



**Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us**



**St. John the Baptist  
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## Parish Committees

### Finance/Property

*Wally Berko*

*Don Cadeau*

*Nestor Baryliuk*

*RayBergie*

### Screening

*Pam Berko*

*Jenny Leduc*

*Elizabeth Villegas*

### Choir- Honey Harbour

*Nestor Baryliuk*

*Bill Morton*

### Choir- Port Severn

*Ingrid Dunbrook*

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*(Organist)*

### Part-time Bookkeeper

*Kristen Penfold*

# OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



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

### **Address:**

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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**

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

**Gospel Today:** Luke 21:25-28,34-36— “We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation in his person and in his message. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.”



### Collections Last Sunday, November 21

 \$7, 555 - Regular Sunday Offerings & Donations, \$90 - Priest Benefit Fund

### Weekday Masses (*Honey Harbour Chapel*)

Thursday Dec 2, 11am Mass –

Friday Dec 3, 11am Mass -

### Weekend Masses (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

Sunday December 5, 9am @ Port Severn - *People of the parish*

Sunday December 5, 11am @ Honey Harbour

### Christmas Masses Schedule

Friday Dec 24 (Christmas Eve) 7:30pm @ St. John the Baptist, Port Severn

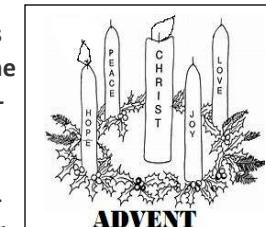
Saturday Dec 25 (Christmas Day) 9am @ St. John the Baptist, Port Severn

Saturday Dec 25 (Christmas Day) 11am @ Lady of Mercy, Honey Harbour

**5-Week Video Clips** - Each week, beginning the Solemnity of Christ the King, and for the four Sundays of Advent, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) will release a video recording reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday. This year's reflections are inspired by the journey of truth, healing & reconciliation, and the Indigenous Delegation traveling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17 to 20. 2021. Archbishop Donald Bolen of Regina will reflect each week. The videos can be accessed through the links below.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

**The Advent** season is a four week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The origin of "advent" is from the Latin word *adventus* which translates "coming" or "arrival". Not only is the Christian meaning for preparation and celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ, his birth at Christmas, but also to celebrate the new life when someone accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, and lastly, the anticipation of Jesus returning again. The four Sundays of Advent each have a specific theme or focus. The purpose of each theme is to spend time reflecting on the true meaning of the season - the life of Jesus Christ. Week 1: Hope (or promise)- Isaiah 9:2, 6-7: “The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”



**Missals 2021-2022** – Missals for 2021-2022 (year C) are available at church entrance. Donation is much appreciated to defray purchase & delivery expenses.

### Charles Gardner (*Medical Officer of Health, Muskoka-Simcoe District Health Unit*)

“Faith-based leaders and organizations continue to play a critical role in guiding their communities during the pandemic. Many in your communities are turning to their faith for support during this difficult time. The Province of Ontario including the County of Simcoe and the District of Muskoka continue to experience the impacts of the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognize a collective effort is required to further protect our communities and require your assistance.”

**Simcoe-Muskoka in Red Status** – “This update was issued by the Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit on November 17, 2021, and the update applies to places of worship including Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Honey Harbour, St. John the Baptist, Port Severn. Four Requirements For Simcoe-Muskoka - RED Status are now subject to the same measures as workplaces and public venues, including active screening, contact tracing, maintaining 6 feet or 2 metres of distance between households and enforcing mask-wearing during church services.”

**Pope Francis** – “St. Joseph continues to protect the Catholic Church today, just like he protected the Virgin Mary and Child Jesus. In the Gospel of Luke, Joseph appears as the guardian of Jesus and of Mary. And for this reason, he is also ‘the Guardian of the Church. If Joseph was the custodian of Jesus and Mary, now that he is in heaven, he works and continues to be the custodian, in this case, of the Church; For the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary’s motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church.”