


(no subject)

1 message

Keely Ensign <kcje5589@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 9, 2021 at 4:13 PM

To: ensignconstructionllc@gmail.com

History Of The San Pedro Entrance Double Doors

With the restoration of the huge mahogany entry doors complete; many people have asked about its history.

The Mission de San Pedro Roman Catholic Church was dedicated on Sunday, February 6, 1955.


The main portal is of solid mahogany with sculptured panels. The panels were executed by the Miami sculptor, Richard Carrol. And have thirty panels that depict occurrences in the life of St. Peter as well as scenes of Keys living including fish, wildflowers and a carving of the early sailing craft *Island Home*. At the turn of the century, the Upper Keys were a major pineapple plantation center for the nation. To get crops to market at either Key West or Miami, planter John Pinder of Plantation Key decided to build his own ship; the *Island Home*. The *Island Home* sailed Keys waters for about 25 years. In addition to transporting pineapple and limes to market, the schooner also provided a reliable means of transportation for islanders prior to the completion of the Overseas Railroad. The *Island Home* panel was placed on the doors in 1970, it was designed by a former Key Largo resident name Frank Schlang.

Some other interesting facts about San Pedro Church; the planters flanking the main entrance are built of ballast stones brought up from the wreck of the Spanish ship, *San Pedro*, which went down in the nearby waters in 1733, the lighting fixtures in the entrance foyer and the sanctuary lamp are exact copies of the famous Majano lanterns of Rome and the bell used in the tower was cast in 1917.

*Information for this article was found in the Florida Keys Keymaster dated Feb. 3, 1955 and Oct. 21, 1979. And the archives of the San Pedro Altar Society.

Hurricane Prayer

Eternal Father, Creator of all the world and all that is in it. We beg you to spare the Florida Keys from storms and hurricanes. If any should occur, we ask that they all go out to sea where they may do the least amount of damage to anyone.



We ask this through Christ our Lord.