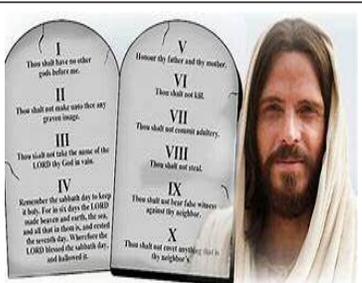




Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us



"Love God; love your neighbour.  
Of these 2 commandments hang all  
the Law and the Prophets"



St. John the Baptist  
Pray for Us

**Collections Last Weekend of October 18th**  
**\$812 - Regular Sunday Offerings**

**Weekday Masses**

Wed Oct 28, 11am

Thurs Oct 29, 11am Mass

Friday Oct 30, 11am Mass

**Weekend Masses (Solemnity of All Saints)**

Sunday November 1, 9am- Port Severn – For the people of the parish

Sunday November 1, 11am- Honey Harbour

**All Souls (November 2)** – Praying for the dead is a Christian obligation.

The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Souls of our departed loved ones, and participation in the Mass of All Souls Day is a good way to begin the month. Our Mass for all Souls Day will be at 11am in Our lady of Mercy Church, Honey Harbour. If you wish to have your departed family members, relatives or friends included in the Mass, you may send their names in the email or write in the envelopes and drop in collection basket. They will be in the weekday Mass intention for the whole month of November.

**St. Mary's Catholic Women's League, Victoria Harbour**

Saturday November 14 from 10am-3pm & Sunday November 15 from 12N-2pm.

*Huge Craft and Penny Sale with a large selection of Gifts and Preserves for Sale.*

**The Sunday Gospel Matthew 22:34-40**

The question, "which commandment in the Law is the greatest?", requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

### Important Links

[https://youtu.be/fp\\_VzY8loXg](https://youtu.be/fp_VzY8loXg) -Mass for 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time by Fr. Tom Lynch

<https://www.ladyofmercyhoneyharbour.ca> - Our parish website

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/848623575RR0008-our-lady-of-mercy-church/> - Online Donation to Our Lady of Mercy Honey Harbour

[www.peterboroughdiocese.org](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org) – Diocese of Peterborough

*Bishop Daniel Miehm* - We are working to look after each other's safety and good health during these days of the pandemic. It is our hope that working together, we can stop the spread of this virus and join together in prayer safely. It remains critically important for each of us to continue following public health advice. This includes:

- staying home when ill, even with mild symptoms;
- practicing physical distancing of 2 meters or 6 feet with those outside your household or social circle, or at gatherings or at church;
- protecting your social circle;
- wearing a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge or where it is mandatory to do so;
- washing your hands frequently and thoroughly; and
- adhering to gathering limits and rules.

For places of worship within the jurisdiction of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, wearing a face mask is mandatory in the church, and at funerals for clergy and laity. This time of uncertainty calls each one of us to renew and amplify our Christian commitment to prayer, reflection, prudent care of each other, and helping others. 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.

*CoVid-19* – Social gathering limits across the whole province have been decreased and fines have been increased effective immediately. Social gatherings indoors have been restricted to 10 people. Social gatherings outdoors are now restricted to 25 people. Places of worship remain at 30% capacity with 2 metres/ 6 feet of physical distancing, hand sanitizing, regular cleaning and the Health Unit Orders pertaining to the wearing of face coverings/face masks in place. \*Clarification on provincial restrictions: The reduced limits do not apply to places of worship that are monitored - this assumes that physical distancing, the wearing of face masks, washing of hands, etc. are in place.

### Religious Leaders in Canada Oppose Bill C-7 “An Act to Amend the Criminal Code” (medical assistance in dying) –

“In the presence of human pain, suffering and loneliness, we need to respond as a society with profound solidarity and extraordinary care. It is via the deep acknowledgement of the beauty and dignity of human life, lived and experienced as a gift, filled with meaning and love, that we can come to the aid of the most inestimable value and meaning of life, and the equal vulnerable among us. Rather than withdrawing from those who are not far from leaving us, we must embrace them even more tightly, helping them to find meaning up to the last moments of life. In an open letter entitled “We Can and Must Do Better”, religious leaders advocate for better palliative care. Rather than assisting people to end their lives, the letter argues, ‘we need to respond as a society with profound solidarity and extraordinary care’.”

### Father Michael McGivney (Founder of Knights of

*Columbus*) - Michael Joseph McGivney (August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890) was an American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He was born to Irish immigrant parents. He was the eldest of 13 children. Michael attended the local school but left at 13 to work in the spoon-making department of one of the brass mills. In 1868, at the age of 16, he entered the Seminary in Quebec, Canada and continued his studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, Niagara Falls, New York, and at the Jesuits' St. Mary's College, in Montreal, Quebec. He finished his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, in Baltimore, Maryland and was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877. From his own experience, McGivney recognized the devastating effect on immigrant families of the untimely death of the father and wage earner. Many Catholics were still struggling to assimilate into the American economy. On March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, with a small group of parishioners, as a mutual aid society, to provide financial assistance, in the event of the men's deaths, to their widows and orphans. It developed through the 20th century as the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. The Knights of Columbus was among the first groups to recruit blood donors, with formal efforts dating to 1937 during the Great Depression. As of 2013, the order has more than 1.8 million member families and 15,000 councils. During the 2012 fraternal year, the order donated \$167 million and 70 million man-hours to charity. By 2020, the order reached 2 million-member mark. During the 2019 fraternal year, the order donated \$187 million and 77 million man-hours to charity. Father Michael J. McGivney served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia. On May 27, 2020, it was announced by Pope Francis that McGivney had been approved for beatification, which will officially happen on October 31, 2020.