

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY AND THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

“On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe. This event is known to history as the “Battle of Lepanto”, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history. Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570. The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571. Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces. Christians were greatly outnumbered in this encounter. They commanded only 214 boats and 80,000 troops. The Turkish force totaled 120,000 troops, about 225 galleys, and an additional 50 smaller boats. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary. The Feast is in reality great festival of thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Mother Mary. Dominican friar Juan Lopez in his 1584 book on the rosary states that the feast of the rosary was offered "in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people that day against the Turkish armada.”

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary



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)

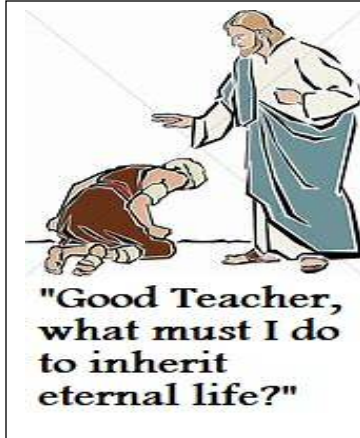
Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

28th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October 10, 2021

Gospel Today: Mark 10:17-30 – “In today’s Gospel, a man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. Peter in his part tells Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come.”



Collections Last Sunday, October 3

 **\$1,020 - Regular Sunday Offerings**
\$60 – Needs of Canadian Church

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed October 13, NO MASS
Thurs October 14, NO MASS
Friday October 15, 11am Mass – For all +Souls

Weekend Masses – 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday October 17, 9am @ Port Severn –
Sunday October 17, 11am @ Honey Harbour – For the People of the parish

Summer Parishioners - Thank you for all the support and goodwill you have shown to our dear parish this summer and over the years. We are bidding you goodbye with the hope that we will meet again. Till then, looking forward to seeing you in spring next year. God bless you all.



“MONDAY IS THANKSGIVING DAY IN CANADA, a fitting time for us to offer public thanks for the many blessings we have received. For people of faith, thankfulness for always means thankfulness to our loving God. It also entails our generous sharing with others. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!”

Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that Left Physical Evidence

“Throughout Christian history, our Lord has shown us that he is really present as the Blessed Sacrament. Most Eucharistic miracles involve incidences in which the Host has “turned into human flesh and blood”. We as Catholics believe that the consecrated Host is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, under the appearances of bread and wine. Therefore, Jesus, through these miracles, merely manifests His Presence in a more tangible way:
Eucharistic Miracle-Siena, Italy 1730 - On August 14, 1730 thieves were able to enter San Francesco's Church in Siena and steal the chalice containing 351 consecrated Hosts. After three days, the 351 consecrated Hosts were found intact in the dust of the alms box of the sanctuary of Santa Maria in Provengano. With the passing of time the Hosts did not change in appearance. Many times, distinguished men examined them with every means available and the conclusions were always the same: “The Sacred Hosts are still fresh, intact, uncorrupted, chemically pure, and do not present any sign of alteration”. In 1914, Pope St. Pius X authorized a test which was attended by many professors of health, chemistry and pharmaceuticals. The final conclusion of the test stated: “The Sacred Hosts of Siena are the classic example of the perfect conservation of particles from unleavened bread, consecrated in the year 1730, and constitute a unique and most interesting phenomenon which reverses the natural laws of conservation of organic matter... It is strange, surprising, abnormal... the laws of nature have been reversed...it is a unique fact contained in the annals of science.” Since they are in such a perfect state of conservation, maintaining the appearances of bread, the Catholic Church assures us that although they were consecrated in the year 1730, these Eucharistic Hosts are still really and truly the Body of Christ. The miraculous Hosts have been cherished and venerated in the Basilica of St. Francis in Siena for over 250 years.

Diocese of Peterborough COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

“The stated position of the Church is that the available Covid-19 vaccines are ethical and may be taken by the faithful. Pope Francis has encouraged the faithful who are able to be vaccinated as an exercise in charity and care for the common good. All clergy and employees serving in the Diocese of Peterborough as well as vendors providing contracted services are encouraged to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. If clergy and employees are partially or not vaccinated, they must submit weekly a negative Covid rapid test to carry out their duties. In accordance with advice received from the Assembly of Catholic Bishop of Ontario, volunteers will be treated in a similar manner as clergy and lay employees. Volunteers must likewise be fully vaccinated or submit a current negative Covid rapid test to fulfill their ministry.”

Pope Francis – “If peoples are to remain brothers and sisters, prayer must rise unceasingly to Heaven, and one single word constantly echo on earth: peace.”