



**Our Lady of Mercy
Pray for Us**



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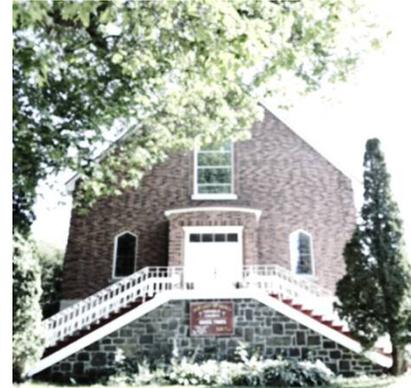
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OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

Gospel Today: Mark 13: 33-37

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took

courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering. Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Collections - Sunday November 22

\$1, 269 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (at Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed Dec 2, 11am Mass – +George & Greta Vanderlinden by Maria Bachetti

Thurs Dec 3, 11am Mass – +Deceased Bachetti family members by Maria Bachetti

Friday Dec 4 – NO MASS

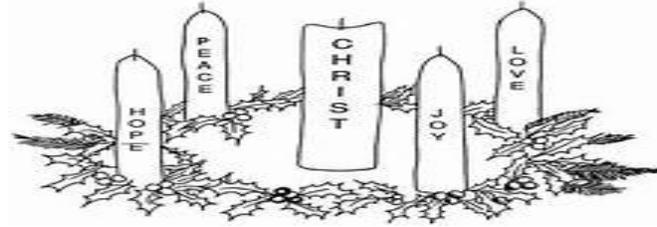
Weekend Masses (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Sunday Dec 6, 9am- Port Severn – +Valerie Russel by Ann Cascanette

Sunday Dec 6, 11am - Honey Harbour- For people of the parish



"Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come."



Advent Season - The Advent season is a four week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The origin of "advent" is from the Latin word *adventus* which simply translates "coming" or "arrival". The Catholic church adopted this tradition as a way to prepare the hearts and minds for Christmas.

Advent Wreath -The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing Eternity & Everlasting Life, a circle that never ends. Set on the branches of the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. As a whole, these colored advent candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world. Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior.

First Candle (Hope) - To mark the first week of Advent, we light the first purple candle, representing hope: hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah, and hope that things will get better while we are still here on this earth. One of the most hope-filled passages in scripture can be found in John 1:1-5: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The candle of hope for Advent assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn't disappoint us (Romans 5:5).

URGENT APPEAL! - Furnace in Port Severn Church

Replacement During a recent annual inspection of the heating systems in our parish buildings done by Sarjeant Fuels, the technician determined that the furnace in St. John the Baptist church needs to be replaced immediately. According to the assessment, "the combustion chamber is falling apart and the heat exchanger is showing heavy heat stress lines. The manufacturing date for the furnace is 1978." The cold weather is already upon us as we are all caught unaware of this unforeseen expense. Once again, we ask for the generous help of our parishioners to purchase a new furnace unit. Any donation towards this cause is tax deductible. Thank you in advance for any contributions towards this urgent project.

Furnace in Port Severn Church - Our Parish Finance Committee members are working doubly hard to secure an immediate new furnace replacement. And it is decided to change it from fuel to Propane.