

**Sunday Mass @ Honey Harbour** starting next week, November 7<sup>th</sup> will be done at the chapel of Our Lady of Mercy Church building. Also, let us remember that starting that day, time will be moved 1 hour backward.

#### **ON Government Announcement about the Health Precautions & Attendance Limits**

“The province of Ontario announced today that it is dropping the attendance limits for venues that are requiring a vaccine certificate to enter the premises. The province indicated that other venues may also drop their attendance limits if they ask for the Vaccine Certificate upon entry. Please note that the parishes of the Diocese of Peterborough will NOT be requesting vaccine certificates to attend Mass or other religious services. We will continue to operate with the attendance limits in place - that is - 6 feet between different households. All other health precautions related to the pandemic will be observed.” *Bishop Daniel Miehm*

#### **The Synod of Bishops**

“Pope Francis has announced that in preparation for the next Synod of Bishops, there will be a worldwide conversation in the Church or a "synod" about community, engaged participation, and the mission of evangelization. This conversation will follow a two-year path and involve the People of God - everyone, everywhere. The first phase of the conversation begins on October 17th at 10:30 a.m. when +Most Reverend Bishop Miehm will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. This celebration roots the synod in prayer, sacrament, and community. This Mass will also be live-streamed and available throughout the Diocese. All are invited to join in prayer as we begin this synodal conversation and unite it with the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process. The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee is launching a survey inviting the input of all the People of God and this input will be part of both the worldwide and local conversations to establish pastoral priorities within the Church. More details will follow and please - look for the survey link and provide the benefit of your experience and your hopes for the Church - local and universal.

“In the Catholic Church, the Synod of Bishops, considered as an advisory body for the pope, is one of the ways in which the bishops render cooperative assistance to him in exercising his office. Continuing his efforts to reform the Catholic Church in accordance with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis has approved a new three-stage process for the next gathering of the synod of bishops. Its aim is to involve the whole church at diocesan, national and continental levels through a process of “listening and discernment” on the important theme of synodality: “For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.” Pope Francis has decided that the synod will open in the Vatican and in every diocese throughout the Catholic world in October 2021. It will first go through a “diocesan phase” (October 2021 until April 2022) and subsequently a “continental phase” (September 2022 through March 2023) before concluding in “the universal church phase” at the Vatican with the synod of bishops in October 2023.”

## **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)**

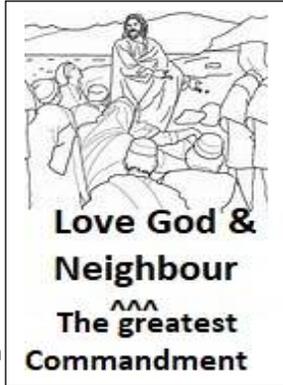
**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October 31, 2021

**Gospel Today:** Mark 12:28b-34 – The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law. Jesus' response, to love of God and love of neighbor as the greatest commandment to the question, proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish its expression in our love for our neighbor.



### Collections Last Sunday, October 24



**\$1,415 - Regular Sunday Offerings, \$170 – Mission & Evangelization**

### Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

**Monday November 1, 11am (All Saints' Day)**

**Tuesday November 2, 11am (All Souls' Day)- +For all souls in purgatory & parishioners' requested intentions**

**Friday November 5, 11am Mass - +For all souls in purgatory & parishioners' requested intentions**

### Weekend Masses – 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

**Sunday November 7, 9am @ Port Severn – *People of the parish***

**Sunday November 7, 11am @ Honey Harbour - +*Souls of Claude Nicholson & Lois McDermont by Freda & family***

**All Souls' Day (Tuesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>)** – Mass of "All Souls' Day" in Tuesday and Masses in all Fridays in the month of November will be offered to all souls and especially to the souls of the deceased family members and friends you have requested. You may write their names in the envelopes that are available at the church entrance. Offering is appreciated. You may return the said envelopes by dropping them in the collection basket before Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can also send the list of the names of the souls you wish to be included in the Masses through email. *"From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC # 1032). It is such a consolation to know that we are spiritually united, even now, with those who have died, and that we have the hope of seeing them again in heaven when we die ourselves. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace."*

**World Mission Sunday** – "World Mission Sunday celebrated last Sunday 24 October 2021 is the one day in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission. However, you may still give your financial support today. World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny and prayer you give to Mission helps missionaries everywhere continue their work."

**All Saints Day (November 1 Feast Day)** - All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those known & unknown.

**All Souls Day (November 2 feast Day)** is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin." Additional references are found in Zechariah, Sirach, and the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history. Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

### COVID-19 Precautions, Practices & Resources in the Diocese of Peterborough

**"Attendance at Mass does not Require a Vaccine Certificate** - The province of Ontario announced that it is dropping the attendance limits for venues that are requiring a vaccine certificate to enter the premises. The province indicated that other venues such as places of worship may also drop their attendance limits if they ask for the Vaccine Certificate upon entry. The parishes and missions of the Diocese of Peterborough will NOT be requesting vaccine certificates to attend Mass or other religious services. The Parishes and Missions will continue to operate with the attendance limits in place - that is - 6 feet between different households. All other health precautions related to the pandemic will be observed.

**Funerals** - While the province is allowing attendance limits to be lifted if a Vaccine Certificate is required for entry, parishes in the Diocese of Peterborough have been directed by the Bishop to maintain current attendance limits and NOT to require Vaccine Certificates. This also applies to the celebration of funerals at parishes. The Diocese of Peterborough will not require people attending a funeral to present a Vaccine Certificate, and the current attendance limits and health precautions will remain in place.

**Parish Hall Receptions** - Funeral receptions will NOT be held in the Parish Hall at this time with the intent to safeguard the good health of those coming from near and far to be present at funeral celebrations." *Bishop Daniel Miehm*