

From Bishop Daniel Miehm

### Covid-19 Update

“The government of Ontario has released a three-step reopening plan. There are three dates mentioned in the plan that have a number of contingencies to ensure the province moves forward responsibly. The first date to signal a step forward is Monday, January 31, 2022.

**Places of Worship** - For places of worship, there is no change. Places of worship continue to welcome parishioners up to 50% capacity while maintaining 2 metres or 6 feet of physical distance between households and wearing face masks while inside the church. When the information is updated with greater certainty, further specifics will be provided at that time. Let us keep one another in prayer and pray for an end to this pandemic.”

**Parish Hall** - Effective Monday, January 31, 2022, parish halls may reopen while observing the following health precautions:

1. Vaccine Certificates must be presented by each attendee and checked at the entrance to the parish hall.
2. The group renting a Parish Hall or using it must provide the Parish with the assurance that the requirement for Vaccine Certificates is being observed and verified.
3. The number of people in the Parish Hall must not exceed 50% of the posted capacity for the space.
4. If food or drink is served, the number of people allowable in the Parish Hall must not exceed ten (10).
5. Face masks must be worn indoors unless food or beverage is being consumed.
6. Funeral receptions are not permitted in the Parish Halls at this time.”

### Synod of Bishop Survey

“What a great response to our recent diocesan online survey! 1291 participants offered 3019 thoughts on matters involving the Church local and global. The Thought Exchange platform also allowed participants to rate the thoughts of others, and more than 35,000 ratings were recorded. We are using this data to aid in our Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process and to form our report for the Worldwide Synod. The members of our Planning Committee reviewed that data earlier this week and we look forward to reporting results back to the faithful of our Diocese soon. Thanks so much to all who participated!”

## 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

January 30, 2022

**Gospel Today:** Luke 4:21-30 – “Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. Jesus spoke of his mission, and he sounded like music to the ears of His towns mate. When he spoke of the truth about people not accepting him as a prophet, they became furious. We can see how easily the mood of people changes. The truth hurts indeed. Yet Jesus is telling us that truth can set us free. Let us allow Him to rebuke us for our sinfulness and let us be humble to accept our faults and be freed from guilt and shame.”

**"Truly, no prophet  
is accepted in his  
own town."**



### Collections Last Sunday, January 23, 2022



**\$350 - Regular Sunday Offerings**

### Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed Feb 3, 11am Mass – For +Melchor & Salus

Thurs Feb 4, – 11am – For Peace in the world

Fri Feb 5, 11am Mass – For the sick members in the parish

### Weekend Masses (5th Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday February 6, 9am @ Port Severn – For the people of the parish

Sunday February 6, 11am @ Honey Harbour

### **ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FR. JEAN-PIERRE PILON**

On August 19, 2021, Most Reverend Joseph Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, Pennsylvania, issued a decree to Father Jean-Pierre Pilon, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, revoking his faculties to exercise priestly ministry. Father Pilon does not possess the faculty to hear confessions or to preach the Word of God anywhere because these faculties have been withdrawn by his bishop. Father Pilon served in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough from 2010 to 2021 until his faculties to exercise priestly ministry were revoked. Father Pilon continues to reside in Ontario. Members of the Christian Faithful who observe any violation of Father Pilon's restriction on his exercise of priestly ministry are asked to contact the Diocese of Scranton and the contact information is provided below: Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Tudgay Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton 300 Wyoming Avenue Scranton, PA, USA, 18503-1279 Telephone: (570) 207-2238

**Covid-19 Update in Ontario Province** – “Ontario to begin easing COVID-19 restrictions on Jan. 31, with plan to lift most measures by mid-March. Finally on March 14, according to the government, all capacity limits on indoor spaces will be lifted. Proof of vaccination and masking requirements will continue to remain in place where they already exist.”

**Pope Appeals for Peace in Ukraine** – “As Christians hold a day of prayer for peace in Ukraine, Pope Francis prays that world leaders will work towards peace as political tensions rise between Russia and Ukraine. The Pope asked the Lord to "grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome." Answering Pope Francis' appeal for Christians to mark Wednesday as a special day of prayer for peace in Ukraine, the World Council of Churches joins in pleading for dialogue instead of threats. Christians across the world join in prayer for Ukraine.”

**St. Thomas (Feast Day Jan 28)** - "St. Thomas Aquinas' greatest love was the Blessed Sacrament, of which he was to be the world's greatest witness. He would spend hours at a time, day and night, before the altar in adoration and meditation. Here was his great school. The Eucharistic Lord Himself was his Master. When he celebrated Mass, he was in raptures and often in tears. After saying his own Mass he would serve another - or at least hear one. In December 1273, when he was forty-seven, he laid down his pen, determined to study and write no more, so that he might give himself to God entirely in meditation and prayer. He was ordered by Pope Gregory X to go to Lyons to assist at the General Council. Taken ill on the way, he was obliged to stop at the Cistercian Abbey of Fossa-Nouva. He made his general confession. While Viaticum was being brought to him, he had himself taken from the bed and laid upon ashes on the floor. The tears came to his eyes as he beheld the Host in the hand of the priest. He made his profession of faith: "I firmly believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is present in this august Sacrament. I adore You, my God and my Redemption, the Viaticum of my pilgrimage, for whose honor I have studied, labored, preached and taught."

**Kindergarten Registration at SMCD SB** – “Is your child turning 4 in 2022? If so, it's time to register for Kindergarten! It is a blessing that the youngest members of our parish have the opportunity to grow in spirit and faith within a Catholic school community. Catholic schools offer distinct faith-filled learning experiences, with a combined focus on academic, spiritual, social and emotional growth. Together, our Catholic schools and our parish community will guide children in their ongoing growth in faith. To help parents and students get ready for Kindergarten, the board has developed a package, including a parent booklet. Visit the website at [smcdsb.on.ca](http://smcdsb.on.ca) for welcome videos and registration information.”