

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us**



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### Parish Committees

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**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



**St. John the Baptist Church  
Port Severn**

#### **Address:**

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#### **Weekend Masses**

**Port Severn: Saturday 5 P.M. (From Victoria to Thanksgiving Only)  
Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)**

**Honey Harbour: Sunday 11 A.M.**

#### **Weekday Masses**

**(See inside bulletin)**

**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

**GOSPEL TODAY** Matthew 11:2-11- "The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called 'Gaudete' Sunday. 'Gaudete', a Latin word meaning rejoice. As Philippians 4:4,5 says: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.' This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near. Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing."

"Among those born of women, there has not risen greater than John the Baptist."



### COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



\$650 - Regular Sunday Offerings

### WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Friday Dec 16, 10:30am – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass

### WEEKEND MASSES (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent)

Sunday Dec 18, 9am @ Port Severn- +For the soul of Jeannine

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Sunday Dec 18, 11am @ Honey Harbour – For the people of the parish

**RIDES TO CHURCH FOR MASS**- If you need a ride or know of anyone who needs a ride to Church in Port Severn on Sunday mornings for 9:00 Mass, feel free to contact the following: 1. Gerry- 14167498442 (Six Mile Lake & Honey Harbour area) 2. Mark - 7057187443 (Waubaushene & Coldwater area) 3. Wally -705 5382579 (Port Severn & Honey Harbour area). If you would like to become a volunteer driver for any of these areas please leave your name & number with any of the above parishioners. Thank you.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday December 24 (Christmas Eve) 7pm @ Port Severn

Sunday December 25 (Christmas Day) 9am @ Port Severn

Sunday December 25 (Christmas Day) 11am @ Honey Harbour

### NEW YEAR

Sunday January 1, 2023, 9am @ Port Severn

Sunday January 1, 2023, 11am @ Honey Harbour

**ST. POPE DAMASUS 1-** (feast day today Dec 11) "All lovers of Scripture have reason to celebrate this day. Damasus was the pope who commissioned St. Jerome to gather and examine all Holy Scriptures, Old and New and translate them into Latin in year 382 for the good of the Catholic Church. We owe quite a lot to St. Pope Damasus. He was also the Pope who oversaw the universal Church during the tumultuous era of the lingering Arian crisis from 366 to his death in 384. St. Pope Damasus' legacy echoes through the ages, a pious and holy man, devoted to his religion, a great foe of the heresies, against all those who denied Christ's divinity. All in all, Damasus is one of the greatest of Popes to whom we have much to thank for the Vulgate Bible, the Latin Mass, and our devotion to saints. In this season of watching and waiting, we nurture and solidify in our own hearts and minds the Faith he helped solidify and hand on, for whose labours we should offer eternal gratitude and praise."

**POPE FRANCIS** – "Hunger could be eradicated with the money spent on arms in a year. If no weapons were made for a year, hunger in the world would end because, I think it's the biggest industry. It makes me suffer to see those drones that were going around Ukraine being tested. That new weapons are being tested at the expense of people dying."

**CHURCH TEACHING/POSITION** On Remarrying After Divorce and Annulment – "According to Catholic marriage rules, a civil divorce alone isn't enough to allow you to remarry in the Church. However, if the marriage is found to be non-sacramental and an annulment paper is granted and issued, the Church views you as being "single". At that point, you are free to remarry in the Church — assuming that you have also been granted a divorce in civil courts." Catholic canon law generally recognizes three areas in which a wedding may be invalid marriage 1. *Lack of Capacity*: when any party is already married, insufficient in age, impotent, has serious psychological disorder, two parties are closely related, 2. *Lack of consent*: a capable man and a capable woman each must consent to marriage as a lifelong union ordered toward procreation, 3. *Lack of form*: a Catholic party ordinarily must have a Catholic marriage & wedding ceremony contracted before a priest in the presence of two witnesses. If a Catholic wishes to validly marry any other way (for example, observing his fiancé's Protestant form), he must obtain a dispensation from the Catholic canonical form from his bishop". Deciding to go through the Catholic annulment process can be an emotionally exhausting time, but it can also provide immense emotional and spiritual healing.

Third Sunday  
of Advent

