



**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

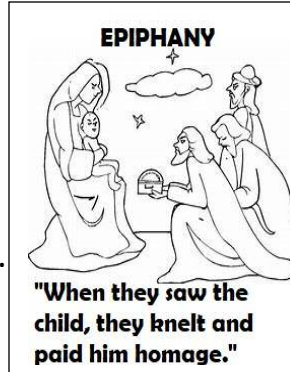
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**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

THE EPIPHANY

January 2, 2022

Gospel Today: Matthew 2:1-12 – “Magi represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.”



Collections Last Sunday, December 26, 2021



\$4,140 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed Jan 5, 11am Mass – For peace in the world

Thurs Jan 6, 11am- For end of pandemic

Fri Jan 7, 11am- For health recovery of our sick parish members

Weekend Masses (Baptism of the Lord)

Sunday January 9, 9am @ Port Severn - For the people of the parish

Sunday January 9, 11am @ Honey Harbour

World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. On this occasion, Popes generally make authoritative declarations on the Catholic Social Teachings (C.S.T.). The theme of the feast has always been about creating a culture of care. The Pope and the Vatican Church stress the need to care and share tolerance for each other, and to create a society that focuses on good moral values and does not yield to the temptation to disregard others. The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year’s World Day of Peace.



Mary, Mother of God (January 1 feast day): Why is Mary Called Mother of God? On the very first day of every new year, January 1st, the Church appropriately honors the Blessed Virgin Mary with a Marian feast day and a Holy Day of Obligation. And the title by which she is honored on this day is also the first Marian dogma defined by the Church: Mary, the Mother of God. Mary’s title as Mother of God is not only an ancient one officially given to her by the early Church, but also that the title says more about Jesus than it does about Mary. In fact, this title of Mary was given precisely in order to reinforce the teaching on Christ’s nature handed down from the Apostles—that Jesus was truly God and truly man. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the “Prince of Peace”, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the “Queen of Peace”. New Year’s Day is also designated as the “World Day of Peace”, further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.”

Pope’s Prayer Intention for January (For true human fraternity) – “We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.”

New Year With Hope - New Year is a time to reflect on the previous year and celebrate the arrival of a new one. God knows that we all struggle with finding and holding onto hope. When we are facing tests of faith, even the strongest Christians can find it a challenge to find hope. When we need encouragement and refreshment for our soul, we can turn to these Scriptures from the Old and New Testaments that offer hope and encouragement. Everyone needs to be reminded from time to time of the hope that God, Jesus and the Bible offer to us in our daily lives. Isaiah 40:30, “But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Hebrews 10:23, “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Psalm 33:18, “But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.” Psalm 130:5, “I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.”

Pope Francis - “May the Virgin Mary, who gave birth to the ‘Prince of Peace’ and who cuddles him thus, with such tenderness in her arms, obtain for us from heaven the precious gift of peace, which cannot be fully pursued with human force alone. Through Mary, we encounter God the way he wants us to: in tender love, in intimacy, in the flesh. For Jesus is not an abstract idea; he is real and incarnate; he was ‘born of a woman,’ and quietly grew. My hope is that peace might reign in the hearts of men and women and in families, in recreational and workplaces, in communities and in nations.”