



Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us



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Parish Committees

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Wally Berko
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Choir - Honey Harbour
Bill Morton & Mary Shields

Choir- Port Severn
Sharon MacNeice (Organist)

Part-time Bookkeeper
Kristen Penfold

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES - We are thankful and most appreciative to recently find a good number of our community members who are requesting Sunday Offering Envelopes. This is a welcome gesture, considering that we are now experiencing a financial deficit due to declining church attendance. To those who would like to donate in this manner, please bring it to my attention and I will prepare a box of envelopes for those parishioners. May God bless you all for your continued support. 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 (Waubaushene & 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.

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 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

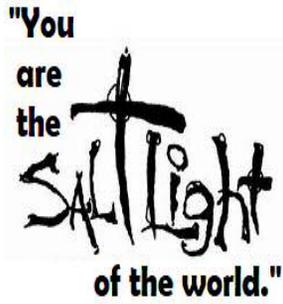
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2023

GOSPEL TODAY Matthew 5:13-16 "Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

"You
are
the
Salt
Light
of the world."



COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



Sunday Offering \$970

WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed Feb 8, 11am- Peace in the world

Thurs Feb 9, 11am – For healing of all Sick members of the parish

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

WEEKEND MASSES (6th Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday Feb 12, 9am @ Port Severn- +Eva Kosobuka by Zosia Brzakala & Diane Sitarz

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

HEALING SERVICE - In observance of the World Day of the Sick, this coming Sunday (Feb 12), a Healing Service will be administered with special invocation to Our Lady of Lourdes to those who feel sick and need healing either physically or spiritually. The said Healing Service will be done right after the celebration of the Mass.



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - The previous two Sundays collections showed a dismal offerings at \$470 in a row. But Last Sunday (see Sunday Offering \$970) it's more than doubled. This is because some of our members, who, after feeling a bit concerned about the low collections, decided to give extra amount. It's very inspiring to have members of our parish like them, who conscientiously help boost church's financial condition especially during winter, a time when we maintain three buildings with heating. Thanks to you all who continue to show love and concern to our parish through your generosity. *Note: Some items to read at the back page of Bulletin.*

POPE FRANCIS IN CONGO - Meeting with civil authorities on the first day of his Apostolic Journey to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Pope Francis addresses the most pressing issues affecting the African nation, including ongoing conflict and economic colonialism, and urges the Congolese people to reject violence. "May violence and hatred no longer find room in the heart or on the lips of anyone, since these are inhuman and un-Christian sentiments that arrest development and bring us back to a gloomy past. Hands off the Democratic Republic of the Congo! Hands off Africa! Stop choking Africa: it is not a mine to be stripped or a terrain to be plundered. May Africa be the protagonist of its own destiny. In the name of Christ, who is the God of hope, the God of every possibility, who always gives us the strength to begin anew, in the name of the dignity and worth of the most precious diamonds of this splendid land, which are its citizens, I would like to encourage everyone to undertake a courageous and inclusive social renewal."

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY(For Parishes) "We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need."

THE IMPORTANCE OF CATHOLIC MORAL TEACHINGS – "It makes perfect sense that our Creator, who made us and designed us to work in a certain way, would know what's best for us. Fortunately, He gifted the Church with His advice on how to live our lives in such a way that we could be free and happy. By giving us a roadmap, Christ gave us the ability to be freed from the negative effects of immorality and unhappiness, because true freedom allows us to live fully. The Church never forces anyone to believe what she teaches. Faith itself must be free (CCC 160). But to help guide us to choose what is best for ourselves, according to the way He made us, He gave us the Church and all her moral teachings."

DEVOTIONS – "Although separated by customs, language, politics and more, Catholics around the world celebrate many of the God-inspired devotional acts, practices and rituals handed down through the centuries by Holy Mother Church. Devotions like walking the Stations of the Cross during Lent, receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, kissing the cross on Good Friday, Divine Mercy chaplet, Praying the Holy Rosary, etc. are essential parts of our Catholic lineage. Each ceremony or ritual excites us, elevates our hearts; we come away refreshed and with a sense that something beyond the ordinary has just happened, not just to us but to thousands of the faithful that same day in every corner of the world. We can't help but know that it's good to be Catholic."