

## CCCB Statement Delegation to the Holy See

The Catholic Bishops in Canada have genuinely heard the sincere invitation to engage wholeheartedly with the past and are deeply committed to take truly meaningful active steps together with Indigenous Peoples in view of a future filled with greater respect and cooperation. The recent discovery of children's remains at a burial site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia remind us of a tragic legacy still felt today. With the strong encouragement of Pope Francis, the Bishops of Canada have pledged true and deep commitment to renewing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous Peoples across the land. In recent years, regional and diocesan listening circles have taken place across the country in order to hear the stories from local Indigenous communities and their hopes for the future. Mutual listening is the beginning of our common efforts to bring about shared and long-lasting reconciliation, authentic healing and bridge building. In conversation with Indigenous people and communities, both at the local and national levels, and bilaterally with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit national organizations, the Bishops, sponsors of this project, have been preparing, for over two years now, a delegation of Indigenous people to meet with the Holy Father to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing. This pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders/Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country. The event will likewise provide Pope Francis with a unique opportunity to hear directly from Indigenous Peoples, express his heartfelt closeness, address the impact of colonization and the implication of the Church in the residential schools, so as to respond to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma. The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has stalled this project; however, the Bishops remain committed to moving forward with the delegation prior to the end of 2021, in compliance with international travel guidelines. The delegation to the Holy See represents an important step on the journey of reconciliation and shared healing for Indigenous Peoples and the Church in Canada. Pope Francis, in his 6 June 2021 Angelus message, spoke about the shocking discovery of children's remains at the former Kamloops residential school and, while conveying sorrow and solidarity, emphasized the importance of "walking side by side in dialogue and in mutual respect in the recognition of the rights and cultural values of all the sons and daughters of Canada". It is our hope that these forthcoming encounters – and the important collaboration and partnership that has supported the planning – will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada. *10 June 2021*

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**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)**

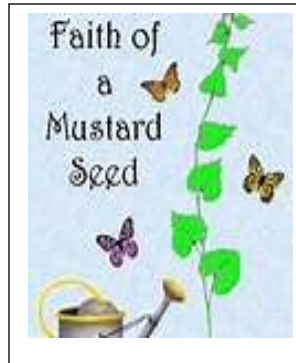
**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 2021

**Gospel Today:** Mark 4:26–34 - “Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.



### June 6 Sunday Collections

 \$570 - Regular Sunday Offerings

### Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed June 16, 11am – For health recovery of Jun Santos

Thurs June 17, 11am Mass - For Sick Parishioners

Friday June 18, 11am Mass - For Covid-19 Front Liners

### Weekend Masses – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Sunday June 20, 9am @ Port Severn – +Sylvia Head

11am @ Honey Harbour – For People of the parish



Lord Jesus, Have Mercy On Us

**PRAYER TO THE SACRED OF JESUS**  
**○ most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.**

**Step One of the Reopening Strategy** began last Friday, June 11th, 2021. The capacity for indoor religious services, rites, and ceremonies including weddings and funerals is limited to 15% capacity of the church.

**Public Sunday Masses** - At 15% capacity, St. John the Baptist Chapel in Port Severn is open for Sunday Mass @ 9am and Our Lady of Mercy Church in Honey Harbour at 11am.

**Acknowledgment** - Thank you to Gerry Scholz, Wally Berko, and Mark Vanlanghove for their voluntary efforts to find out the cause of the leaking in Port Severn church building and for fixing it soon through labour of love.

### **The Terrible Discovery of 215 Children’s Unmarked Graves**

at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School has shaken our country. This revelation has opened old wounds, especially those of our Indigenous brothers and sisters, and has highlighted again the Church’s shameful participation in a corrupt system. Silent memorials have sprung up across the country including our Cathedral and some of our churches. They remind us to pray for rest for those who were lost and healing for those who remain. I have asked the priests of the Diocese to address this at Masses this Sunday, expressing our sorrow and offering prayers. I have also released a statement today about this tragic discovery and its implications. Additionally, you will find the statement from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on our website. *Bishop Daniel Miehm*

### **Pope’s Special Intention for June(The Beauty of Marriage)**

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### **Pope Francis Expresses Sorrow after Indigenous Children’s**

**Graves Found at Church-Run School** – “I follow with sorrow the news from Canada about the shocking discovery of the remains of 215 children, pupils of the Kamloops Indian Residential School in the province of British Columbia. I join the Canadian bishops and the whole Catholic Church in Canada in expressing my sympathy to the Canadian people, who have been traumatized by the shocking news. The sad discovery further increases our awareness of the pain and suffering of the past. May Canada’s political and religious authorities continue to work together with determination to shed light on this sad event and humbly commit themselves to a path of reconciliation and healing.”