

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us**



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**Choir- Port Severn
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**Our Lady of Mercy Church
Honey Harbour**



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

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Weekend Masses

**Port Severn: Saturday 5 P.M. (From Victoria to Thanksgiving Only)
Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)
Honey Harbour: Sunday 11 A.M.**

**Weekday Masses
(See inside bulletin)**

**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

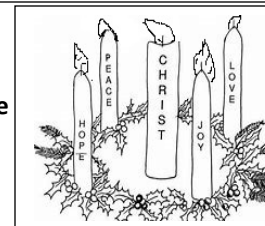
November 27, 2022

GOSPEL TODAY Matthew 24:37-44- "Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared. Therefore we need to be always ready for the day of the Lord."

"Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected time."



ADVENT SEASON – "The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical calendar and begins a four week period of expectant waiting and preparation for both the the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is. The Advent season invites us to step away from what can be a frenzied time of parties and shopping to consider how we commemorate the birth of Jesus, one of the holiest times in Christian faith. It is also a time to reflect on the triumphant return of Jesus at the second coming. The most significant tradition of the Advent season is the Advent Wreath. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ."



POPE FRANCIS ON ADVENT - "At a time when people are worried by the COVID-19 pandemic, we run the risk of falling into pessimism, closure and apathy. The antidote to this was to await the Lord because he is our help and our shield. God is present in the history of humanity, He is the 'God-with-us', He walks beside us to support us. The Lord never abandons us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey, the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or when we suffer. In the midst of life's storms, God always extends His hand to us and frees us from threats."

CHURCH TEACHING/POSITION On Civil Marriage – "All Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. If they marry in a civil ceremony and are living with their spouse, they should not present themselves to receive Holy Communion. The Catholic Church invites couples who are married civilly to the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony, to bless them in the vocation of marriage and dedicate themselves to sharing God's love. This is called a convalidation. The Church very much wants to assist couples who later want to enter into valid Catholic marriage, and it offers them pastoral and spiritual support as they need it. The couple can freely contact a priest who can assist them in preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony."

COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



\$220 - Regular Sunday Offerings

WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Thurs Dec 1, 11am – For peace in the world

Friday Dec 2, 10:30am – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (2nd Sunday Advent)

Sunday Dec 4, 9am @ Port Severn- +ForWilliam Moreau & Valerie Russell by Ralph & Corinne Moreau

Sunday Dec 4, 11am @ Honey Harbour – For the people of the parish

MISSALS 2022-2023 YEAR A – These new Missals are to be used today, 1st Sunday of Advent. They are available at the church entrance with \$5 each is asked to defray purchase & delivery expenses.

FACE MASKS – Daniel Miehm, bishop of the diocese of Peterborough calls for all church comers to follow the recommendation of the Ontario Health to wear masks in indoor public places: 'Dr. Kieran Moore recommended earlier this week that masks be worn in public settings in the province of Ontario, in view of the surge in respiratory viruses and the impact on the health care system.' In view of this, I strongly recommend the wearing of mask and also continue the practice of sanitizing our hands. These are small steps we can take to limit the likelihood of viral transmission during the celebration of Mass. I thank you for your cooperation and ongoing concern."

POPE FRANCIS – "Christ is the unifying centre of all reality. He is the answer to all human questions. He is the fulfilment of every desire for happiness, goodness, love and eternity present in the human heart."