



Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us



"Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is  
great in heaven."



St. John the Baptist  
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**Collections Last Weekend of October 25th**  
**\$982 - Regular Sunday Offerings**

**Weekday Masses**

Monday Nov 2, All Souls Day - Mass 11am – For All Faithful Departed  
Thurs Nov 5, Mass 11am – Salus, Melchor, Clarito, Sergio, all Souls  
Friday Nov 7, Mass 11am – all souls

**Weekend Masses (32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time)**

Sunday November 8, 9am- Port Severn – For the people of the parish  
Sunday November 8, 11am- Honey Harbour

**All Souls Day (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 on the paper and drop it in the 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 5:1-12**

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

### Important Links

<https://youtu.be/P2dACIIJbQ4> - Sunday All Saints Day Mass by Bishop Daniel Miehm

<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* – November is the month of the Faithful Departed, and this is one of those occasional years when the Solemnity of All Saints (Nov. 1) falls on a Sunday. Of course, the Commemoration of All Souls takes place the very next day. This is a reminder to us that we are all united as the Church militant (the faithful on earth) the Church triumphant (the saints in heaven) and the Church suffering (the souls in purgatory.) Let us redouble our efforts this month to pray for our loved ones who have gone before us, whether we do so in the offering of Masses, visits to cemeteries or devotions at home. “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!”

**The Beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney**, founder of the Knights of Columbus, took place yesterday October 31 in New Haven, Connecticut (headquarters of the Knights.) The Beatification website allows you to access a brief clip of a documentary on the life of Father McGivney, and to click from there to the full thirty-minute film.

*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.

*Development and Peace Special Collection* - D & P collection is supposed to have been done last March. The pandemic derailed it until today November 1st. With their campaign “Recovering Together,” Development and Peace urges us not to forget about the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on people in the Global South. Special D&P envelopes will be distributed today, and you may drop them with your contribution this coming Sunday Mass.

*Pope Francis* – In his message to Polish pilgrims, the pope told Polish Catholics Wednesday that he asks St. John Paul II’s intercession for respect for life, amid protests in Poland over a law prohibiting abortion. Pope Francis noted that Oct. 22 was the feast of St. John Paul II, and recalled: “He always appealed for a privileged love for the least and the defenseless, and for the protection of every human being from conception until natural death.”

*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 officially happened yesterday October 31, 2020.