

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

**Port Severn: Saturday 5 P.M. (From Victoria to Thanksgiving Only)
Sunday 9 A.M. (All Year Round)**

Honey Harbour: Sunday 11 A.M.

Weekday Masses

(See inside bulletin)

Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

GOSPEL TODAY Matthew 3:1-12- "John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives."

"Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight his paths."



COLLECTIONS Last Sunday



\$1, 295 - Regular Sunday Offerings

WEEKDAY MASSES (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Thurs Dec 8, 11am – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Friday Dec 9, 10:30am – Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (3rd Sunday Advent)

Sunday Dec 11, 9am @ Port Severn- +For Florence Cascanette by Len, Millie, Jen Leduc

Sunday Dec 11, 11am @ Honey Harbour – For the people of the parish

RIDES TO CHURCH FOR MASS- If you need a ride or know of anyone who needs a ride to Church in Port Severn on Sunday mornings for 9:00 Mass, feel free to contact the following: 1. Gerry- 14167498442 (Six Mile Lake & Honey Harbour area) 2. Mark - 7057187443 (Waubaushe & Coldwater area) 3. Wally -705 5382579 (Port Severn & Honey Harbour area). If you would like to become a volunteer driver for any of these areas please leave your name & number with any of the above parishioners. Thank you.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER (For volunteer not-for-profit organisations) "We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation."

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday December 24 (Christmas Eve) 7pm @ Port Severn

Sunday December 25 (Christmas Day) 9am @ Port Severn

Sunday December 25 (Christmas Day) 11am @ Port Severn

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Dec 8) – "The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way: "To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace".

In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace. Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." By giving Mary this grace from the first moment of her conception, God showed us an image of our own destiny. He shows us that this is possible for humans by his grace."

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (The Preview of Jesus Christ) – "Both John the Baptist and Jesus have in Common: They were both the same age (born six months apart), they were both from the same extended family (Mary and Elizabeth were cousins), they both had righteous & godly parents (Zechariah/Elizabeth & Joseph/Mary), their births fulfilled Old Testament prophecy, their births were announced to their parents by the Archangel Gabriel, their names were divinely given by God, they began their public ministry near the age of 30, they both had a band of disciples, they both preached of a coming Messianic kingdom and a baptism of repentance, they were both righteous men who testified to God's Truth, and were condemned to death by Roman rulers. St. John the Baptist was truly the forerunner of the Messiah, always a step ahead of Jesus' ministry. John was born first, began his ministry first, and died a martyr's death first."

CHURCH TEACHING/POSITION On "Why Can't Non-Catholics Receive Communion?" How would we explain to non-Catholics that their not being allowed to receive the Eucharist is not the Catholic Church being exclusive? There are 2 main reasons: 1. Catholic Church believes that the Eucharist is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. We must be properly prepared to receive it (1 Cor. 11:26-29). A non-Catholic who does not believe in the Real Presence (but only symbol for protestants) would not be properly prepared to receive the Eucharist. 2. Notice the word communion. The word communion implies a unity and a oneness. Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of faith communities with whom we are not fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion."

Second Sunday
of Advent

