

EASTER MESSAGE 2022

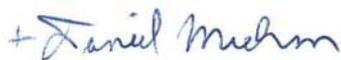
Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Peterborough,

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)

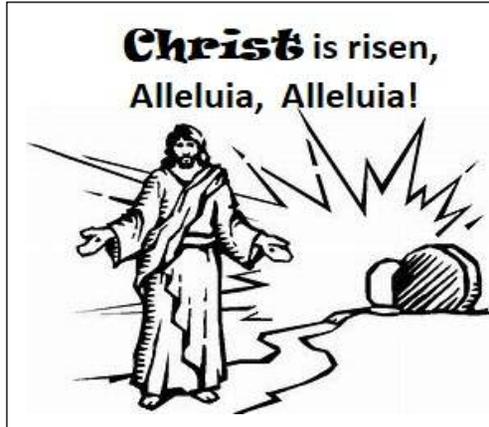
Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022

GOSPEL TODAY: John 20:1-9

“Today we begin the Easter season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ’s Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples’ discovery of the tomb. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus’ Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.”



COLLECTIONS Last Sunday, April 10, 2022



\$800 - Regular Sunday Offerings, \$105 – Lenten Offering (D&P)

WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour chapel)

Tuesday April 19, 11am Mass – End of Russia-Ukraine War

Wednesday April 15, 11am Mass - +Souls in Purgatory

WEEKEND MASSES (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Sunday April 24, 9am @ Port Severn – For the people of the parish

Sunday April 24, 11am @ Honey Harbour

Dear Parishioners, Christ is risen! He is truly risen, Alleluia! The Easter message of joy echoes through the whole world proclaiming Christ’s ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. It is the message upon which we build our lives and to which we anchor our own hope of victory with him. During this solemn Easter season we joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a faith community these many years. Because Jesus has died and risen again, conquering sin and death, we believe that with him we too shall live. In this spirit of faith and hope, I wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter Season! Thank you all for your active participations during Lenten and Holy Week celebrations, for your continued support (spiritual and financial) to our parish. Special mention to our Decoration and Cleaning Groups, Choir and Lectors. May God bless you all. *Fr. Martin.*

**HAPPY
EASTER!**

***Christ is
risen. He
is risen,
indeed,
Alleluia,
Alleluia!***

EASTER MESSAGE - Please find Bishop Miehm’s (bishop of Peterborough) Easter Message at the back page of this Bulletin.

BIBLICAL PROOFS THAT CHRIST HAS RISEN- Matthew 28:6: “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.” Mark 16:6: “And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.” Luke 24:39: “Jesus said to them, see my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 1Corinthians 15:3-4: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” 1Corinthians 15:15-23: “And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is useless. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

POPE FRANCIS ON THE MADNESS OF WAR - “War is madness. Whereas God carries forward the work of creation, and we men and women are called to participate in His work, war destroys. It also ruins the most beautiful work of His hands: human beings. War ruins everything, even the bonds between brothers. War is irrational; its only plan is to bring destruction: it seeks to grow by destroying. “Greed, intolerance, the lust for power.... These motives underlie the decision to go to war, and they are too often justified by an ideology; but first there is a distorted passion. With the heart of a son, a brother, a father, I ask each of you, indeed for all of us, to have a conversion of heart: to move to tears for each one of the fallen of this senseless massacre, for all the victims of the mindless wars, in every age. Brothers and sisters, humanity needs to weep, and this is the time to weep.”

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND FOR PEACE FOR THE WORLD - In solidarity with the Ukrainian Bishops of Canada we invite you to join with The Canadian Council of Churches today April 24, to proclaim together that Christ is Risen, that love overcomes fear, and that life overcomes death and destruction.

Prayer: “*God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*”