

The Synod of Bishops

“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. The first phase of the conversation begins on October 17th at 10:30 a.m. when +Most Reverend Bishop Miehm will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. This celebration roots the synod in prayer, sacrament, and community. This Mass will also be live-streamed and available throughout the Diocese. All are invited to join in prayer as we begin this synodal conversation and unite it with the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Process. The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee is launching a survey inviting the input of all the People of God and this input will be part of both the worldwide and local conversations to establish pastoral priorities within the Church. More details will follow and please - look for the survey link and provide the benefit of your experience and your hopes for the Church - local and universal.” *Bishop Daniel Miehm*

“In the Catholic Church, the Synod of Bishops, considered as an advisory body for the pope, is one of the ways in which the bishops render cooperative assistance to him in exercising his office. Continuing his efforts to reform the Catholic Church in accordance with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis has approved a new three-stage process for the next gathering of the synod of bishops. Its aim is to involve the whole church at diocesan, national and continental levels through a process of “listening and discernment” on the important theme of synodality: “For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.” Pope Francis has decided that the synod will open in the Vatican and in every diocese throughout the Catholic world in October 2021. It will first go through a “diocesan phase” (October 2021 until April 2022) and subsequently a “continental phase” (September 2022 through March 2023) before concluding in “the universal church phase” at the Vatican with the synod of bishops in October 2023.”

OUR PARISH BULLETIN



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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)

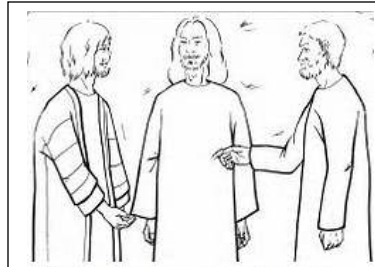
Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Wedding and Baptism: Call the office

29th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October 17, 2021

Gospel Today: Mark 10:35-45 – “In today’s Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory.” They want to share Jesus’ glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple.



"Teacher, grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

Collections Last Sunday, October 10

 \$955 - Regular Sunday Offerings
\$20 – Needs of Canadian Church

Weekday Masses (Honey Harbour Chapel)

Wed, October 20, 11am - +Claro, Sergio & deceased family members

Thurs, October 21, 11am - Peace in the world

Friday, October 22, 11am Mass - For recovery of sick members of the parish

Weekend Masses – 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday October 24, 9am @ Port Severn

Sunday October 24, 11am @ Honey Harbour – For the People of the parish

Vaccine Passport – “A standardized vaccine passport that would pave Canadians’ way for easier domestic and international travel could be coming in a matter of weeks, with recent delays less about buy-in from provinces and more about the technology behind the system” (*Toronto Star*).

What the Church Says About Death – “Most people have an instinctive fear of death, but many also have a conviction that something lies beyond, that death does not have the last word. The Catholic faith is rooted in the belief that God made us to enjoy eternal life with him. There is a natural longing in the human heart for peace, friendship, love and happiness for a life that is purposeful and worthwhile. And there is an even deeper longing, sometimes quiet or hidden. This longing is to discover the ultimate meaning of life, to know the love of God, and to share in a destiny beyond the horizon of death. The final goal of our lives is to see God face to face in heaven, to be wrapped up in his joy and love and happiness forever in the company of all the angels and saints. The angels and saints in heaven are involved in God’s work. We ask them to pray for us and help us, because death is not a barrier but a bridge for those who love one another in Christ. And we pray for the holy souls in purgatory. It is such a consolation to know that we are spiritually united, even now, with those who have died, and that we have the hope of seeing them again in heaven when we die ourselves.”

Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that Left Physical Evidence

“Throughout Christian history, our Lord has shown us that he is really present as the Blessed Sacrament. Most Eucharistic miracles involve incidences in which the Host has “turned into human flesh and blood”. We as Catholics believe that the consecrated Host is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, under the appearances of bread and wine. Therefore, Jesus, through these miracles, merely manifests His Presence in a more tangible way:

Eucharistic Miracle- Blanot, France 1331 - At the Mass, the priest placed the Host on the tongue of a woman, turned, and started walking toward the altar. Few of the communicants saw the Host fall from the woman's mouth and land upon the cloth that covered her hands. The priest, who was informed of the incident, came to find it. And instead of finding the Host, he saw a spot of blood the same size as the Host, which had apparently dissolved into blood. The priest took the cloth into the sacristy and placed the stained area in a basin filled with clear water. After washing the spot and scrubbing it with his fingers he found that, far from becoming smaller and lighter, it had actually become larger and much darker. On removing the cloth from the basin he was surprised to find that the water had turned bloody. The priest and his assistants were not only astonished, but also frightened, and exclaimed, "This is the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ!" This square piece of cloth was reverently placed in the tabernacle. Fifteen days later, an official of the Archdiocese of Autun, Jean Jarossier, journeyed to Blanot to initiate an investigation. The results of this investigation were sent by Archbishop Pierre Bertrand to Pope John XXII, who pronounced a favorable verdict and accorded indulgences to those who would celebrate Mass in the parish church of Blanot. Each year on Easter Monday, according to ancient custom, the relic is solemnly exposed in the church of Blanot.”

St.

Ignatius of Antioch (Feastday: October 17) – “The second Bishop of Antioch, Syria, this disciple of the beloved Disciple John was consecrated Bishop around the year 69 by the Apostle Peter, the first Pope. A holy man who was deeply loved by the Christian faithful, he always made it his special care to defend "orthodoxy" (right teaching) and "orthopraxy" (right practice) among the early Christians. In 107, during the reign of the brutal Emperor Trajan, this holy Bishop was wrongfully sentenced to death because he refused to renounce the Christian faith. He was taken under guard to Rome where he was to be brutally devoured by wild beasts in a public spectacle. Bishop Ignatius was not afraid of death. He knew that it had been defeated by the Master. He followed the Lord Jesus into his Passion, knowing that he would rise with Him in his Resurrection.”

Pope Francis – “In October 7, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady Of The Rosary. In this month of October, I invite you to recite this prayer, allowing yourselves to be led by Mary toward Jesus, her Son.”