed of our good works can seem like a small thing, yet all that is good pertains to God, and thus it humbly, slowly bears fruit. Good always grows in a humble, hidden, often invisible way."

Saint Joseph, A Tender and Loving Father - The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he concretely expressed his fatherhood "by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.