

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us**



**St. John the Baptist  
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### Parish Committees

#### Finance/Property

Wally Berko  
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#### Screening

Pam Berko  
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**Choir - Honey Harbour**  
Bill Morton & Mary Shields

**Choir- Port Severn**  
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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**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

**GOSPEL TODAY** Matthew 1:18-24 "The message of the angel to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which means "Yahweh saves." He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God."



"Joseph, fear not to take Mary as your wife: She conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit."

### COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



\$1,600 - Regular Sunday Offerings

### WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Thurs Dec 22, 10:30am – for peace in the world

Friday Dec 23, 10:30am – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass

### WEEKEND MASSES (Christmas)

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

Sunday Dec 25, (Christmas day) 9am @ Port Severn- For health recovery of Ava Patrick by Pam & Wally Berko

Sunday Dec 25, (Christmas day) 11am @ Honey Harbour- +Deceased family members of Corbier, Phillips & Vessair by Mark & Maryrose Vessair

**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

**MARANATHA** – "is an Aramaic word means "the Lord is coming" or "come, O Lord." The early church faced much persecution, and life for a Christian under Roman rule was not easy. The Romans required everyone to declare that Caesar was god. The early Christians knew that there is only one God and one Lord—Jesus Christ—and in all good conscience they could not call Caesar "Lord," so the Romans looked upon them as traitors, persecuted them, and put them to death. Living under those adverse conditions, the believers' morale was lifted by the hope of the coming of the Lord. "Maranatha!" became the common greeting of the oppressed believers, knowing the Lord would be returning to set up His kingdom, and from that truth they drew great comfort. Today, believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ every day expect and long him to come. Maranatha reminds us to keep our eyes on the eternal things of the Spirit. To those who are discouraged today, Maranatha! To those who are worried today, Maranatha! To those who are filled with anxiety over the problems they are facing, Maranatha! Our Lord is coming!"

**MARY & JOSEPH**- "Mary and Joseph were in the Center of God's Will and yet nearly every part of their lives were difficult. They walked through poverty, being socially outcast due to an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, giving birth in a barn, having to move with a newborn to a foreign country to escape the tyrant King Herod who wanted to kill them, having to relocate to a new community once they moved back to their home country, and other obstacles as well. Their marriage was strong because they faced every challenge together, and they trusted God completely. For Christian couples today, like Joseph and Mary, your marriage won't be defined by the size of your struggles but by the size of your commitment to God and each other."

**CHURCH TEACHING/POSITION** On Can a Catholic receive communion in a Protestant church? "According to the Code of Canon Law, receiving communion in a Protestant church is generally not permissible. According to canon 844, "Catholic ministers may licitly administer the sacraments to Catholic members of the Christian faithful only and, likewise, the latter may licitly receive the sacraments only from Catholic ministers." The reason for the Catholic Church's general rule against sharing in the Eucharist with other churches is that a person can only be in full communion with one church. As a Catholic, the core of one's union with Christ is union with the church. The center of this union lies in the reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist during Mass, which is both a confession and embodiment of unity with the Roman Catholic Church."

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