

EASTER MESSAGE 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough,

One of the most common refrains in Lent is “We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you; for by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.” This Lenten theme culminates in Holy Week, where the cross of the Lord is so pivotal. It is prominent in the Passion readings of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. At the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, the shadow of the cross looms, even as Jesus gathers at table with his apostles. And the solemn act of the veneration of the cross on Good Friday is always one of the most moving gestures of Holy Week – indeed, of the entire Church year.

Then on Easter Sunday, we rejoice that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus has brought about the salvation of the world. By conquering death, he has bestowed the fullness of life. An instrument of torture and death is transformed into a means of grace, pardon, peace and reconciliation. And in giving his life for us, Jesus asks us to live our lives for others. He invites us to take up our cross and imitate him in his self-sacrificing love. We rejoice to share in his resurrection, knowing that he calls us to share in his work of salvation on Good Friday.

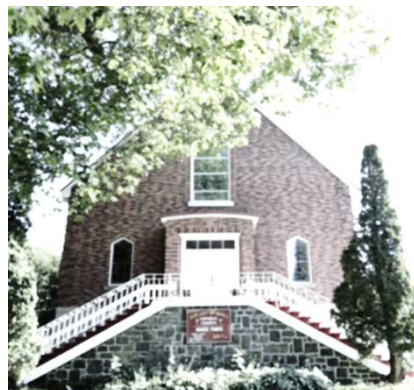
May the Paschal mystery that we celebrate fill our hearts with joy, strengthen our faith, and renew our commitment to sacrificial love. And may God bless you and yours abundantly in this holiest season of the Church’s year.

Yours in Christ,



+Most. Rev. Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



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Honey Harbour



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Port Severn

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Weekend Masses

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

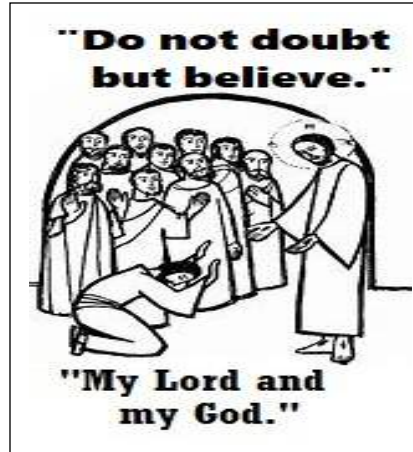
Weekday Masses
(See inside bulletin)

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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)

APRIL 24, 2022

GOSPEL TODAY: John 20:19-31 “Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.”



COLLECTIONS Last Sunday, April 17, 2022

 \$400 - Regular Sunday Offerings, \$575 – Easter Offering, \$170- Good Friday Offering

WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour chapel)

Tuesday April 26, 11am Mass – Souls of Constantin & Elena by Cristina Bogza
Friday April 29, 11am Mass – Souls of Mihail & Radu by Cristina Bogza

WEEKEND MASSES (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Sunday May 1, 9am @ Port Severn – For the people of the parish
Sunday May 1, 11am @ Honey Harbour

Pope Francis – *(on Easter joy)* “The Easter joy is not to be kept to oneself. The joy of Christ is strengthened by giving it, it multiplies sharing it. If we open ourselves and carry the Gospel, our hearts will open and overcome fear.”

(on war) “Unfortunately, the violent aggression against Ukraine does not stop, a senseless massacre where every day there is a repetition of slaughter and atrocities. There is no justification for this! I plead with all those involved in the international community to truly commit to ending this abhorrent war.”

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BENEDICT XVI ON HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

(April 16) - 1. Benedict XVI was born on Holy Saturday. 2. Benedict XVI is the longest-living person to have been pope. 3. Benedict XVI wanted to be called 'Father Benedict' in retirement. 4. The pope emeritus prefers orange soda to German beer. 5. Benedict XVI prays the rosary daily.

DIVINE MERCY – “St. Faustina of Poland is the well known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, on the Second Sunday of Easter, His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II canonized Blessed Sister Faustina. John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day. At the canonization of St. Faustina, Saint John Paul II said, “Believing in the love of God means believing in His mercy.” Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God’s incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God’s generous Mercy;

3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God’s Mercy. “The Lord of Divine Mercy,” a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, “Jesus, I trust in You!”. The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the baptismal water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God.”

CATHOLIC SAINTS WHO SUFFERED BRUTAL MARTYRDOM – “In history, hundreds of early Christians have faced persecution for their faith. It is believed that the Roman Catholic Church was born out of the martyrdom of its members. A Christian martyr is someone willing to face death rather than deny Jesus Christ or his Gospel. Beheading, stoning, crucifixion, throwing to lion’s dens, and burning at stake were some of the horrific ways they were punished for their beliefs.” **Pope St. Clement** – tied to an anchor and thrown into the sea. He is considered to be the first Apostolic Father of the Church. St. Clement was the third successor of St. Peter in Rome. He is also credited as the author of an Epistle to the Corinthians written 96 A.D. in the name of the Church of Rome. During his life, St. Clement converted many people in the region of Rome, many of which were high-ranking and influential Roman citizens. In doing this, he caught the eye of Emperor Trajan, who exiled him to Crimea. This didn’t stop Clement from practising his faith. According to the legends, in Crimea, he performed miracles and was able to convert several thousand people to the Christian faith. When Trajan learned about Clement’s “dealings” in Crimea, he sentenced him to death by tying him to an anchor and drowning him in the sea.

Jesus, I trust in you.

