



**Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us**



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## **Parish Committees**

### **Finance/Property**

***Wally Berko  
Nestor Baryliuk  
RayBergie  
Gerry Scholz  
Mark Vanlangenhove***

### **Screening**

***Pam Berko  
Jenny Leduc  
Elizabeth Villegas***

### **Choir- Honey Harbour**

***Nestor Baryliuk  
Bill Morton***

### **Choir- Port Severn**

***Ingrid Dunbrook  
Sharon MacNeice  
(Organist)***

### **Part-time Bookkeeper**

***Kristen Penfold***

## **OUR PARISH BULLETIN**



**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



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

### **Address:**

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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**

## SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 13, 2022

**Gospel Today: Luke 5:1-11** - "As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God."



### Collections Last Sunday, February 6, 2022



**\$1,340 - Regular Sunday Offerings**

### Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed Feb 16, 11am Mass – For the sick members in the parish

Thurs Feb 17, – 11am – For Peace in the world

Fri Feb 18, 11am Mass – For +Souls in purgatory

### Weekend Masses (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday February 20, 9am @ Port Severn – For the people of the parish

Sunday February 20, 11am @ Honey Harbour

**World Day of the Sick 2022 (Feb 11)** Saint Pope John Paul II established the World Day of the Sick in 1992 to invite the Church to be attentive to and to pray for the sufferings of the sick and those who care for them. He chose February 11, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, because various pilgrims and visitors to Lourdes, France, have been reported to have been healed at the Marian Sanctuary through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Institutions providing Catholic healthcare have long been a sign of the Church's commitment to care for those who are sick and to accompany them in their suffering. In fact, many religious congregations were founded to address the suffering of the sick, and in doing so, have established hospitals, promoted education in the medical sciences, and offered formation for those in the healthcare professions. This affirms in our world the Christian belief in the sacredness of human life from the moment of conception to a natural end, even with the challenges that illness and suffering can bring into the life of a person. The Catechism of the Catholic Church ("CCC") recognizes that when we are afflicted with sickness, it is both a time of challenge and a time of grace: *"Illness and suffering have always been among the gravest problems confronted in human life. In illness, man experiences his powerlessness, his limitations, and his finitude. Every illness can make us glimpse death."* CCC #1500

**Our Lady of Lourdes (feast day February 11)** On February 11, 1858, a Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of vision and the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907. Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters."

**St. Valentine (feast day February 14)** "Although so little is known about him, however, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology. There are legends attributed to this mysterious saint. One common story about St. Valentine is that, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision. Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates. Under emperor Claudius, St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom."

**Message from the Simcoe-Muskoka CDSB** - With Ash Wednesday rapidly approaching, our school board wanted to reach out to all of our parishes, to thank you for the pastoral and liturgical support you offer to our schools, students and staff. Because of the current limitations around COVID-19, we will not be able to mark Ash Wednesday in some of the ways we traditionally have. This year, for reasons of health and safety, we are asking that parishes do not provide ashes to our schools. At this time, distributing ashes to students and staff would raise serious logistical challenges in many of our schools. Thank you for understanding this situation, which we hope will change by Ash Wednesday of 2023 . Yours in faith, Frances Bagley, Director of Education