

Residential Schools - Background Information for

Catholics – “Following the discovery of unmarked graves at the sites of former Residential Schools, there has been and continues to be a national conversation on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada. The role of the Catholic Church in the residential school system has been a part of that discussion.

We acknowledge the terrible suffering that took place and condemn the system, established by the federal government and operated by faith communities, which separated children, often forcibly, from their parents and attempted to strip away their language, culture and identity.

The discovery of unmarked graves at the sites of former Residential Schools has naturally caused many people in Canada and most especially the Indigenous Peoples great pain. Many Catholics are shocked and disappointed that the Church did not challenge a government policy rooted in racism and colonialism and in fact, cooperated with governments over the years by administering and staffing some of the Residential Schools. It is a sin of omission in failing to oppose the Residential Schools Policy and a sin of commission in staffing and administering some schools.

The Catholic Church must atone for our involvement in this dark history with impacts that continue to be felt to this day. It is undeniable that some Catholic teachers (priests, religious men and women and lay staff) entrusted to care for children at residential schools assaulted the dignity of the students through mistreatment, neglect and abuse.

We echo the words of one of the original apologies made by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1991:

“We apologize for the existence of the schools themselves, recognizing that the biggest abuse was not what happened in the schools, but that the schools themselves happened...We wish to apologize in a very particular way for the instances of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in those schools...Far from attempting to defend or rationalize these cases of abuse in any way, we wish to state publicly that we acknowledge they were inexcusable, intolerable and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically, apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing.”

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**

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 18, 2021

Gospel Today *Mark 6:30-34*- "When the 12 return to Jesus from a mission, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

"Come to a deserted place and rest a while."



July 11, 2021 Sunday Collections

 \$1,445 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (*Honey Harbour Chapel*)

Wed July 21, 11am - For the sick members of our parish community

Thurs July 22, 11am Mass - For peace in the world

Friday July 23, 11am Mass - +All souls in purgatory

Weekend Masses – 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday July 25, 9am @ Port Severn - For the people of the parish

11am @ Honey Harbour – Health Recovery of Dirk Roecker

by Mark & Maryrose Vessair

Special Collections - On the weekend of July August 1 the diocese will take a special collection supporting both Peterborough Campus Ministry and the Office of Vocations.

Pope Francis – "I thank all those who have been close to me with prayer and affection during my hospital stay. Let us not forget to pray for the sick and for those who assist them." "Let us pray for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand."

Ontario Is Into Step 3 – "The provincial government announced that Ontario will be moving to Step 3 Plan as of Friday, July 16, 2021. Churches in Step 3 have no capacity limit. However, physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) is still required between parishioners attending Mass who are not from the same household. At this time, face mask use indoors is mandatory for the celebrants and the faithful, even for those who are fully vaccinated. Congregational singing is not permitted in Step 3 – however, a cantor or small choir may be utilized if singers/musicians are 3 metres from one another and any member of the congregation. The celebrant's regular procession and recessional practice may resume. Priests may greet parishioners after or before Mass with attention to safety precautions. The offertory box will continue to be available at the back or side of the church and will not be passed among the pews.

These items continue to be curtailed during Step 3: Song books and hymnals placed in the pews, Holy Water in fonts, Reception of Holy Communion on the tongue, Sign of Peace."

St. Joseph (Patron of the Hidden Life) – "Pope Francis announced an upcoming Year of St. Joseph in honor of one of his favorite saints. With his apostolic letter "Patris corde" ("With a father's heart"), the pope invited the universal church to meditate on and pray for the patronage of the foster father of Jesus. Joseph's example and patronage come at the perfect time. At a time when a global pandemic has forced millions to live hidden away, isolated and alone, we can see Joseph as a model of the hidden life. We know, too, that Joseph died before Jesus' public ministry; Mary's husband was undoubtedly familiar with suffering. So we can see him as our patron, too, praying for us as he understands our struggles with illness. So many hidden lives. So many unseen acts of love in this pandemic. So many secret prayers raised to heaven. The husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus understands them all. St. Joseph, patron of the hidden life, patron in this pandemic, pray for us, this year and forever."

UN: Hunger, Malnutrition Worse in 2020 Pandemic Year – "The number of people affected by chronic hunger in 2020, rose by more than in the previous five years combined. This was largely due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Nearly one-tenth of the world population – up to 811 million people – were undernourished in 2020, said the United Nations latest edition of the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) released on Monday. It projected that around 660 million people may still face hunger in 2030, due to the lasting effects of Covid-19 on global food security. "Despite a 300 per cent increase in global food production since the mid-1960s," the UN chief said, "malnutrition is a leading factor contributing to reduced life expectancy." "In a world of plenty, we have no excuse for billions of people to lack access to a healthy diet. This is unacceptable."