

# Our Lady of Mercy Pray for Us



## Parish Committees

**Finance/Property:**  
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Joan Dupuis  
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Honey Harbour  
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**Lectors:**  
Port Severn: c/o Teri Restemayer

**Sacristan:**  
Honey Harbour: Mark Vessair

**Parish Bingo:** Ellen Kester

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## OUR PARISH BULLETIN



Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour



St. John the Baptist Church  
Port Severn

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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)

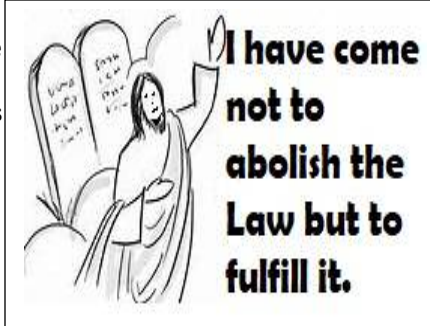
**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses**  
**Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2020

### Gospel Today: Matthew 5:17-37

By saying, "I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them", Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires. God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God.



### Weekday Masses

Thurs Feb 20, 9am Mass for +John Cousineau by Linda lamoureux

Fri Feb 21, 9am Mass for health safety against Corona Virus

### Weekend Masses

(7TH Sunday Ordinary Time)

Sunday February 23, 9am @ PS – For +Mary & Wilbert Casquanette by Don & Eileen Cadeau

11am @ HH - For the people of the parish



**\$605 February 9 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).

### Food for Thought- "While we are mourning the loss of our friend, others

are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil." *John Taylor*

"Once you accept your own death, all of a sudden you're free to live. You no longer care about your reputation. You no longer care except so far as your life can be used tactically to promote a cause you believe in." *Saul Alinsky*

### Ash Wednesday

– Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 26. Our Masses

will be: 9am at Honey Harbour and 5pm at PS.

### Family Day

is a statutory holiday occurring on the third Monday in February. This year will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. In the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan it is observed as Family Day.



### Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC # 33)

"The human person: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. The soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material", can have its origin only in God.

### Pope Francis Decides Not to Allow Married Men to Become

### Priests

– On January 12, 2020, the Holy Father has released his most recent writing: the post-synodal exhortation, *Querida Amazonia* (Beloved Amazon). This represents Francis' response to the 2019 synod held in Rome. This apostolic exhortation does not refer to a call from the Amazon bishops, who seek to address shortage of clerics in remote areas, to allow the ordination of married men. The pope made his views clear last year when he told reporters: "Personally I think that celibacy is a gift to the church. I would say that I do not agree with allowing optional celibacy, no." Regarding ordaining women he said, "For centuries, women have kept the church alive in those places through their remarkable devotion and deep faith. But a move to 'clericalize women' would not enhance their value." Francis instead urged bishops to pray for an increase in priestly vocations and suggested more missionaries be sent to remote communities where Catholics can go for long periods without receiving Mass. Also this apostolic exhortation from the pontiff has focused on environmental damage after bishops from the Amazon highlighted the destruction of the region's rainforests and exploitation of Indigenous people.

### Pope Francis

- "Today it would do us good to think - as an act of gratitude to God - about those who accompany us on our journey through life: family members, friends, colleagues... The Lord wants us to be together as a people. Thank you, Lord, for never leaving us alone!" "Often we forget the Lord and deal with other gods: money, vanity, pride. Let us ask for the grace to understand when our heart begins to slide into worldliness. God's grace and love will stop us if we ask in prayer."