

**CONSIDERING TO BE CATHOLIC?** If you know of anyone who is considering to become members of the Catholic Church, please bring to my attention and I can help him/her in a more convenient and easier way. *Fr. Martin*

**NEW ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO** –Archbishop-designate Frank Leo is named the new head of the Archdiocese of Toronto after Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Cardinal Thomas Collins. At fifty-one years old, Archbishop Leo is the youngest bishop in Canada, ordained an auxiliary bishop of Montreal in September. Prior to that he served as the General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, a seminary professor and a member of the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See.

**RIDES TO CHURCH FOR MASS** - If you need a ride or know of anyone who needs a ride to Church in Port Severn on Sunday mornings for 9:00 Mass, feel free to contact the following: 1. Gerry- 14167498442 (Six Mile Lake & Honey Harbour area) 2. Mark - 7057187443 (Waubausheene & Coldwater area) 3. Wally -705 5382579 (Port Severn & Honey Harbour area). If you would like to become a volunteer driver for any of these areas please leave your name & number with any of the above parishioners. Thank you.

## Parish Committees

### Finance/Property

Wally Berko  
Nestor Baryliuk  
RayBergie  
Gerry Scholz  
Mark Vanlangenhove

### Screening

Pam Berko  
Jenny Leduc  
Elizabeth Villegas

### Choir - Honey Harbour

Bill Morton & Mary Shields

### Choir- Port Severn

Sharon MacNeice  
(Organist)

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour



St. John the Baptist Church  
Port Severn

### Address:

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### Weekend Masses

Port Severn: Saturday 5 P.M. (From Victoria to Thanksgiving)

Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)

Honey Harbour: Sunday 11 A.M.

### Weekday Masses

(See inside bulletin)

Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office



**A family is an important unit in society, we are all a product of our family and some of our traits are directly related to our family's beliefs and practices.**



**The love of a Family is life's great blessing**

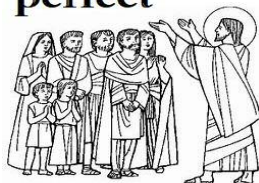
**"But the most beautiful thing God made-the Bible tells us- was the family. He created man and woman. And he gave them everything. He entrusted the world to them: 'grow, multiply, cultivate the earth, make it bear fruit, let it grow.' All the love he put into that marvelous creation, he entrusted to a family." *Pope Francis***

## SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2023

**GOSPEL TODAY** Matthew 5:17-37 - "We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Is it possible? The key is in the final verse. We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love even our enemies is part of striving for that completeness."

**"Be perfect  
just as your  
heavenly  
Father is  
perfect"**



### **COLLECTIONS Last Sunday**



**Sunday Offering \$1,935**

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)**

Ash Wed Feb 22, 11am (in Port Severn Church)

Thurs Feb 23, 11am – For Peace in the world

Friday Feb 24, 10:30am – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass

#### **WEEKEND MASSES (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time)**

Sunday Feb 26, 9am @ Port Severn- +Wilbert & Mary Casquanette by Don & Eileen Cadeau

Sunday Feb 26, 11am @ Honey Harbour- For the people of the parish

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** – Very unlikely we see Sunday Offerings like \$1,935 (last Sunday's) during the height of winter. Thanks to some of our members who try to give extra amount with the purpose of helping sustain our parish fund to be able to get through winter heating expenses. May God bless your inspiring generosity and love to our parish.

**POPE FRANCIS SENDS AID TO QUAKE-STRUCK TURKEY & SYRIA** - Nine days after the powerful earthquakes, the rising death toll has topped 41,000. Millions of people have been left without a home and a livelihood. While the Pope issued his appeal for closeness and concrete support to alleviate the pain of those who are suffering from the disaster, he too put words into action by sending aid through the Dicastery for the Service of Charity. "Don't forget those who suffer. May our concrete aid sustain them in the midst of this appalling tragedy", he said.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS** - This coming Wednesday, the celebration of the Mass and the giving of ashes will take place at 11 in the morning in Port Severn Church. The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay, and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash. For example, Abraham told God, "I am but dust and ashes" (Genesis 18:27), a reference to his human mortality. We use ashes on Ash Wednesday to remind ourselves of our own impending deaths. Death may come sooner, or it may come later, but it will surely come. And if death is coming, we need to be prepared, and the time to prepare for death is now, and the way to prepare is to live according to God's ways. Ash Wednesday falls this week, and with it begins the holy season of Lent. This season of prayer, penance and almsgiving prepares the faithful for the celebration of the great mysteries of our faith in Holy Week and Easter.

**EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN** – The devastation of the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria is causing human suffering on an unimaginable scale. As Catholics, we are compelled to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters in dire circumstances, like the thousands that have lost loved ones or are injured and have lost their homes. The Diocese of Peterborough will join in the campaign organized by the Canadian Bishops and Catholic relief to provide much needed assistance to victims of this terrible earthquake. You may donate using envelope and marking it, "For Earthquake Victims", then drop it in the collection basket.

**INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTIONS** - The second of three Diocesan Collections for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund takes place today, Sunday February 19. Your donations will help the Diocese of Peterborough meet its responsibilities to the 30-million-dollar IRF commitment made by the Catholic Bishops of Canada. Projects are vetted at both a local and national committee level with funds going to support initiatives for healing and reconciliation, Indigenous culture, language and spirituality, and education and community building. A final IRF collection will take place in our diocese in the month of November.



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