



**POPE FRANCIS  
WILL  
CONSECRATE  
RUSSIA &  
UKRAINE TO THE  
IMMACULATE  
HEART OF MARY.**

On Friday, March 25, during the Celebration of Penance at which

he will preside at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The same act, on the same day, will be carried out in Fatima by His Eminence Cardinal Krajewski, Apostolic Almoner, as envoy of the Holy Father in an expression of the pope's concern for the war-torn country's population. March 25 was the day in 1984 that Pope John Paul II consecrated Russia and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is also the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. In a letter to the pope, the Ukrainian bishops said that they were writing "in these hours of immeasurable pain and terrible ordeal for our people" in response to many requests for the consecration. Following the bishops' call, Our Lady of Fatima shrines worldwide were invited to unite in prayer for the conversion of Russia. Ukraine and Russia, the two largest countries in Europe by area, are both predominantly Eastern Orthodox countries with deep traditions of Marian devotion. The Ukrainian Catholic leaders have prepared a Novena and invited all Catholic faithful from around the world to join them in prayer over the next nine days. In view of this appeal for prayers, we participate in the Novena by offering the following prayer at the Masses celebrated today and henceforth until March 25, 2022:

***PRAYER: God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.***

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



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

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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**

## THIRD WEEK OF LENT

March 20, 2022

**GOSPEL TODAY:** Luke 13:1-9 – “On the third week of Lent, our Gospel prepares us to hear Lent’s call to conversion and repentance. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.”

### COLLECTIONS Last Sunday, March 13, 2022



\$1,120 - Regular Sunday Offerings

### WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed March 23 - NO MASS

Thurs March 24, 11am – For Peace in the world

Fri March 25, 11am – For end of pandemic

### WEEKEND MASSES (4th Sunday of Lent)

Sunday March 27, 9am @ Port Severn – For the People of Ukraine

Sunday March 27, 11am @ Honey Harbour – For the people of the parish

**POPE FRANCIS** – “Temptations often appear seemingly in the form of good: the devil uses deception, he arrives “with an angelic face”. If we give in to his flattery, we end up justifying our falsity, masking it with good intentions.”

### THE FULLNESS OF PURPOSE - A SIX SESSION RETREAT FOR LENT 2022

"The Fullness of Purpose" explores the question, "How do we live out our relationship with God in everyday living?" What a timely question during this Season of Lent! There are six sessions, and one session will be posted every Wednesday during Lent. Lent 2022 Mission Session 2 - Blessings Are Chasing You. Please find this video clip in our parish website.

### HOLY WEEK/LITURGY SCHEDULE

April 10-Palm Sunday Mass 9am @ Port Severn

April 10-Palm Sunday Mass 11am @ Honey Harbour

April 14-Holy Thursday Last Supper Mass 7pm @ Port Severn

April 15-Holy Friday Passion of Christ 2:45pm @ Honey Harbour

April 16-Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 7pm @ Port Severn

April 17-Sunday Easter Mass 9am @ Port Severn

April 17-Sunday Easter Mass 11am @ Honey Harbour

**"Unless you  
repent..."**



**POPE ON UKRAINE** - “With pain in my heart, I join my voice to that of the common people, who implore an end to the war. In the name of God, let the cries of those who suffer be heard and let the bombings and attacks cease! Let there be a real and decisive focus on negotiation, and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe. In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre! God is only God of peace. He is not God of war, and those who support violence profane His name.”

**YEMEN FACING ACUTE HUNGER AT UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS** – “UN agencies are warning that 17.4 million people in Yemen are now in need of food assistance and a growing portion of the population are coping with emergency levels of hunger. In a joint statement released by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the UN World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF, they warn millions of people in Yemen are facing acute hunger at unprecedented levels as funding dries up. All three UN agencies point out that Ukraine war is also affecting imports, further driving food prices. Yemen depends almost entirely on food imports with 30 percent of its wheat imports coming from Ukraine.”

**MARTYRS FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH** – “In history, hundreds of early Christians have faced persecution for their faith. It is believed that the Roman Catholic Church was born out of the martyrdom of its members. A Christian martyr is someone willing to face death rather than deny Jesus Christ or his Gospel. Beheading, stoning, crucifixion, throwing to lion’s dens, and burning at stake were some of the horrific ways they were punished for their beliefs.”  
St. Sebastian, clubbed to death – “St. Sebastian joined the Roman Army in 283 AD to help other Christians who were being persecuted by the Romans. He was appointed as the captain of the Praetorian Guard under Emperor Diocletian because they did not know he was a Christian. St. Sebastian was able to convert other prominent individuals, including the Local Prefect, which led to his discovery. Diocletian accused Sebastian of betrayal and persecuted him to be bound to a stake at a field and be shot with arrows. They left him there to die, however, a woman named Irene found him, and brought him to her house where she nursed him back to health. Diocletian ordered Sebastian to be beaten to death, and his body was thrown in a sewer. Sebastian was said to have appeared in an apparition to a widowed woman named Lucina and told her where his body was buried. They retrieved the remains of the saint and buried it at the catacombs by the apostles. Nearly 80 years after his death, his remains were moved to a basilica in Rome. The arrows piercing him are used as a symbolic representation of the Black Death during the Middle Ages because Sebastian is the patron saint of plague victims.”