

Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



Parish Committees

Finance/Property:
Wally Berko
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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

**Saturday 5 P.M. (May 1 to Oct 31 only) -Port Severn
Sunday 9 A.M. (all year) - Port Severn
Sunday 11 A.M. (all year) - Honey Harbour**

**Weekday Masses
(See inside bulletin)**

**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 8, 2019

Gospel Today: Matthew 3:1-12

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.



Weekday Masses

Wed-Dec 11 9am Mass for thanksgiving intention

Thurs-Dec 12 9am Mass for peace in the world


Fri-Dec 13 9am Mass for souls of our beloved dead

Weekend Masses

(3rd Sunday of Advent)

Sunday Nov 15, 9am @ Port Severn- +Joe & Josephine King by Don & Eileen Cadeau

11am @ Honey Harbour- for the people of the parish

 Sunday Offerings: December 1(\$650), Nov 24(\$2,325), Nov 17(\$616), Nov 10(\$434), Nov 3(928)- Thank you for your generous support.

Pray for Sick Members of our Parish Community: Maryrose Vessair, Clifford Legault, Gloria & Louis Cousineau, Edmond Corbier, Theresa Phillips, Ernie Corbier, Derek Wiese (*Call the office if you would like someone placed on the prayer list*).

Christmas Masses Schedule:

Dec 24(Tuesday) 6PM @ Honey Harbour/ 8PM @ Port Severn

Dec 25(Wednesday) 11AM @ Honey Harbour

New Year (2020) Masses Schedule:

Jan 1(Wednesday) 9AM @ Port Severn / 11AM @ Honey Harbour

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."



Sincere Thanks - I can't help but thank once again Mabel & Linda, who looked after the office works while I was away. Same with Joan for giving communion to our four shut-ins; likewise, to Palm Berko, who looked after Sunday Liturgies in Port Severn, and to all of you for praying for my restful vacation and safe travels. Thank you all for allowing me to reconnect with my family, relatives and friends back home. My holiday was refreshing and wonderful. Nice to be back. *Fr. M.D.*

Christmas & New Schedule - Please take note of our Christmas and new Year Mass schedule at the opposite page.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November - "That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority."

Feast of Immaculate Conception(Dec 8) - On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX officially declared the Immaculate Conception a dogma of the Church, which means that all Christians are bound to accept it as true. As the Holy Father wrote in the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful." The belief that Mary was without sin has extremely strong roots in Church writings going well back into the 4th century. "Every personal sin must be excluded from the Blessed Virgin Mary for the sake of the honor of God." - St. Augustine, 390 AD. "Mary, a virgin not only undefiled but a virgin whom grace has made inviolate, free from every stain." - St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-370 AD. "You, and your Mother are alone in this. You are wholly beautiful in every respect. There is in you, Lord, no stain, nor any spot in your Mother." - St. Ephraem, 350 AD. In fact, there are literally dozens of cases where early Church fathers have mentioned Mary as being without sin, using such words as "All-Holy One," "All-Sinless One," and "Immaculate." It proves that the idea of Mary's sinlessness was not uncommon in the first few centuries of the Church.

Pope Francis - "The word Advent means coming. The Lord is coming. This is the root of our hope: the certainty that God's consolation comes to us amidst the troubles of the world. Not a consolation of words, but of His presence among us." "The Church exists to keep alive in people's heart the memory that God loves them. It exists to tell everyone, even those furthest away: "God doesn't forget you, He cares about you".