



**Our Lady of Mercy  
Pray for Us**

## **Parish Committees**

### **Finance/Property**

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

### **Screening**

**Pam Berko  
Jenny Leduc  
Elizabeth Villegas**

**Choir - Honey Harbour  
Bill Morton & Mary  
Shields**

**Choir- Port Severn  
Sharon MacNeice  
(Organist)**

**Part-time Bookkeeper  
Kristen Penfold**

**PARISH BINGO - Our summer bingo has been very instrumental in contributing to parish revenues over the years. Thank you to Ellen Kester, who has previously taken on the main role in organizing this fund raising initiative, unfortunately, she can not do it anymore. We are currently looking for someone to take on this leadership position for the upcoming season. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Martin for more details.**

**CONSIDERING TO BE CATHOLIC? If you know of anyone who is considering to become members of the Catholic Church, please bring to my attention and I can help him/her in a more convenient and easier way. *Fr. Martin***

**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 (Waubauskene & 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.**

## **OUR PARISH BULLETIN**



**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)  
Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)  
Honey Harbour: Sunday 11 A.M.**

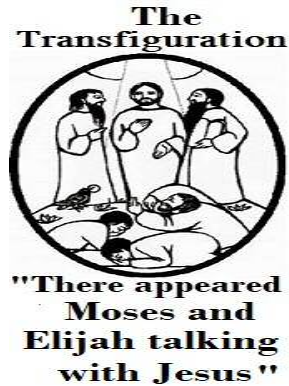
**Weekday Masses  
(See inside bulletin)**

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023

**GOSPEL TODAY** Matthew 17:1-9 "On the second Sunday we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death."



**LENT** (by Pope Benedict XV1)- "Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates us to rediscover the mercy of God. In the Lenten period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of interior renewal, namely: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving." Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts". Even when we sin, God patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive. The observance of Lent is the very badge of the Christian warfare. By it we prove ourselves not to be enemies of Christ. By it we avert the scourges of divine justice. By it we gain strength against the princes of darkness, for it shields us with heavenly help. Should mankind grow remiss in their observance of Lent, it would be a detriment to God's glory, a disgrace to the Catholic religion, and a danger to Christian souls.

### COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



Sunday Offering \$470, Indigenous Fund \$50,

Earthquakes Victims \$90

**WEEKDAY MASSES** (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed March 8, 11am – For peace in the world

Thurs March 9, 11am – For Sick in the parish

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

**WEEKEND MASSES** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)

Sunday March 12, 9am @ Port Severn-For the souls of +Ivan, Curtis, Dural Simmons by Anne Simmons

Sunday March 12, 11am @ Honey Harbour- For the people of the parish

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

(For victims of abuse) "We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."

+ **MARY MARION GENDRON** – Our parish community extends condolences to the bereaved Gendron family members for the passing recently of Mary Gendron. Funeral Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated yesterday at Port Severn Church.

*Some items to read at the back page*



**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CARITAS CANADA** ("Stand for the Land" Campaign 2023) – "Around the world, many communities are mobilizing to defend their territories against threats posed by extractive industries and industrial agriculture. These people are often threatened, criminalized, or even killed when they stand up to protect their lands, their livelihoods and their very existence. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada stands in solidarity with these peoples. With our partners, we support communities' efforts to protect their territories and biodiversity for present and future generations."

**STOP THIS WAR!** – "Pope Francis continues to raise his voice for peace. He has made countless appeals, crying out, in harmony with his predecessors, his heartfelt "No to war!" It is the same "Never again war!" that Saint Paul VI pleaded in front of the United Nations Assembly on 4 October 1965; it is that "Never again war!" that Saint John Paul II cried out at the Angelus of 16 March 2003, to avert the wretched invasion of Iraq. "A victory built on rubble will never be a true victory! And the wounds of hatred and resentment that the barbarity of war has caused will remain for certainly longer than the time needed to rebuild Ukraine", he said.

**WHY BELIEVE IN GOD?** "As humans indulge in their passions, their desires continue to go unfulfilled. Many attempt to fill the void with increasing worldly pleasures with little results. Such powerful and elusive desires are a cry from the soul which seeks something that can not be gratified by the things of this world. For the moment we will consider discontent of the heart as a mark of God calling us to embrace him."