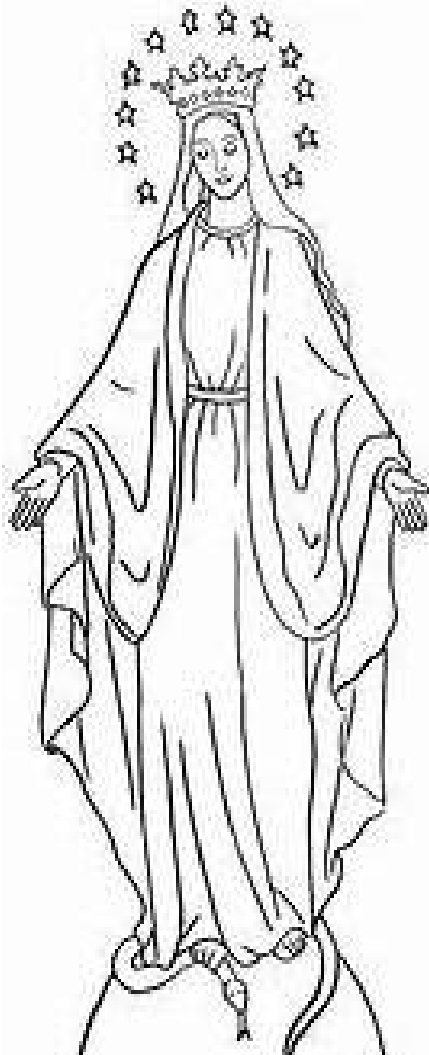


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### Parish Committees

#### Finance/Property:

Wally Berko  
Don Cadeau  
Nestor Baryliuk  
Ray Bergie

#### Counters:

Joan Dupuis  
Elaine Berner  
Mabel Wiese  
Linda Lamoureux

#### Screening:

Pam Berko  
Jenny Leduc  
Elizabeth Villegas

#### Music:

Honey Harbour  
Nestor Baryliuk  
Bill Morton  
Port Severn  
Sylvia Head  
Ingrid Dunbrook  
Sharon MacNeice-Organist

#### Lectors:

Port Severn: c/o Teri Restemayer

#### Sacristan:

Honey Harbour: Mark Vessir

#### Part Time Bookkeeper:

Kristen Penfold (based in Parry  
Sound)

Parish Bingo: c/o Ellen Kester

# OUR PARISH BULLETIN



Our Lady of Mercy Church



St. John the Baptist Church

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 P.M. (May 1 to Oct 31 only) - Port Severn

Sunday 9 A.M. (all year) - Port Severn

Sunday 11 A.M. (all year) - Honey Harbour

### Weekday Masses

(See inside bulletin)

Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2020

### Gospel Today: Matt 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. 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.



### Weekday Masses

Wed Jan 8, 9am Mass

Thurs Jan 9, 9am Mass

Fri, Jan 10, 9am Mass

### Weekend Masses

(Baptism of the Lord)

Sunday Jan 12, 9am @ PS +Joe & Florence Cadeau by Don & Eileen Cadeau

11am @ HH - For the people of the parish

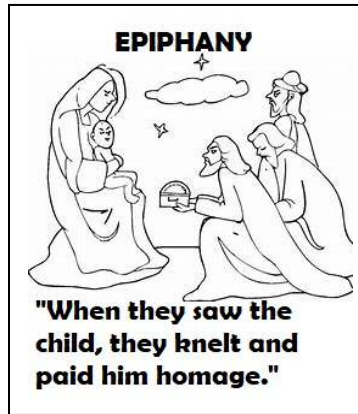


\$3, 518- Dec. 29 Sunday Offerings

\$415- Christmas Offerings

\$1, 345- New Year Offering - Thank you for your generous support.

Pray for Sick Members of our Parish Community: Selina Phillips, Mark Vessair, Maryrose Vessair, Clifford Legault, Gloria & Louis Cousineau, Theresa Phillips, Ernie Corbier, Derek Wiese (*Call the office if you would like someone placed on the prayer list.*)



Feast of Epiphany- "After contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is to come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great 'world feast of the Catholic Church'. The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek epiphania, which denotes the visit of a god to earth. The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity, as it were, shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity."

Life, an "Epiphany" of God- "Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory. This is what Saint Irenaeus wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God Himself."

Francis – "In the womb of a woman, God and mankind are united, never to be separated again. In God, there will forever be our humanity and Mary will forever be the Mother of God." "May Mary, Mother of the Prince of Peace and Mother of all the peoples of the earth, accompany and sustain us at every step of our journey of reconciliation."

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC# 27) The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for: The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists, it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January – "We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world."