



**Our Lady of Mercy
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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

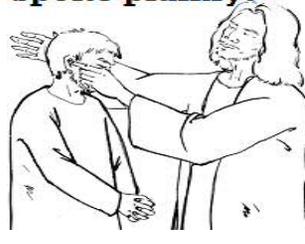
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

September 5, 2021

Gospel Today: *Mark 7:31-37*— Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

"Ephphata", that is, "Be opened". The man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.



Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that Left Physical Evidence -

"Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. There are many stories of miracles throughout Church history that seem to confirm this important teaching. These stories are particularly noteworthy since you can still go see evidence of the miracles today:

Eucharistic Miracle at Bolsena, Orvieto, Italy - "In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was a priest who was struggling with the belief that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina, he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal. This was reported to and investigated by Pope Urban IV, who concluded that the miracle was real. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto, Italy."

Pope's Prayer Intention for September (Sustainable Lifestyle)

"We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this."

St. Pope Gregory the Great (feast day Sept 3) "Gregory was just two years old when the Plague called Black Death swept throughout the region. The plague was the most severe outbreak of deadly disease the world had ever known. About one third of the population in Italy was wiped out by the disease. In addition to disease, the barbarian Ostrogoths sacked Rome in 546. The Franks attempted an invasion in 554. It is believed these massive events impacted Gregory's development as a child. Gregory was well educated and excelled in all his studies. St. Gregory was famous for the emphasis he put on missionary work. He sent many people out to bring many to Jesus and into the Church. He was well known for his alms to the poor, and he gave generously of the riches donated to the Church by the wealthy people. Everything from money to land was given to the poor in some fashion. When a famine struck Rome in the 590s, Pope Gregory ordered the Church to use its assets to feed the poor. At that time, the Church controlled nearly two thousand square miles of land, overseen by the clergy and used to generate income. Now, instead of selling the produce of the land, he ordered it shipped to Rome and given away for free. In this way, he saved thousands of people from certain death. Pope Gregory himself refused to eat until his monks returned from their work of handing out food. He also made certain to dine with a dozen poor people at each meal. Because of his great respect for the poor, it was Pope Gregory and the Church that became the most respected --and obeyed force in Rome and across Italy. From the time of Gregory onwards, the people looked to the Church for government rather than the distant and indifferent emperors in Constantinople."

August 29, 2021 Sunday Collections



\$1,330 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed September 8, 11am Mass - For sick in the parish

Thurs September 9, 11am Mass - For peace in the world

Friday September 10, 11am Mass -- + All Souls

Weekend Masses -- 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday September 12, 9am @ Port Severn -- For the People of the parish

Sunday September 12, 11am @ Honey Harbour

Pope Francis -- "Saint Augustine said: "I fear that Jesus will pass by me unnoticed". It is important to remain watchful, because one great mistake in life is to get absorbed in a thousand things and not to notice God. "



Labour Day is a special occasion to honor all workers. It is a well-deserved tribute for those who work so hard. Work is rewarding in many ways. With hard work comes great satisfaction. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend in Muskoka!