



Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us



"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and be given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom."



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### Collections Last Weekend, September 27

\$1, 308 - Regular Sunday Offerings

### Weekday Masses

Wed Oct 7, 11am Mass- For all sick in the parish

Thurs Oct 8, 11am Mass- For peace in the world

Friday Oct 9, 9am Mass- For all souls

### Weekend Masses

Sunday October 11, 9am- Port Severn – Aline Armstrong by Aline Family

Sunday October 11, 11am- Honey Harbour – +Kenneth, Selina, Kimberly, Gerard by Mark Vessair

Ken Cadeau – A very big “thank you” to Ken Cadeau for voluntarily cutting the grass at the west part of Port Severn Church. Now St. John the Baptist church building is visible to motorists from the highway because of Ken’s generous efforts.

### 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 21:33:43

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, and in our Church's teaching. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

### Important Links

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSZSKkePeBY&feature=youtu.be>

- Mass for 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time by 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.

### Throughout Church's History, Mary Has brought A

*Message of Hope* (by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) - "Mary's role in history has been as 'a mother bearing a message of hope', from the first days of the church when the mother of Jesus was at the center of the apostles' community in Jerusalem. As believers, we need to see beyond the chaos of current events and seek to find the will of God in the present moment. For this, Mary holds the key because it is through her that Jesus Christ entered into human history. And he is still at work, shaping the world's course and direction. She was sent by God to the people of Mexico at a time of great uncertainty and political unrest: plague and earthquakes were devastating the population, and there was violence and racial conflict, and widespread suffering and injustice. Into this historical and cultural moment, Our Lady came as a mother bearing a message of hope. 'Let not your heart be disturbed,' she told St. Juan Diego. Catholics today need to keep getting closer to Mary. We need to enter more deeply into her way of seeing and her way of living. This is the secret of the saints. Everything that Mary does points us to her Son — to his commandments, to the mysteries of his life, to giving up our own will to follow him and share in his mission."

*Guardian Angels* (feast day Oct 2)- "Catholics believe that each soul, including Christians and non-Christians, has an angel assigned to it to give guidance throughout its life on earth. The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition. From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God. They help their humans in several ways, including protecting them from demons and encouraging them to do good works. The angel cannot affect its human's free will, but only the senses and imagination, and through these, the intellect. On reaching heaven, each person is united with his or her guardian angel.

*Pope's Prayer Intention for October* – (The Laity's Mission in the Church) We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

*Pope Francis* – "Saint Michael, help us in the battle for salvation we are fighting. Saint Gabriel, bring us the good news that Jesus has saved us, and grant us hope. Saint Raphael, take our hands and help us along on the path of complete healing." "Devotion to sacred Scripture, a "living and tender love" for the written word of God: this is the legacy that Saint Jerome bequeathed to the Church by his life and labours."