

Updated Worship Safe Guideline Takes Effect Immediately

By Bishop Daniel Miehm

1. Physical distancing of two metres (six feet) remains the requirement for attendance in church and parish facilities, including seating, however, groups of people from the same household may be seated together.
2. Wearing a face mask remains required. Masks should be fitted properly to the face.
3. Cleaning procedures for pews, washrooms, confessionals, reconciliation rooms are relaxed so as to require only regular cleaning in accordance with pre-Covid-19 routines, with the only exception being when someone with suspected or known Covid-19 has attended, in which case the space should be disinfected as per the pandemic manual requirements.
4. Churches should be well ventilated when possible. This will vary according to the space but it should be treated with importance. Ventilation may involve opening windows and utilising fans to exhaust air from the sanctuary. Fan placement is important and will vary upon room configuration. Avoid placing fans in areas where they may impede access or cause contaminated air to flow from one person to another.
5. Missals and prayer books may be replaced in pews.
6. Hymn books will not be replaced as the earlier restrictions on singing continue.
7. Bulletins, envelopes, pamphlets, and newspapers may again be distributed as per pre-COVID-19 practices.
8. Votive light stands may be re-opened, subject to notices requiring appropriate distancing of two metres (six feet).
9. The preference continues that confessions should be heard outside of the Confessional to allow for proper distancing, cleaning and contact tracing (if it becomes necessary). Where Confessionals are used, both priest and confessor will be required to wear masks. Priests should employ double masking or the use of the N95 mask so as to further lower the risk of contamination.
10. Collections may again be taken up using baskets in the traditional fashion.
11. All Ushers involved in taking up collection should ensure that they wear masks while undertaking this task and use a collection basket with a long handle to maintain the two metres (sixfeet) distancing.
12. Hand Sanitizing – It is no longer necessary for all entering a church to use hand sanitizer, though churches are encouraged to provide hand-sanitizers should people wish to use it. The priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should continue to use hand-sanitizer.
13. Altar servers may be utilized again, as long as they maintain the two metres (six feet) distance between each other and the priest. Altar servers and the priest need to wear face masks when distance cannot be maintained. Altar servers from the same household do not need to maintain physical distancing. Deacons may return to their ministry at the altar while observing all relevant health precaution.
14. Communion procedures are unchanged despite the lessening of restrictions in other areas. Both the person distributing communion and the communicant must be fully masked. Once the communicant receives the host, they are to move two metres (six feet) away, safely remove mask, consume host, replace mask, and then proceed back to the pew.
15. Holy Water fonts at the church doors are not reopened.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church
Honey Harbour**



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Weekend Masses

**Sunday 9 A.M. - Port Severn
Sunday 11 A.M. - Honey Harbour**

**Weekday Masses
(See inside bulletin)**

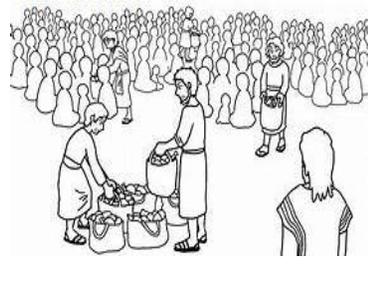
**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 25, 2021

Gospel Today: *John 6:1-15*- "Five loaves and two fish cannot feed a crowd of five thousand people. It is impossible. And yet when the Apostles hand over their paltry resources to the Lord, they become more than enough to do the job. Only if we put all we have into Christ's hands, trusting in him and not ourselves, can we hope to make a real difference for the good of the Kingdom – in our hearts and in society at large. Every small act of charity adds to the Church's much-needed reservoir of grace and strength. What we could never achieve on our own, we can immeasurably surpass with God. As Jesus himself put it, "For God everything is possible" (Mt 19:26).

"Jesus took the loaves, distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted, the same with the fish."



July 18, 2021 Sunday Collections



\$775 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (*Honey Harbour Chapel*)

Wed July 28, 11am - For the sick members of our parish community

Thurs July 29, 11am Mass - For peace in the world

Friday July 30, 11am Mass - +All souls in purgatory

Weekend Masses – 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday August 1, 9am @ Port Severn - For Health Intention of Anne Berko by Berko family

Sunday August 1, 11am @ Honey Harbour - For the people of the parish

Update On Ontario Vaccine: "Based on the latest data, approximately 80 per cent of eligible residents 12 and over provincially have received at least one dose of a recognized COVID-19 inoculation, and more than 62 per cent are fully vaccinated. This is fast approaching the thresholds to graduate out of Step 3, which we just entered on July 16; officials had previously said that rates of 80 per cent and 75 per cent, respectively, would be needed to make this move." (*blogTo*)

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.

Church in Canada Celebrates Grandparents and Elderly- The first-ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, 25 July under the theme "I am with you always" (Mt 28: 20). The Canadian Bishops' Conference Standing Committee for Family and Life (CCCCB) are inviting young people, families and communities to draw near and to spend time with grandparents and the elderly, cherishing and valuing their essential role in Church and society. The elderly are very often, "our storytellers", gathering grandchildren and younger generations at their side to help them better understand our families, our histories, our communities and our world. The bishops further highlighted that the stories and experiences of grandparents and the elderly "allow young people to dream and value that there is lasting truth, goodness and beauty throughout the seasons of life" because while they recall and connect to the past, they also "stand as powerful witnesses to our present and future."

St. Mary Magdalene (feast day: July 22) "St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples. She witnessed Jesus' crucifixion and was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body. She was the first witness to His resurrection. She was privileged to have anointed the Lord twice and was the first to speak with the Risen Lord."

Pope Francis – "The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. He is not indifferent to this."

Ontario Is Into Step 3 – "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. Face mask use indoors is mandatory 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."