

Updated Worship Safe Guidelines

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.
15. Holy Water fonts at the church doors are not reopened.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



**Our Lady of Mercy Church
Honey Harbour**



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Weekend Masses

Sunday 9 A.M. - Port Severn

Sunday 11 A.M. - Honey Harbour

Weekday Masses

(See inside bulletin)

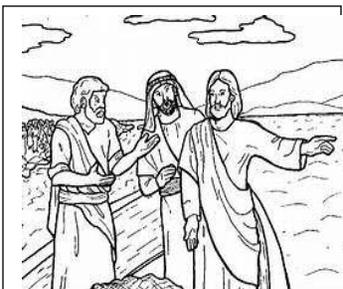
Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 22, 2021

Gospel Today: John 6:53,60-69 "Today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse". Jesus explains that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. As Jesus has been teaching this, the crowd murmurs unable to accept Jesus' words. Jesus responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow him to the end. Many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.



"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

August 15, 2021 Sunday Collections

 \$650 - Regular Sunday Offerings

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed August 25, 11am Mass - For sick in the parish

Thurs August 26, 11am Mass - For peace in the world

Friday August 27, 11am Mass – + Souls of Melchor & Salus

Weekend Masses – 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday August 29, 9am @ Port Severn

Sunday August 29, 11am @ Honey Harbour - For the people of the parish

Pope Francis – "God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils."

Ken Cadeau – Thanks Ken for cutting the tall grasses again this year at the west side part of St. John the Baptist chapel. We appreciate very much your kind help to the church.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that Left Physical Evidence

"Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist. There are many stories of miracles throughout Church history that seem to confirm this important teaching. These stories are particularly noteworthy since you can still go see evidence of the miracles today:

Miracle of Lanciano, Italy - In the 8th century, a priest was experiencing doubts about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the middle of saying Mass, he said the words of consecration ("This is my body," "This is my blood) and saw the bread and wine transform into real human flesh and blood. The blood coagulated into five globules (later believed to be representative of the five wounds of Christ). Word of the miracle quickly spread, the local archbishop launched an investigation, and the Church approved the miracle. The flesh is still preserved to this day. Professor of anatomy Odoardo Linoli conducted a scientific analysis of the flesh in 1971 and concluded that the flesh was cardiac tissue, the blood appeared to be fresh blood (as opposed to blood that was 1200 years old), and there was no trace of preservatives. You can visit the miraculous flesh and blood in the Church of San Francesco in Lanciano, Italy."

Haiti – "Three days after a 7.2-magnitude earthquake hit Haiti, thousands of people left homeless had to deal with the effects of Tropical Storm Grace, and the Church is struggling to cope with the demands of those most in need. The United Nations' International Organization for Migration estimated that 13,600 homes have been destroyed by the earthquake and 700 buildings, including schools and hospitals, have collapsed. Another 13,000 homes have suffered damage. The death toll from the earthquake raised to 1,419 and the number of injured to 6,000, many of whom had to wait for medical help lying outside in wilting heat. Thousands have been sleeping on the street since Saturday, either because they lost their houses or because they fear they may collapse with potential aftershocks. Archbishop Max Leroy Mésidor of Port au Prince released a statement after the quake calling on all Haitians to help the victims. "From one test to another, our people live history as an existence marked by great suffering. The earthquake that shook the country on Saturday, August 14 has inscribed in our collective memory a new ominous date," the letter read. "Even with an earthquake and a tropical storm, we have to remember that God is always with us," one priest told *Crux*.

Afghanistan – "In view of the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan as the country falls to the Taliban, Bishops in western nations are calling on their governments to help the thousands of people fleeing the country – especially those who risked their lives to assist the military mission that began 20 years ago. Rights groups, including Release International, are warning that the persecution of Christians in Afghanistan will likely intensify now that the Taliban have taken power and the US and NATO have withdrawn, Christian Today (CT) reports. The Afghan church had been driven underground by Islamic apostasy laws even before the Taliban takeover, but the situation is now reported to be "dire."