

**Holy Week Protocols** - In keeping with the instructions forwarded to Bishops and Episcopal Conferences by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and in view of the current zone restrictions in the public health regions of the Diocese of Peterborough, the following protocols below are to be followed for the liturgical rites of Holy Week and Easter Triduum this year.

**Palm Sunday:**

**#Palm** at the entrance will be handed by the usher to everyone. People should be seated in their pews. The priest from the altar bless the palms and come down to sprinkle after the prayer.

**#The Gospel** of the Lord's Passion is proclaimed in the usual manner in parts with three readers, who should be physically distanced from each other when proclaiming.

**Holy Thursday:**

**#Washing of the feet** following the homily is omitted.

**#Following the Distribution of Holy Communion**, ciborium with sufficient hosts are left on the altar. Following the Prayer after Communion, all will kneel and the priest incenses the Blessed Sacrament, allowing for several minutes of adoration, after which he puts the blessed Sacrament back to the tabernacle. The congregation leaves the church immediately.

**Holy Friday:**

**# During Station of the Cross** people should not move from Station to Station but remain in the pew.

**#The Gospel of the Lord's Passion** is proclaimed in the usual manner in parts with three readers, who should be physically distanced from one another when proclaiming.

**#In the veneration of the cross**, the Cross is processed from the sacristy to the altar. The priest shows the cross to the people three times using the formula, "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world." The people respond, "Come let us adore." The Cross is placed in a stand with lighted candles on each side. The priest and people kneel for a moment of silent prayer and then the priest alone kisses the Cross while congregation remains in the pew.

**#Communion** is distributed in the usual manner in accord with pandemic protocols.

**Saturday Easter Vigil:**

**#Gathering around a fire** is not permitted and worshippers should remain in their pews. A simple Easter fire may be prepared inside or just outside the church doors from which the Paschal candle is lighted. Candles for the assembly may be used, provided they take them with them following the liturgy.

**Easter Sunday:**

**#Easter Sunday Masses** are celebrated as usual, including the Renewal of Baptism Promises and sprinkling of the new holy water by the priest.

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



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Honey Harbour



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**Weekend Masses**

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

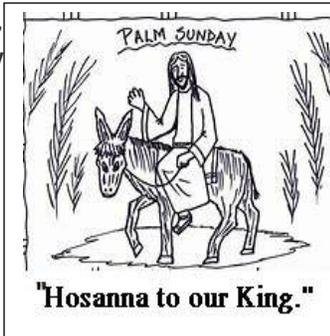
**Weekday Masses  
(See inside bulletin)**

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

## PALM (Passion) SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

**Gospel Today: Mark 14: 1- 47** - This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. Today the first of the 2 Gospels proclaimed after the blessing of palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" The second gospel reading is all about Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. Jesus endured the rigors of the passion – described in today's liturgy in great detail – precisely because of how much he values human life. He did it for us. He did it because he wanted to raise human life to the heights of heaven. Through his Passion and resurrection, he does not only conquer his own death; he overturns the very kingdom of death. We cannot listen to or believe the Gospel of the Passion without marveling at how much God loves each human life.



### March 21 Sunday Collections



\$5, 115 - Regular Sunday Offerings, \$225 - Lenten Charity (D & P)

### Holy Week Celebrations

Sun March 28, 9am - Palm Sunday Mass @ Port Severn- +Fr. Charlie Fitzpatrick  
Sun March 28, 9am - Palm Sunday Mass @ Port Honey Harbour- Pro Populo  
Thursday April 1, 7pm – Mass of the Last Supper @ Port Severn  
Friday April 2, 2:45pm – Liturgy of the Passion of Christ @ Honey Harbour  
Saturday April 3, 7pm – Easter Vigil Mass @ Port Seven  
Sunday April 4, 9am – Easter (Resurrection) Sunday Mass @ Port Severn- +Fr. Charlie Fitzpatrick by Corinne, Mark Moreau and Joan Dupuis  
Sunday April 4, 9am – Easter (Resurrection) Sunday Mass @ Honey Harbour – People of the parish

**Covid-19 Vaccines For Ontario**— "COVID-19 Vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illnesses like COVID-19. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. This can reduce your risk of developing COVID-19 and make your symptoms milder if you do get it. Supply will not arrive all at once, so distribution will happen in stages. The goal is for everyone in Ontario to be able to get a Covid- 19 vaccination if they want one, as soon as enough doses are available. After independent and thorough scientific reviews for safety, efficacy and quality, Health Canada has approved four vaccines for use in Canada: Pfizer-BioNTech – approved on December 9, 2020, Moderna – approved on December 23, 2020, AstraZeneca – approved on February 26, 2021, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) – approved on March 5, 2021."

**Protocols During Holy Week Celebration** – Find this item at the back page of this bulletin.

**Cardinal Thomas Collins** (Catholic Response to Pandemic) – "Each year, in this most holy week, we follow Jesus from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through the institution of the great gift of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday, and His suffering and death on Good Friday, to His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. As disciples of Jesus, we see in the drama of those days long ago the model of our life today, for our life is a way of the cross leading through suffering to glory, in the footsteps of Jesus. Christians have always prepared for the glory of Easter with the austere penitential discipline of Lent, but this Lent has been like no other in recent memory. The global Covid-19 pandemic has revealed the fragility of our human condition in this valley of tears, through which we journey home to the heavenly Father. It has shattered the illusion that our human will is in control of the world in which we briefly live. In the midst of this storm Jesus is, as always, the way, the truth, and the life, and He offers us the grace to use this crisis to discover a deeper wisdom about the human condition, and to move from that insight into greater love of God and neighbour, especially when so many of our neighbours are suffering. A faith that is purified in the fire of tribulation impels us to reach out in loving prayer and responsible action, instead of collapsing into selfishness and anger. The choice is ours. The most sacred time of the year is upon us. Easter is not just the celebration of the memory of an event long ago. It is the celebration of our present relationship with our Risen Lord, in whom we find our hope, and the motive for our acts of loving kindness, and the courage to face earthly tribulation with joyful boldness."

**Pope Francis** – In Myanmar: "With great sorrow, I must recall the dramatic situation in Myanmar, where many people, especially young people, are losing their lives to offer hope to their country. I too kneel in the streets of Myanmar and say: End the violence! May dialogue prevail." In Niger: "I have learned with sorrow the news of the recent terrorist attacks in Niger, which resulted in the death of 137 people. I pray for the victims, for their families and for the entire population, and that the violence they have suffered will not cause them to lose faith in the path of democracy, justice and peace."

**Year of Saint Joseph** – "Almost two hundred and fifty years after St. Joseph was chosen to be Canada's patron saint, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph to be the patron saint of the universal Church. Now, to mark the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of St. Joseph being proclaimed the universal Church's patron, Pope Francis has issued an apostolic letter, "Patris Corde" (the heart of a father) by which he has declared this year to be the Year of St. Joseph. The pope notes that, after Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. Pope Francis extols St. Joseph, "the shadow of the heavenly Father," who is always in the background, protecting and watching over Jesus. During these tumultuous times of the Covid-19 pandemic, the pontiff also draws a comparison, reminding us of those front-line, essential workers, worldwide, who appear hidden or in the shadows but who are playing an indispensable role in protecting and caring for all of us."