



**Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us**



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OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church
Honey Harbour**



**St. John the Baptist Church
Port Severn**

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**Weekend Masses
Sunday 9 A.M. - Port Severn
Sunday 11 A.M. - Honey Harbour**

**Weekday Masses
(See inside bulletin)**

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

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022

GOSPEL TODAY: Luke 12:49-53- “Here Jesus tells the crowd not to think he has come to bring peace; he has come to bring division. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. But it is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. In today’s reading, he reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.”

"I have come to bring fire; I wish it were already kindled"



COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



\$1,460 - Regular Sunday Offerings

WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed Aug 17, 11am - For peace in the world

Thurs Aug 18, 11am - For healing of sick members of the parish

Friday Aug 19, 10:30am - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (21st Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday August 21, 9am @ Port Severn- For +Gerard & Laura Moreau by Ann Cascanette

Sunday August 21, 11am @ Honey Harbour – People of the parish

POPE FRANCIS - (On the desire for ‘eternal youth’ and ‘unlimited well-being’) “It is delusional to try to stop the natural passage of time in pursuit of ‘eternal youth’ and ‘unlimited well-being.’ From the Christian perspective, the passing of time ‘is not a threat, it is a promise.’ The conceit of stopping time — of wanting eternal youth, unlimited well-being, absolute power — is not only impossible, it is delusional. Our existence on earth is the time of the initiation of life; it is life, but one that leads you toward a fuller life ... a life which finds fulfillment only in God.”

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (feast day Aug 15) “On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared, ‘By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.’ We firmly believe that from the first moment of her conception, Mary was free of all sin including Original Sin by a special favor of Almighty God. The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as ‘full of grace,’ ‘blessed among women,’ and ‘one with the Lord.’ Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our Savior. For these reasons, we believe that the promises our Lord has given to each of us of sharing eternal life, including a resurrection of the body, were fulfilled in Mary. This belief in the assumption of our Blessed Mother has been longstanding in our Church. The Patristic Fathers defended the Assumption on two counts: Since Mary was sinless and a perpetual virgin, she could not suffer bodily deterioration, the result of original sin, after her death. Also, if Mary bore Christ and played an intimate role as His mother in the redemption of man, then she must likewise share body and soul in His resurrection and glorification. Mary assumed into heaven serves as a gracious reminder to the Church that our Lord wishes all whom the Father has given Him to be raised with Him.”

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH GIVES FITTING HONOR TO THE MOTHER OF

GOD – “In an ecumenical outdoor nativity scene, a Protestant minister said to the local Catholic priest, “We can include all the characters mentioned in the Bible, except we should leave Mary out. Otherwise, the scene will appear to be too Catholic.” The priest responded, “I’ll agree to that—on the condition that you explain to everyone how the infant Jesus was born without a mother.” Catholics are indeed known for the honor they give to the Virgin Mary, and she plays an irreplaceable role in God’s plan of salvation. It is only right that we honor her (not worship her), for one of the Commandments says, “Honor your father and mother” (Ex. 20:12). If God wants us to honor our parents, how much more must he desire us to honor his Mother. The angel Gabriel declared Mary to be “full of grace” (Luke 1:28), making her worthy of our highest respect. Moreover, Mary herself stated that “all ages will call me blessed” (Luke 1:48). The Catholic Church is virtually unique in obeying and fulfilling this scriptural prophecy.”

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE GOD? “Well, because if God exists, then it would seem important that we acknowledge his existence. Blaise Pascal wrote something on this that boils down to a simple idea: If you don’t believe in God and he exists, you have lost something very important. If he doesn’t exist and you believe in him, what have you lost?”