

# OUR PARISH BULLETIN

## Our Lady of Mercy Pray for Us



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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

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2020

### Gospel Today: Matt 3:13-17

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water, he will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire". In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.



### Weekday Masses

Thurs Jan 16, 9am Mass for +Juliet Exaltacion

Fri Jan 17, 9am Mass for +John & Greta by Maria Bachetti

### Weekend Masses

(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday Jan 19, 9am @ PS +Jeffery & Bertha Cadeau by Don & Eileen Cadeau

11am @ HH - For the people of the parish

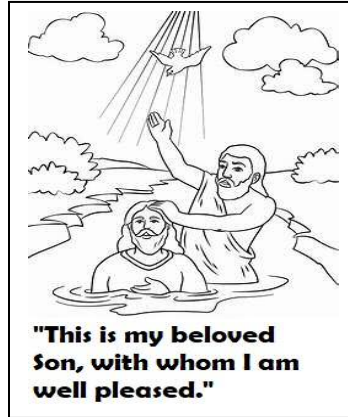


*\$607 - Jan 5 Sunday Offerings* - Thank you for your generous support.

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*).

Announcement From Bishop Daniel Miehm - I have appointed MONSIGNOR MICHAEL HEFFERAN as the VICAR GENERAL of the Diocese of Peterborough, effective yesterday. The Vicar General is the Bishop's good right arm and assists him in the leadership of the Diocese. Msgr. Heffernan steps into a role that has been fulfilled very ably for many years by Fr. Joe Moran. I thank them both for their dedicated service and priestly commitment to the Church in our Diocese. Msgr. Heffernan will remain as Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Otonabee and St. John the Evangelist Mission in Keene.

Congratulations - Msgr. Michael Heffernan had been assigned here in Our Lady of Mercy parish in 1985-1989. Our parish community extends congratulations to the new Vicar General of our diocese.



Feast of Baptism of the Lord - At first glance, it seems that Jesus' baptism has no purpose at all. John's baptism was the baptism of repentance, but Jesus was sinless and had no need of repentance. In submitting himself humbly to the baptized, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If Christ came to get baptized, though he had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary--not for him, but for us. Getting baptized, Jesus affirmed his solidarity with us, who are sinners in a public way. By that action, he revealed to us how intimately God wishes to be in solidarity with us sinners. Fathers of the Church and Scholastics saw Christ's Baptism as the institution of the sacrament. As he emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. This testimony directly from the Father's pleasure with the Son and the descending of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus is a beautiful picture of the trinitarian nature of God. It depicts the work of the Father, Son, and Spirit in the salvation of those Jesus came to save.

Text Fraud in the Diocese of Peterborough- The Diocese of Peterborough wishes to alert parishioners to a fraud that is being carried out in recent days. Parishioners have received texts which appear to come from a priest – often an individual's pastor – requesting either gift cards or money. Priests are not sending these texts. Someone is posing as a priest in an attempt to obtain money for themselves. If you receive a text or an email from a priest asking for money, please ignore it – it is not legitimate. Let's spread the word and prevent further harm.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC# 28) "In many ways, throughout history down to the present day, men have given expression to their quest for God in their religious beliefs and behavior: in their prayers, sacrifices, rituals, meditations, and so forth. These forms of religious expression, despite the ambiguities they often bring with them, are so universal that one may well call man a *religious being*: From one ancestor [God] made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "in him we live and move and have our being."

Pope Francis – "When we do not worship God, we end up worshiping ourselves. This is a grave risk: we use God instead of serving Him." "In worshiping, we too will discover, like the Magi, the meaning of our journey. And like the Magi, we too will experience a great joy.

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