

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

FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2020

Gospel Today: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus uses the familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians, the mission which has more concrete expression in corporal and spiritual works of mercy. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!



Weekday Masses

Thurs Feb 13, 9am Mass for peace in the world

Fri Feb 14, 9am Mass for all souls

Weekend Masses

(6TH Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday February 16, 9am @ PS - For the people of the parish

11am @ HH - +Selina, Gerard, Kenneth, Kimberly by Mark & Maryrose & family

 **\$1,140 February 2 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).

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (feast day February 11) On February 11, 1858, a Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of vision and the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907. Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

**"You
are
the
Salt
Light
of the world."
Matthew 5:13-16**

World Day of the Sick – February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. In advance, we will observe this World Day of the Sick today the 9th by administering the Sacrament of Holy Anointing to all who wish to get healed of their sickness both in body and spirit with the invocation to Our Lady of Lourdes. In our Liturgy today we also remember and pray, in a special way, members of our family, friends and relatives who are sick and are desperately in need of healing. Prayer for the Sick – *"Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for (name/names) and for all who are in need. Amid physical and spiritual suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through our Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen."*

Letter (excerpt) to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau- On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Canada, I write to voice our very serious concern regarding the proposed changes to the present legislation on what is referred to as "Medical Assistance in Dying" (MAiD). We unequivocally affirm and maintain the fundamental belief in the sacredness of all human life, a value that we share with many others in our country, including persons of different faiths and no faith at all. Despite the misleading euphemism, "Medical Assistance in Dying" (MAiD) remains simply euthanasia and assisted suicide – that is, the direct taking of human life or the participation in his/her suicide, which can never be justified. Suffering and death are indeed terrifying and the instinct to flinch from pain is universal. But euthanasia and assisted suicide are not the answer. We strongly urge the Government of Canada, before proceeding further, to undertake a more extensive, thorough, impartial, and prolonged consultation on the question, in order to ensure all pertinent factors – social, medical, and moral – are carefully and thoroughly considered. Respectfully, +Richard Gagnon Archbishop of Winnipeg President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC # 32) The world: starting from movement, becoming, contingency, and the world's order and beauty, one can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and the end of the universe. As St. Paul says to the Gentiles: For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.

Food for Thought - "It's only when we truly know and understand that we have a limited time on earth -- and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up -- that we will begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it was the only one we had." *Elisabeth Kubler-Ross*

"The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter." *Anonymous*