

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us**



**St. John the Baptist  
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### Parish Committees

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**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



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

#### **Address:**

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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**

## SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2023

**GOSPEL TODAY** Matthew 2:1-12- "John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is, that Jesus is the Son of God, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives."



### COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



**Sunday Offering \$590, New Year \$25, Envelope Expenses \$48**

**WEEKDAY MASSES** (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed Jan 18, 11am – For Peace in the world

Thurs Jan 19, 11am – All Souls

Friday Jan 20, 10:30am – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass

**WEEKEND MASSES** (3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Time)

Sunday Jan 22, 9am @ Port Severn- +Wade Dufour by Pam & Wally Berko

Sunday Jan 22, 11am @ Honey Harbour- For the people of the parish

**TUCKER WILLIAM LEDUC**, Son of Tim Leduc and Kristine Straus has been received in the Catholic community through the Sacrament of Baptism yesterday at Port Severn chapel. May God's grace and blessings that Tucker received on his Baptism guide him throughout his life. Congratulations!

**POPE FRANCIS (On Baptism)**- "Celebrate the date of your baptism as like a birthday because baptism makes us reborn in Christian life. That is why I advise you to teach your children the date of their baptism as a new birthday: that every year they will remember and thank God for this grace of becoming a Christian." The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes baptism as the "basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit ... and the door which gives access to the other sacraments."

**RIDES TO CHURCH FOR MASS**- If you need a ride or know of anyone who needs a ride to Church in Port Severn on Sunday mornings for 9:00 Mass, feel free to contact the following: 1. Gerry- 14167498442 (Six Mile Lake & Honey Harbour area) 2. Mark - 7057187443 (Waubushene & Coldwater area) 3. Wally -705 5382579 (Port Severn & Honey Harbour area). If you would like to become a volunteer driver for any of these areas please leave your name & number with any of the above parishioners. Thank you

**2022 TAX RECEIPT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT**- Please find enclosed a copy of our parish financial statement for 2022. Thank you for your continued support through your generous weekly offerings and donations. Your 2022 tax receipts can be picked up at the back of the church. However, please note that a deficit has been reported over the last 12 months. Our parish, as well as many others, have experienced a significant drop in revenue due to reduced attendance, especially during the pandemic. Knowing that the parish of Our Lady of Mercy and St. John the Baptist church have a meaningful place in your heart, we are sending this request confident for your kind understanding and extra financial support as we navigate through 2023. It is our sincere hope that you and your families remain well and that you find continued satisfaction in remaining faithful to our good Lord and His Church. God bless you all, now and always. *Fr. Martin Dalida*

**ORDINARY TIME** – "Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Ordinary Time is a specific season in the Church that focuses on the life of Christ during his three years of public ministry. That is why the start of Ordinary Time begins with the Baptism of the Lord, as that is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The color for this liturgical season is green, which is most associated with growth. Ordinary Time is then viewed as a time of growing in our knowledge and love of Jesus. It is a time "ordered" to spiritual growth, walking in the footsteps of Jesus's public life."

**RENEWED AND REFRESHED FOR 2023** - The arrival of a new year brings a great opportunity to renew our faith and love for God. It's also a wonderful time to renew the joy of salvation in our hearts as a new creation in Christ. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Whether this past year brought you success, fulfillment, and joy or you faced grief, setbacks, and struggle, you can look ahead to the new year with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us "for I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."