

**Our Lady of Mercy**  
*Pray for Us*



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Port Severn: c/o Teri Restemayer

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Honey Harbour: Mark Vessair

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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**

## FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 22, 2019

### Gospel Today: Matthew 1:18-24

The message of the angel given 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, do not be afraid,  
for the child conceived in  
her is from the Holy Spirit."**



### Christmas Masses

Tuesday Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Mass 6pm @ Honey Harbour

Christmas Eve Mass 8pm @ Port Severn

Wed Dec 25 - Christmas Day Mass @ Honey Harbour - for deceased members of Vessair family by Mark & Maryrose

### Weekend Mass

( Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph )

Sunday Dec 29, 9am @ Port Severn

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



Last Week Sunday Offerings: \$589- Thank you for your generous support.

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

### Winners of the St. Mary's CWL fundraising prizes:

1st prize quilt with pillow shams- Beth Connor

2nd prize- 200.00- Terri Ann Sallows

3rd prize- 100.00 - Ann Snider

Thank you everyone for supporting St. Mary's CWL.

### New Year (2020) Masses Schedule:

Jan 1(Wednesday) 9AM @ Port Severn

11AM @ Honey Harbour

### Christmas Message by Bishop Daniel Miehm (Bishop of

*Peterborough*) - Some of our most beloved Christmas carols emphasize the peace and stillness of that very first Christmas: "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Away in a Manger:" they all convey a mood of serenity and calm. Since Bethlehem was filled with people who came for the census, one wonders if things weren't a little noisier and more chaotic in that town than the popular images portray. Yet there is a deeper spiritual truth that the Gospel writers express - that our Lord came to us not with fanfare as a conquering king, but quietly and humbly, born in the most poor and ordinary of surroundings. Jesus is truly "Emmanuel," God with us. It is ironic that the build-up to Christmas in our society is anything but peaceful and serene. Many of us are busier than ever as we attend to the various demands of preparation, shopping and socializing. At their best, those things often become a part of the festive celebration of the season. Sometimes they can become onerous and distracting, as our Christmas to-do lists seem to grow ever longer. We may find ourselves yearning for the much-advertised silence and calm of that first Christmas. There is surely much in our lives and the world around us that deprives us of peace: hectic schedules, family anxieties, political and economic uncertainty. Yet, during this holy season we recall that Jesus came into our often messy and chaotic world in order to bring the precious gift of peace. Our God came to be with us in our frail humanity, to save us and bring us new life. The assurance that God is with us invites us to set our hearts always on God. It is there that we will find peace even when we experience strife, anxiety and uncertainty. And, in the words of St. Francis of Assisi, it is by divine grace that we will become channels of God's peace in our world. I wish you all a very joyful Christmas day and season, and a New Year filled with hope and peace.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (Teachings on the End Times CCC# 673) "Since the Ascension, Christ's coming in glory has been imminent, even though "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority". This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are 'delayed'".



I wish for you much joy and love, with a New Year full of God's goodness.

### **Keep Christ in Christmas. He is the reason for the season.**

"God, our Father you so loved humankind that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that, with your blessing, this image of Jesus, soon to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes, to our families and to our friends."

