

WHY DO WE COMMEMORATE HOLY WEEK – Holy Week honors the week that changed the world. Holy Week is a time when Catholics gather to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Passion is the greatest act of love in the history of mankind. Jesus sacrificed himself for the sake of each one of us. Romans 5:8 says, “God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” In Holy Week, we’re called to unite our sufferings with the suffering and death of Our Lord on the Cross in order to fully appreciate the glory of the Resurrection. The fear so many of us feel in the face of death is, of course, natural. We weren’t made for death. We were made for life. But Jesus came to release us from our fear of death. The loving obedience he offered on the Cross atoned for our sins and opened the gates to Heaven for all who follow him. We’re called to hope in the God who took the single greatest evil ever perpetrated—the Crucifixion of Our Lord—and brought out of it the single greatest good the world has ever known: the redemption of humanity. If God can bring goodness and glory and beauty and life out of that kind of evil, he most certainly can bring goodness and glory and beauty and life out of the evil we presently face. Hope is what will sustain us in the days yet to come. The fears of this world cannot rob us of the hope that fills us—the hope of eternal life, which we will celebrate this Easter.

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**

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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

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 2, 2023

GOSPEL TODAY Matthew 26:14-27:66 "Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The story of Jesus' Passion and death in the Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. We are left with one task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us."



PALM SUNDAY – "Many Christians celebrate a holy event known as Palm Sunday. This event commemorates when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, right before his death. Although the people cried "Save us, now" and greeted him with anxious expectation, by Friday, they would crucify him. And a week after he enters Jerusalem, he resurrects. Why did the people wave palm branches and place them at the feet of Jesus' colt? Branches are a symbol of victory. The Jewish people wanted victory, victory over the Romans who had invaded their land. Jesus did come to enact a victory, but not quite the one they had in mind. When we use palm branches in our services, we can remember how Jesus had conquered death in order for us to have a chance to have salvation through him."



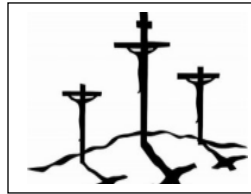
COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



Sunday Offerings \$390, Lenten charity \$125

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thursday April 6, 7pm - Last Supper Mass- Port Severn
Friday April 7, 2:30pm - Passion Liturgy- Honey Harbour
Saturday April 8, 7pm - Easter Vigil Mass- Port Severn



WEEKEND MASSES (Resurrection Sunday)

Easter Sunday April 9, 9am in Port Severn- For the people of the parish
Easter Sunday April 9, 11am in Honey Harbour- For +Barb Baug by Freda Nicholson



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 P.M. (Victoria to Thanksgiving)
Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)

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New Church Sign Project

A big new sign will be erected by our own volunteers soon. It will be placed closer to the main intersection in front of the church so that it will be visible from all directions. Thank you to Gerry Scholz, member of the Parish Building Committee for his work in getting this project started. Donations from parishioners would be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost of the sign and materials estimated at \$1, 500.

POPE FRANCIS ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (A.I.) - Pope Francis says Artificial Intelligence raises serious questions and must be ethically and responsibly used to promote human dignity and the common good. Addressing the 'Minerva Dialogues,' a high-level annual gathering of scientists and experts, from the world of technology – scientists, engineers, business leaders, lawyers and philosophers -and representatives of the Church – curial officials, theologians and ethicists – with the aim of studying and fostering greater awareness of the social and cultural impact of digital technologies, he said, "I am convinced that the development of artificial intelligence and machine learning has the potential to contribute in a positive way to the future of humanity. At the same time, I am certain that this potential will be realized only if there is a constant and consistent commitment on the part of those developing these technologies to act ethically and responsibly, working to ensure that technology remains human-centred, ethically grounded and directed toward the good." *More items at the back page of the Bulletin.*