

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2023

GOSPEL TODAY Matthew 2:1-12- "The Epiphany of the Lord is when Christ was made known to the magi, who represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. The gifts they bring serves to foreshadow Jesus' role in salvation: Gold represents Jesus' kingship, Frankincense for his divinity, Myrrh in anticipation of Jesus' death."



"The Magi seek out the baby Jesus, find the Child with Mary and they paid him homage."

COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



Sunday Offering \$460, Christmas Offerings \$555, New Year \$125, Envelope Expenses \$70

WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

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

Thurs Jan 12, 11am – All Souls

Friday Jan 12, 10:30am – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (2nd Ordinary Time)

Sunday Jan 15, 2023, 9am @ Port Severn- +Frank & Cheryl Dupuis by Joan Dupuis and family

Sunday Jan 15, 2023, 11am @ Honey Harbour- For the people of the parish

SYMPATHY – Our parish community expresses deep sympathy to the following families for the recent passing away of their loved ones: KING-for the passing away of Janet King, DUFOUR-for the passing of Wade Dufour, and COUSINEAU-for the passing of Allen Cousineau. May their souls find repose with God and may they rest in peace.

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. Thank you.

"JESUS I LOVE YOU", Pope Benedict XVI last words. Archbishop

Gänswein recounts Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's last words spoken around 3 during the night hours before he died. "Lord, I love you!", are words that are like a synthesis of the life of Joseph Ratzinger, who for years now had been preparing for his final, face-to-face encounter with his creator. "Jesus, I love you" – serve as a kind of summary of his work, said Cardinal Collins. "I think that what we see in him is a great sense of the personal relationship with Christ... he used his head and heart, his whole self, to proclaim that. More than just an academic theologian, Benedict XVI was a man of incredible intellect, of massive learning, but also of a deep piety. The expression "Jesus, I love you" was at the heart of Benedict's life." Noting the sadness that accompanies the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Cardinal Callins said the former pope's wisdom and holiness "will be forever a blessing for the whole Church, and for all of us."



POPE FRANCIS -"The Magi who set out following the star teach us that faith is a story of setting out and setting out anew. Faith does not grow if it remains static. We need to bring it outside, to live it in a constant journey towards God and towards our brothers and sisters."

CHURCH TEACHING/POSITION (Does Church allow Mass for SUICIDE victim?) Catechesism of Catholic Church #2280: "Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of". #2282: "Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide". #2283: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." While objectively suicide is a mortal sin, only God can read the depths of our soul. Only He knows how much we love Him and how responsible we are for our actions. We leave the judgment then to Him alone. The Catechism offers words of great hope. Therefore, we do offer the Mass for the repose of the soul of a suicide victim, invoking God's tender love and mercy, and His healing grace for the grieving loved ones.