

OUR PARISH BULLETIN

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has Announced Sweeping Restrictions for Toronto and Peel

effective Monday, November 23, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. That means no indoor private gatherings are allowed, and outdoor gatherings are limited to 10 people. Non-essential stores can only offer curbside pickup, and restaurants must close to in-person dining and only offer take-out. Religious services in Toronto and Peel will be restricted to 10 people indoors and 10 people outdoors. Gyms, casinos, malls, and movie theatres must close. Schools and childcare services will remain open. Ford also announced that he is doubling financial relief for businesses in lockdowns to deal with fixed costs.

Simcoe Muskoka In Orange Level - Simcoe Muskoka will move from current level in the framework to the orange level effective Monday, November 23, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. Parishes will continue to restrict attendance at all liturgical celebrations to 30% capacity. Indoor meetings are restricted to 50 people maximum: Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Honey Harbour & St. John the Baptist Mission, Port Severn, St. Joseph Parish, Bracebridge & St. John the Baptist Mission, Minett, St. Mary Parish, Huntsville & St. Kateri Tekakwitha Mission, Baysville /Mission of St. Mary of the Assumption, Dwight, St. Paul Parish, Gravenhurst, St. James the Great Parish, Mactier & St. Anne Mission, Port Carling
Let us continue to pray for those who have died, those who are ill, those who work on the front lines and serve our community, and the ongoing work of medical researchers to discover a vaccine and a cure.

Durham Region is in Red Level

Peterborough Region in Yellow Level



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

Feast of Christ the King

November 22, 2020

Gospel Today: Matthew 25:31-46

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service



to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself. Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Collections - Sunday November 15

\$1, 540 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses

Wed Nov 25, 11am Mass – For peace in the world & all souls

Thurs Nov 26, 11am Mass – For sick & elderly in the parish & all Souls

Friday Nov 27, 11am Mass – For Fr. Henry & all souls

Weekend Masses (1st Sunday of Advent)

Sunday Nov 29, 9am- Port Severn – +Maude Cadeau by Grand Children

Sunday Nov 29, 11am - Honey Harbour- For people of the parish

Knights of Columbus – At last we have now a Knights of Columbus Council in our parish. The Council is registered with "Ontario State Council" as well as "Supreme Council" in Connecticut, USA. We currently have 24 members. If anyone is interested in more information, or joining the Council, please contact Ray Bergie, Interim Grand Knight, 705-242-9653.

Congratulations to Ray Bergie for being chosen as the Grand Knight of the newly formed Council!

URGENT APPEAL! - Furnace in Port Severn Church

Replacement During a recent annual inspection of the heating systems in our parish buildings done by Sarjeant Fuels, the technician determined that the furnace in St. John the Baptist church needs to be replaced immediately. According to the assessment, "the combustion chamber is falling apart and the heat exchanger is showing heavy heat stress lines. The manufacturing date for the furnace is 1978." The cold weather is already upon us as we are all caught unaware of this unforeseen expense, estimated to be at \$5000. Once again, we ask for the generous help of our parishioners to purchase a new furnace unit. Any donation towards this cause is tax deductible. Thank you in advance for any contributions towards this urgent project.

Priest Benefit Fund takes place today November 22nd. This is another collection that we have had to reschedule from the period of church closures in the spring. It is an essential one as it maintains the fund that cares for our retired priests in the Diocese, so we really appreciate your generosity in supporting it. Watch a conversation interview with Father Peter Seabrooke, who is one of our retired priests. View that brief video in our parish website to learn about the life of a retired priest with its various blessings and a few challenges as well. Those who wish to give for PBF may use any envelope, mark it with Priest Benefit Fund together with your name and drop it in the collection basket.

Feast of Christ the King – "Less than ten years had passed since the end of World War I and most of the world was still reeling from the devastation of that 'Great War.' It was an incredibly unsettled time. It was in 1925 that Joseph Stalin took control of the Soviet Union. It was also in early 1925 that Benito Mussolini disbanded the Italian Parliament and became the dictator of that country. Adolf Hitler was on the rise. In many ways this rise of fascism was accompanied, and made possible, by an anti-Christian, anti-Church sentiment. Pope Pius XI declared that the Church would universally celebrate a new feast on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Feast of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI was an astute observer of the world in which he lived. In his encyclical, *Quas Primas*, he makes it clear that this feast was created in direct response to what was happening in the world. He saw a trend growing where Christ was being 'excluded from political life, with authority derived not from God but from man.' It was the pope's hope that, in celebrating this feast, the Church would be reminded of where authority truly is derived from. The pope also hoped that this new feast would inspire the faithful. He hoped that, in celebrating it, men and women would be reminded that it is to Christ we owe our fealty and that no earthly power can ever surpass that of his eternal kingship. He saw a need for the people of God to stand against the wave of anti-Christian sentiment that had been rising. Pope Pius XI believed the world of his time needed to be reminded of the primacy and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and that the faithful needed to be inspired to go out into the world in Christ's name, under his kingly banner. With this in mind, it would be safe to say that we still need this feast today, and that we may need it more than ever." **Philippians 2:10-11** says: "That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in Heaven, on earth and under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father."