



**Our Lady of Mercy  
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## **Parish Committees**

### **Finance/Property**

***Wally Berko***

***Don Cadeau***

***Nestor Baryliuk***

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### **Screening**

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### **Choir- Honey Harbour**

***Nestor Baryliuk***

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### **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:**

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish**

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### **Weekend Masses**

**Sunday 9 A.M. - Port Severn**

**Sunday 11 A.M. - Honey Harbour**

### **Weekday Masses**

**(See inside bulletin)**

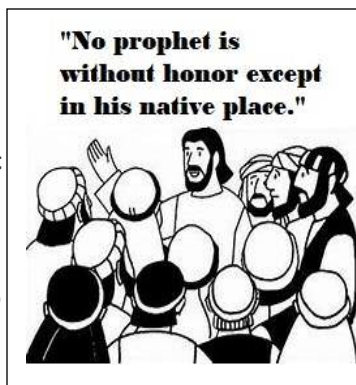
**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses**

**Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 4, 2021

**Gospel Today** *Mark 6:1-6*- "This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith." Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship."



### June 20 Sunday Collections

 \$610 - Regular Sunday Offerings

### Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed July 7, 11am – +Melchor & Salus

Thurs July 8, 11am Mass - +Sergio & Claro

Friday July 9, 11am Mass - +Peace in the World

### Weekend Masses – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday July 11, 9am @ Port Severn - For the people of the parish

11am @ Honey Harbour – For health recovery of Direk Roecker

### Step 2 Reopening

— The Ontario provincial government announced that the province will be moving into Step 2 of the Reopening Strategy Wednesday, June 30th. Step 2 moves to a capacity limit of 25% for places of worship. This means that starting Sunday July 4th, 48 people can attend Sunday Mass in Port Severn and 75 people in Honey Harbour.

### Bishops Appeal Special Collections on both July 4<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup>

"Proceeds for this year's Bishops Special Collection, on the weekends of July 4th and July 11th, will assist in funding Family Ministries, Youth Ministry and Diocesan Pastoral Centre initiatives."

### Pope's Prayer Intention for July (Social Friendship)

"We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship."

### The best saints to pray to during a pandemic – St.

**Sebastian** – "If there is one institution which has endured more plagues than any other – and done so with fortitude and grace – it is the Catholic Church. The saints have always played a central role in the Church's response to plagues, and now that the world faces a new one, they are being asked to intercede once again. Perhaps the most famous plague saint is St Sebastian. After his embrace of Christianity in the 3rd century, Sebastian joined the Roman army to help other Christians being persecuted by the Romans. Even as he became an elite member of the Praetorian Guard, under the notorious anti-Christian Emperor Diocletian, Sebastian secretly brought many soldiers into the Church. But as soon as his courageous witness was discovered, Diocletian ordered Sebastian to be executed. Tied to a post, Sebastian was pierced with a band of arrows and left for dead – until a Christian woman, Irene of Rome, found him breathing, astonishingly, and nursed him back to health. Sebastian became a hero to Christians everywhere. Records reveal that St Sebastian was celebrated for protecting the faithful against plagues. St Sebastian became a symbol for suffering humanity during recurring plagues, and his miraculous recovery gave those afflicted hope and consolation. Abbeys, churches and basilicas were founded in his name; and after the recent outbreak of coronavirus, Sebastian was one of the first saints Catholics were encouraged to pray to."

**Finding Hope in the Midst of a Pandemic** – "During this crisis, it is normal and natural to ask where God is. But this is not a time for Christians to retreat from their faith. We feel a deep sense of precariousness in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. We realise how fragile and vulnerable we are to outbreaks of infectious diseases. It is as if we are suddenly blindsided and brought to a standstill by the pestilence. Unsure of what will happen next, we often take a deep breath to calm our racing pulses. A Life with faith in God is a journey undertaken with the hope of reaching the destination: "God who is our home". Ups and downs are normal in this "arduous" journey, and it is through ups and downs that we grow in faith. The Bible invites us to trust that, if God allows pain, he will give us the strength to go through it, and he will show us the way out of it. We pray that God will help us to know his peace, comfort, and healing in the midst of the pandemic, or any other suffering that we may go through in life."



"Celebrate 1st July with friends and loved ones and making this a memorable day for all. Happy Canada Day! Enjoy your stay in Muskoka."