

Our Lady of Mercy Pray for Us



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OUR PARISH BULLETIN



Our Lady of Mercy Church
Honey Harbour



St. John the Baptist 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

THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

January 26, 2020

Gospel Today: Matthew 4:12-23

Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, it points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah. When Jesus called his first disciples, cured people's diseases, it was a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.



Weekday Masses

Thurs Jan 30, 9am Mass for peace in the world

Fri Jan 31, 9am Mass for all souls

Weekend Masses

(4TH Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday February 2, 9am @ PS - For the people of the parish

11am @ HH - +Lois McDermott by Freda Nicholson



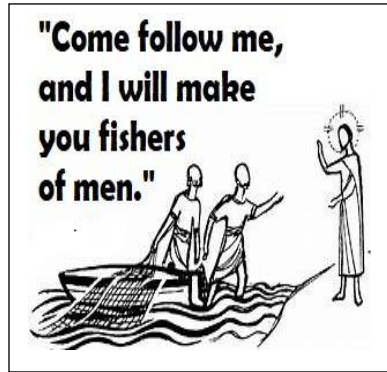
\$2, 279 - Jan 19 Sunday Offerings - Thank you for your generous support.

Pray for Sick Members of our Parish Community: 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).

Holy Joke

The Atheist and the Believer:

An old Christian lady living next door to an atheist used to come out every morning onto her front porch and shouts "Praise the Lord!" The atheist yells back, "There is no God". She does this every morning with the same result. As time goes on the lady runs into financial difficulties and has trouble buying food. She goes out onto the porch and asks God for help with groceries, then says "Praise the Lord". The next morning, she goes out onto the porch and there's the groceries she's asked for, of course she says, "Praise the Lord". The atheist jumps out from behind a bush and says, "Ha, I bought those groceries - there is no God". The lady looks at him and smiles, she shouts "Praise the Lord --- not only did you provide for me Lord, you made Satan pay for the groceries!"



Blessing of Candles - This coming Sunday, February 2nd, is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple, traditionally called Candlemas. The liturgy will start at the church entrance with the blessing of the candles. You may bring your own candles to be blessed. If you don't have, there will be available candles for you to buy before the Mass.

World Day of the Sick - On Sunday February 9th, we will have special prayers for healing of our illnesses and anointing, in advance commemoration of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick which fall on Feb. 11th.

The Conversion of St. Paul - (Feast day: January 25) The conversion of Paul to Christianity is one of the greatest conversions and the turning point in the history of the early Church. Paul addressed the people in these words: "On that journey as I drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' I replied, 'Who are you, my Lord?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazorean whom you are persecuting.' My companions saw the light but did not hear the voice of the one who spoke to me. I asked, 'What I am to do, Lord?' The Lord answered me, 'Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told about everything appointed for you to do.' Since I could see nothing because of the brightness of that light, I was led by hand by my companions and entered Damascus. The grace of God changed Saint Paul from a persecutor of Christians to a messenger of the Gospel. After his conversion, Paul spent the rest of his life journeying on his missions, establishing local churches and writing to them. Paul's letters are the earliest records of the life and history of the early Church; they are in invaluable record of the expansion of Christianity. After his experience on the road to Damascus, Paul recognized the folly of his ways, and had a dramatic change of heart. This is in what conversion consists: a change of heart. We are all called to conversion. Conversion is not something that is only meant for those who have led dramatically sinful lives; conversion is a re-orientation of our wills toward God's and strive to do what He is calling us to do. Conversion is not something that happens to us once. It is an ongoing change of heart, a perpetual reorientation of ourselves in order to align our wills with that of God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC # 30) "Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." Although man can forget God or reject him, He never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God."

Pope Francis - "In worship, we make it possible for the Lord to transform us by His love, to kindle light amid darkness, to grant us strength in weakness and courage amid trials." "Worship means bending low before the Most High, and to discover in His presence that life's greatness does not consist in having, but in loving."