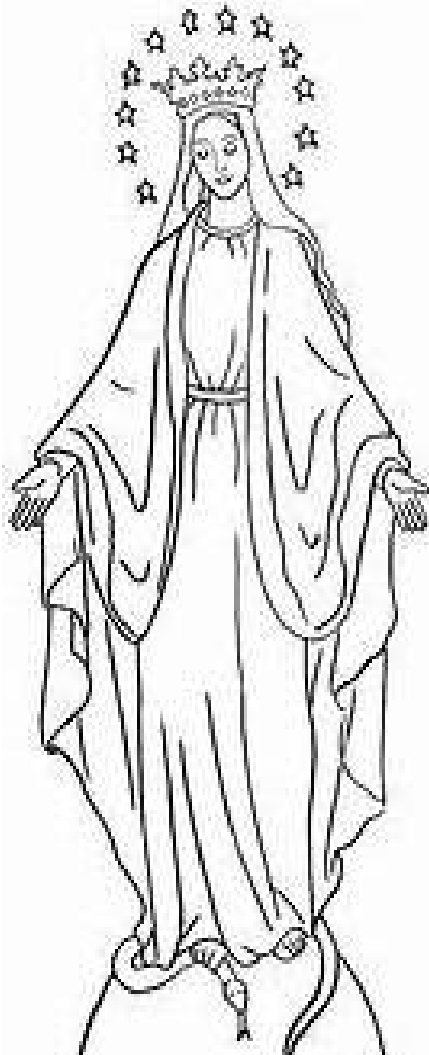


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Port Severn: c/o Teri Restemayer

Sacristan:
Honey Harbour: Mark Vessair

Part Time Bookkeeper:
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OUR PARISH BULLETIN



Our Lady of Mercy 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)

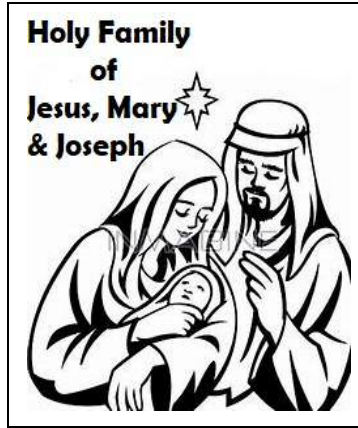
Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 29, 2019

Gospel Today: Matt 2: 13-23

The feast today is to highlight the importance of family, and the focus of the church on trying to support and enhance family life. While the holy family was a small and rather holy grouping, it was here that Jesus learned the best things of human life – how to care and to love, to look after a widowed mother and earlier, an elderly father-figure; he learned the give and take of the extended family, and in the family learned his faith and to pray. His family is holy because it was a place of love.



Weekday Masses

Wednesday January 1, 9AM - New Year Mass @ PS
11AM – New Year Mass @ HH

Weekend Masses

(Epiphany of the Lord)

Sunday Jan 5, 9am @ PS
11am @ HH - For the people of the parish



\$2,320- Last week Sunday Offerings

\$2,860- Christmas Offerings - 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).

New Year (Jan.1), Wednesday Masses

9am @ Port Severn
11am @ Honey Harbour

Feast of Holy Family - Jesus spent 30 of his 33 earthly years in Nazareth with his parents Mary & Joseph. Some spiritual writers have called these the 'hidden years', because there is so little written about them in the Gospel narratives. He was born into a human family. Thus, the unapproachable God Himself became an approachable, contactable, knowable man. What a mysterious and yet wondrous fact! From antiquity the Christian family has rightly been called a domestic church. It is the place where we begin the journey toward holiness and become more fully human.

Mary, Mother of God (feast day January 1) - The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, the Lord, Son of God. The Church regards the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, as so important that it is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's Birth was made possible by Mary's *fiat*: it done unto me according to Thy word." One of the earliest titles given by Christians to the Blessed Virgin was Theotokos – "God-bearer." We celebrate her as the Mother of God because, in bearing Christ, she bore the fullness of the Godhead within her. As we begin another year, we draw inspiration from the selfless love of the Theotokos, who never hesitated to do the will of God. And we trust in her prayers to God for us, that we might, as the years pass, become more like her. *O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!*



Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC # 982) There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. "There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest. Christ who died for all men desires that in his Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin."

Pope Francis – "The nativity scene reminds us how important it is to stop and contemplate. Because only when we recollect ourselves can we embrace what counts in life. Only if we leave the noise of the world outside can we open ourselves to listening to God, who speaks in silence."

Thank you - To all of you, who religiously participate in the observance of Advent Season and Christmas celebrations, to our Lectors, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir, Decorators (particularly Derek Cousineau who single-handedly did it in HH as Mark is recovering from health issue), and to all who tirelessly support our parish both spiritual and material, I extend my heartfelt thank you. Wishing you all the best of New Year 2020. *Fr. Martin*