

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us**



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**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)

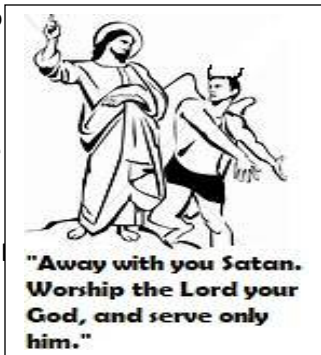
Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2021

Gospel Today: Mark 1:12-15 - Jesus was led into the desert by the spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. Jesus fasted while in the desert. There Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.



February 14 Sunday Collections



\$435-Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Thurs Feb 25, 11am Mass for +Gil & Teresinha Leite by Leite Family

Fri Jan 31, 9am Mass for all souls

Weekend Masses (2nd Week of Lent)

Sunday February 28, 9am @ PS- +Wilbert & Mary Casquanette by Don & Eileen Cadeau

11am @ HH – People of the Parish

Stay-At-Home Order Lifted - Based on a general improvement in trends of key indicators, including lower transmission of COVID-19, improving hospital capacity, and available public health capacity to conduct rapid case and contact management, Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit (Red-Control) moved back to the Framework last Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. and will no longer be subject to the Stay-at-Home order.

Free Hand Sanitizer & Face Masks- If you need some hand sanitizers and face masks to bring home, the parish has some to give for free. Wally and Mark are happy to hand them to you after the Mass.

Lenten Season 2021 - Although this Lenten Season may look a little different than previous years' because of the global pandemic, the message and meaning remains the same. We are to use this beautiful time for cleansing our souls, to turn away from sin and to turn toward the Lord. Whether you give up something or choose to give something to others this Lent, each sacrifice is special in its own way. Here is Pope Francis' 2021 Lenten Message: "Dear Brothers and Sisters, Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world. In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ. Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus, enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity."

Bishop Daniel Michm - THE SEASON OF LENT HAS BEGUN with churches in most of our Diocese open at 30% capacity, while those in the North Bay-Parry Sound Health District remain at a limit of ten people. My sincere thanks to the priests, parish workers and volunteers who are doing their best to minister in the current restrictions, enabling the faithful to gather in a safe environment. We want to assure the safety of parishioners and their good health – physical and spiritual!

THE SENATE'S PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO BILL C-7 will greatly expand the criteria for Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide, even beyond what Parliament had originally planned. The changes include removing the "reasonable foreseeability of natural death" criterion and a further expansion of so-called Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to the mentally ill. At the bill's third reading, Senator Denise Batters spoke eloquently about the potential dire consequences of these changes upon the vulnerable, an impassioned plea. This is a time for us to write to our Members of Parliament, letting them know that these proposed changes to Bill C-7 go too far, well beyond what the courts called for, and puts at risk those with mental health issues and physical disabilities. A good fact sheet on Bill C-7 was prepared by the Canadian Bishops last year and provides helpful background.