

Updated Worship Safe Guideline Takes Effect Immediately

By Bishop Daniel Miehm

1. Physical distancing of two metres (six feet) remains the requirement for attendance in church and parish facilities, including seating, however, groups of people from the same household may be seated together.
2. Wearing a face mask remains required. Masks should be fitted properly to the face.
3. Cleaning procedures for pews, washrooms, confessionals, reconciliation rooms are relaxed so as to require only regular cleaning in accordance with pre-Covid-19 routines, with the only exception being when someone with suspected or known Covid-19 has attended, in which case the space should be disinfected as per the pandemic manual requirements.
4. Churches should be well ventilated when possible. This will vary according to the space but it should be treated with importance. Ventilation may involve opening windows and utilising fans to exhaust air from the sanctuary. Fan placement is important and will vary upon room configuration. Avoid placing fans in areas where they may impede access or cause contaminated air to flow from one person to another.
5. Missals and prayer books may be replaced in pews.
6. Hymn books will not be replaced as the earlier restrictions on singing continue.
7. Bulletins, envelopes, pamphlets, and newspapers may again be distributed as per pre-COVID-19 practices.
8. Votive light stands may be re-opened, subject to notices requiring appropriate distancing of two metres (six feet).
9. The preference continues that confessions should be heard outside of the Confessional to allow for proper distancing, cleaning and contact tracing (if it becomes necessary). Where Confessionals are used, both priest and confessor will be required to wear masks. Priests should employ double masking or the use of the N95 mask so as to further lower the risk of contamination.
10. Collections may again be taken up using baskets in the traditional fashion.
11. All Ushers involved in taking up collection should ensure that they wear masks while undertaking this task and use a collection basket with a long handle to maintain the two metres (sixfeet) distancing.
12. Hand Sanitizing – It is no longer necessary for all entering a church to use hand sanitizer, though churches are encouraged to provide hand-sanitizers should people wish to use it. The priests and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should continue to use hand-sanitizer.
13. Altar servers may be utilized again, as long as they maintain the two metres (six feet) distance between each other and the priest. Altar servers and the priest need to wear face masks when distance cannot be maintained. Altar servers from the same household do not need to maintain physical distancing. Deacons may return to their ministry at the altar while observing all relevant health precaution.
14. Communion procedures are unchanged despite the lessening of restrictions in other areas. Both the person distributing communion and the communicant must be fully masked. Once the communicant receives the host, they are to move two metres (six feet) away, safely remove mask, consume host, replace mask, and then proceed back to the pew.

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Holy Water fonts at the church doors are not reopened.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church
Honey Harbour**



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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**

19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 8, 2021

Gospel Today: *John 6:41-51* - "We continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse. Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. We hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life."

"I Am the Living Bread that came down from heaven."



August 1, 2021 Sunday Collections

 \$1,297 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Thurs August 12, 11am Mass- +Soul of Claude Nicholson by Freda Nicholson

Friday August 13, 11am Mass - +Souls of Melchor & Salus

Weekend Masses – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday August 15, 9am @ Port Severn

Sunday August 15, 11am @ Honey Harbour - For the people of the parish

Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic Reveals Who We Truly Are –

"The coronavirus pandemic is an unprecedented health crisis, a growing economic disaster and a fundamental moral test. Our response demonstrates who we are, what we believe and what kind of society we are becoming. Terrible times reveal our true values, priorities and character as individuals and as a society. At the center of Catholic social teaching is the protection of human life and dignity. This requires us to help people avoid infection, overcome illness and recover from the virus whenever possible. The loss of life is horrific and growing in our nation and around the world. There is a compelling moral obligation to avoid actions, behaviors and attitudes which permit the virus to spread and threaten the life and health of others. Because human life is sacred, we have a right to life and to those things that protect life and dignity: health care which sustains life; family and religious life; and decent work, housing and education. The absence of these rights makes every aspect of this pandemic worse. Our faith requires us to secure and protect these rights, not only for ourselves and our families, but for all God's children." *John Carr*

Saint Dominic-Feast Day August 8 - "St. Dominic (1170-1221)

founded the Dominican order, a religious community officially called the Order of Preachers. Dominic was born in Caleruega, Spain. He studied the liberal arts and theology and was ordained a priest. When he was about 30, Dominic accompanied his bishop on several diplomatic missions in northern Europe. In the course of these travels he became aware of the religious ideas of the Albigensians, who believed that the soul is good and the body is evil and that man must be purified and must not indulge in any physical pleasures. The Pope had sent legates to counteract the movement, but with their sumptuous clothes, fine horses, and numerous attendants they only succeeded in reinforcing the Albigensians' beliefs. Dominic saw that the only way to preach orthodox doctrine effectively to these people was to be as poor as they were and to be thoroughly knowledgeable in Christian theology. Together with a small group of like-minded men, he tried to put his ideas into practice by preaching, studying, praying, and living in poverty. He was an extremely pious man who gave away all of his possessions in an effort to relieve the suffering following a great Spanish famine in 1191. He preached strict reforms of religious establishments and eventually founded the Dominican Order of Preaching Friars. By 1256 the group he had founded had over 13,000 members, and it continues to flourish today. He denied himself any of life comforts and died on 6 August 1221."

Pope's Prayer Intention for August – "Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel."

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ (Feast Day August 13):

What Does it Mean For Us Right Now? "This is an extraordinary Feast of hope which can help us to live differently, right now. The Transfiguration helps to explain the very meaning and purpose of life! We will all be transfigured, as the Lord Himself was transfigured, when our redemption is complete in the Resurrection of the Body. Then, we will live in the new heaven and new earth, in a transformed cosmos! This reality is meant to affect the way we live our lives beginning right now. On that Mountain, Jesus revealed before mortal eyes the Transcendent Truth of who He is - and who Peter, James and John - and each one of us - will become in Him. He was grounding them in the eternal Truth, and opening up for the countless millions who would hear this story from their faithful witness a glimpse of the Glory that is to come as we also choose Him in our daily lives. The Christian life is a meant to be a real participation in the Divine Nature, every day. We are being transfigured in Christ, even now, as actively we follow Him. This transfiguration will only be complete when the entire person, including the body, is fully redeemed and transformed. We are being called into an ongoing transformation in Jesus Christ, beginning right now." *Keith Fournier*