

## **WORLDWIDE & DIOCESEWIDE CONVERSATIONS**

### **TRANSFORMING OUR LIVES; BUILDING OUR CHURCH**

#### **Synod and Diocesan Pastoral Planning**

Pope Francis has announced that in preparation for the next Synod of Bishops, there will be a worldwide conversation in the Church or a "synod" about community, engaged participation, and the mission of evangelization. This conversation will follow a two-year path and involve the People of God - everyone, everywhere.

To open the conversations, the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee has launched a survey inviting the input of all the People of God. This input will be part of both the worldwide and local conversations to establish pastoral priorities within the Church.

*Copies of the Survey are available at the church entrance. Please fill it up and return it on or before Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Your participation in the conversation is so important. This is an opportunity to express yourselves, to be heard and to contribute to how the People of God can better journey together.*

## **OUR PARISH BULLETIN**



**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



**St. John the Baptist Church  
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)**

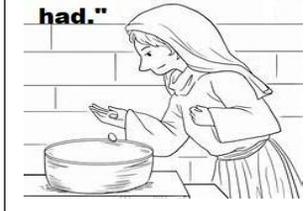
**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses  
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021

**Gospel Today:** *Mark 12:38-44* – Jesus calls attention to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus. To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us.

**"This poor widow, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had."**



### **Collections Last Sunday, October 31**



\$1,190 - Regular Sunday Offerings, \$495 – All Souls Offerings, \$100 – Mission & Evangelization

### **Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)**

Wednesday November 10, 11am -

Thursday November 11, 11am - Deceased family members of Corbier & Phillips by Mark & Maryrose Vessair

Friday November 12, 11am Mass - *+For all souls in purgatory & parishioners' requested intentions*

### **Weekend Masses – 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

Sunday November 14, 9am @ Port Severn – + Helen Schaller

Sunday November 14, 11am @ Honey Harbour- *People of the parish*

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast day November 9)** - Christians first met in homes to hear Jesus' teachings and to celebrate the Eucharist. When the Christians were no longer persecuted for their faith, they built beautiful churches. Before the fourth century, a palace owned by a Laterani family had been built. It became the property of the Emperor Constantine. Constantine had recognized Christianity as the religion of the empire, and he donated to the Church the palace and other buildings. This became Rome's oldest church. Dedicated in honour of St. John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, St John Lateran is considered the mother church of the Roman Catholic faithful. St. John Lateran was the home of the popes—the center of the Catholic world for many years. Twenty-eight popes are buried there. Although pope lives now in Vatican, St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the pope, as the bishop of Rome. The dedication of this basilica is a happy occasion for the Church because it reminds us of our beginnings, our unity. It stands as a monument to God and all that God does through the Church.

**Priest Benefit Fund** – Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> will be a day of appeal for Priest Benefit Fund. You may use any envelope, and mark it "Priest Benefit Fund" with your name as it is tax receiptable. The purpose of the Priest Benefit Fund is to ensure that the retired and sick priests of the diocese receive financial benefits each month to supplement the federal pension and to provide a basic health insurance plan. The Diocese supports priests in retirement or those on sick leave every month through your generosity. Our retired priests and those who are burdened with illness have been generous shepherds through their many years of dedicated pastoral service within our Diocese. They celebrated significant moments of faith for you and for the parish communities they served. They also continue to do so today as their health permits and through their daily commitment of prayer. Your annual and ongoing financial support for our Priest Benefit Fund allows the diocese to financially assist priests in their time of illness and years of retirement.

### **Pope's Intention for November (People Who Suffer from Depression)**

"We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life."

**Pope Francis** releases his prayer intention for the month of November, and invites everyone to pray for and be near those who suffer from exhaustion, burn-out, and depression. "Overwork and work-related stress cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion —mental, emotional, affective, and physical exhaustion. Sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness end up dominating people's lives, who are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today. Besides indispensable psychological counseling, Jesus' words can help us and others to find solace: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." As has been well-noted, the Covid-19 pandemic, and its associated restrictions on daily life, has led severely tested the mental and emotional resilience of many people. Depression and anxiety account for around 3 and 4 percent, respectively, of those illnesses. They can sometimes lead to suicide when left untreated or are severe and recurrent. Some 700,000 people commit suicide each year, making it the fourth leading cause of death in people aged 15 to 29. Pope Francis' call for us to pray and assist those who suffer from depression is therefore an important and timely invitation.