

BISHOP MIEHM'S EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
We think of the word "Easter" as a noun, but the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once used it as a verb. "Let him Easter in us," Hopkins wrote in his 1875 poem "The Wreck of the Deutschland," in which he recounted a shipwreck off the English coast that resulted in the death of five Franciscan nuns. I was taught that a verb is an action word or one that expresses a state of being. It is intriguing to think of Easter as a verb, as something that is present and active here and now. Of course, we know that Easter refers to the great mystery of Jesus rising from the dead, bursting out of the tomb after having died on the cross for our salvation. But Hopkins' use of Easter as a verb reveals another level of meaning: to say "let him Easter in us" is to proclaim that we share in the great mystery and victory of Christ. We are not mere spectators at the foot of the cross or at the empty tomb. Easter is not for Christ alone but is shared with all who believe in him. To have him "Easter in us" is to know there is something more to life than this human life, and something beyond death – that the grave does not have the last word. To have him "Easter in us" is to be freed from sin so as to live a new life for God. Whatever troubles and worries may oppress us, whatever challenges afflict the Church and the world, we have a new way of being because Christ rose from the dead. That is Easter as a verb; something that impacts our entire life and the way we act in the world. To paraphrase the poet, may Christ Easter in you during this holy season and always. Yours in Christ,
+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough

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 (Waubashene & 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.

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

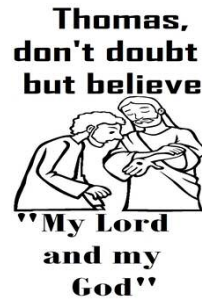
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**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

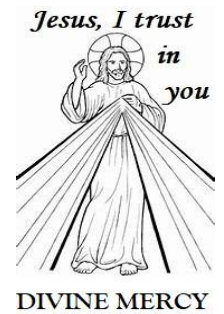
SECOND EASTER SUNDAY(Divine Mercy)

April 16, 2023


GOSPEL TODAY John 20:19-31- "The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen."



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Today) What is Divine Mercy Sunday, and how did it come about? In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary, entry 699: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."



COLLECTIONS Last Sunday

 Sunday Offerings \$2,015, Easter Offerings \$970, Good Friday \$335, Lenten Charity \$50, New Sign Donations \$650

WEEKDAY MASSES (At Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed April 19, 11am- For sick members of the parish

Thursday April 20, 11am – For Peace in the world

Friday April 21, 10:30am – Exposition of Bl.Sacrament & Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (3rd Sunday Easter)

Sunday April 23, 9am in Port Severn - For the people of the parish

Sunday April 23, 11am in Honey Harbour- For +Lucy Gendron & Cheryl Voisin by Joan Dupuis

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 P.M. (Victoria to Thanksgiving)

Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)

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NEW CHURCH SIGN PROJECT

This big new sign will be erected by our own volunteers soon. It will be placed closer to the main intersection in front of the church so that it will be visible from all directions. Thank you to Gerry Scholz, member of the Parish Building Committee, for his work in getting this project started. Donations are greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of the sign and materials estimated at \$1,500. To date, the donated amount is \$650. With a little more donations from you, Gerry and company are ready to go.

POPE FRANCIS – "When hope is spent and we feel loneliness in our hearts, inner weariness, the torment of sin, the fear of failure, let us return to Jesus. For He is the only one who always defeats death and always renews our life."

FLOODED CHURCH BASEMENT - Last Friday the basement in Our lady of Mercy Church got flooded terribly for the first time in my six years here. I felt helpless and extremely worried and stressed, until the group of Diane King, Lucy Cadeau, Pam & Wally Berko came to the rescue. They brought with them their own water vacuums, sucked the water and dried the floor thoroughly. Their efforts saved the parish from spending considerable amount of money had we sought the services of a company, and also saved the building from potential molds health hazards. I am hesitant to write this as I am afraid the mentioned concerned parishioners might be deprived of their reward from God, who reward people doing good in secret. But their spirit of volunteerism, concern to our parish, and goodwill are so inspiring that they deserve expressed acknowledgement. Our Lady of Mercy community extends to them our grateful appreciation and sincerest THANK YOU. *Fr. Martin*