

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.

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Holy Water fonts at the church doors are not reopened.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



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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

18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2021

Gospel Today: *John 6:24-35* - "Jesus teaches the crowd not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which only the Son of Man can give. Here he plainly told them that he himself is the Bread of Life. As he said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life in him.



July 25, 2021 Sunday Collections



\$1, 880 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed August 4, 11am - For health recovery of the sick in the parish

Thurs August 5, 11am Mass - For peace in the world

Friday August 6, 11am Mass - +Souls of Melchor & Salus

Weekend Masses – 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday August 8, 9am @ Port Severn

Sunday August 8, 11am @ Honey Harbour - For the people of the parish

Campus Ministry Special Collection. A special collection will be taken today (weekend of August 1), for the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Peterborough and for Peterborough Campus Ministry. The Vocations Office supports our seminarians and young men and women who are discerning their vocations. Please support.



**Happy Civic Holiday.
Enjoy the Long August Weekend with family and friends in Muskoka**

Pope's Prayer Intention for August- (Church) Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel."

St. John Mary Vianney (Feast day August 4) John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born May 8, 1786 in Lyon, France. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest. Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people. Vianney slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage and cared for the poor. His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly, and pilgrims traveled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional. Plagued by many trials and besieged by the devil, the St. John Vianney remained firm in his faith, and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. He lived on little food and sleep, while working without rest in unfailing humility, gentleness, patience and cheerfulness, until he was well into his 70s. Over 450,000 pilgrims travel to Ars every year in remembrance of his holy life. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, declared the Year for Priests.

Pope Francis: "Friendship is one of life's gifts and a grace from God. Faithful friends, who stand at our side in times of difficulty, are a reflection of the Lord's love, His gentle and consoling presence in our lives."

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."