PRAYER TO ALMIGHTY GOD: "Almighty God, you are the only source of health and healing. In You, there is calm and the only true peace in the universe. Grant me an awareness of your presence and give me perfect confidence in you. In all pain and weariness and anxiety, teach me to yield myself to your neverfailing care, knowing that your love and power surround me, trusting in your wisdom and providence to give me health and strength and peace when your time is best. Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible. Hold my heart within yours, I pray that you would bring healing and restoration to my body, mind, and soul. I am lost, but I come to you with grace. You gave us life, and you also give us the gift of infinite joy. Give me the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for me. Guide me towards better health and give me the wisdom to identify those you've placed around me to help me get better. Amen."

<u>PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES</u>: "Our lady of Lourdes, you said: "Come to me, all you who are sick and I shall heal you." We entreat you to heal and console us and also our sick loved ones with your heavenly presence..*Pause..remembering who to pray...* Help us, who are troubled by trials; comfort us, who are afflicted with sadness; have pity on us, who suffer from physical & spirtual illnesses. Be near us at this hour when we call upon you in faithfulness! Hear our supplications through the merits of Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

<u>RIDES TO CHURCH FOR MASS</u> - 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. Thank you.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



Our Lady of Mercy Church Honey Harbour



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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

SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME February 12, 2023

<u>GOSPEL TODAY</u> Matthew 5:17-37 "Jesus requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God."



I come not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it.

COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



Sunday Offering \$615

<u>WEEKDAY MASSES</u> (Honey Harbour Chapel) Wed Feb 15, 11am- Peace in the world Thurs Feb 16, 11am – For healing of all Sick members of the parish Friday Feb 17, 10:30am – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass WEEKEND MASSES (7th Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday Feb 19, 9am @ Port Severn- +Jeff Cadeau Jr. by Don & Eileen Cadeau Sunday Feb 19, 11am @ Honey Harbour- For the people of the parish <u>ASH WEDENESDAY MASS</u> – February 22, 11am at Port Severn Church.

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTIONS - The second of three Diocesan Collections for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund takes place on Sunday February 19. Your donations will help the Diocese of Peterborough meet its responsibilities to the 30-million-dollar IRF commitment made by the Catholic Bishops of Canada. Projects are vetted at both a local and national committee level with funds going to support initiatives for healing and reconciliation, Indigenous culture, language and spirituality, and education and community building. A final IRF collection will take place in our diocese in the month of November.

VATICAN PONTIFICAL MISSION launches fund for quake victims in Turkey and Syria. Two earthquakes toppled hundreds of buildings and killed thousands of people. The death toll has already reached 5,000 and is expected to grow significantly. "I remain close with all my heart to the people affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. I continue to pray for those who have lost their lives, as well as the injured, family members, and rescuers. May our concrete aid sustain them in the midst of this appalling tragedy", Pope Francis laments. WORLD DAY OF THE SICK "Feb. 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. The Feast of the Our Lady of Lourdes highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and

suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. In observance of the World Day of the Sick, today (Sunday Feb 12) right after the Mass, prayers and the anointing of the sick will be administered with



special invocation to Our Lady of Lourdes to those who are sick either in body or spirit. In our Liturgy today we also remember and pray, in a special way, members of our family, friends and relatives, who are sick and are desperately in need of healing. *Kindly turn to back page for prayers to be prayed at the start of the Healing Service.*

<u>OUR LADY OF LOURDES(feast day February 11)</u> "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.

<u>FOOD FOR THOUGHT</u> - "It's only when we truly know and understand that we have a limited time on earth, and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up, that we will begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it was the only one we had." *Elisabeth Ross*

"The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter." Anon