

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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The Sunday Readings Genesis 9: 8-15 I establish my covenant with you, that ... never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.

Responsorial Psalm 25 R. Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

1 Peter 3: 18-22 Baptism ... now saves you.

Mark 1: 12-15 “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near.”

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated every Saturday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Church (unless it is cancelled for a funeral, etc.) and before Mass on Saturdays at St. Francis and St. Lawrence Churches. If you would like to receive Reconciliation at a different time, please phone Fr. Allan at 902-234-2387 to set up an appointment.

Masses: Tuesday, February 20 – Sunday, February 25, 2024

Tuesday	20,	Yvonne Brow	6.00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Wednesday	21,	Mary Whelan	6:30 p.m.	St. Paul’s (<u>Stations of the Cross</u> 6:00 p.m. before Mass)
Thursday	22,	Johnny Bennett	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Friday	23,	Kathleen Williams	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Saturday	24,	Burky Fougere	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
		Ronnie Chisholm	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis (<u>Stations of the Cross</u> at 3:15 p.m., before Mass)
		Joe Miles	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence (<u>Stations of the Cross</u> 5:40 p.m., before Mass)
Sunday	25,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s

Bible Study, Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul’s. We discuss the readings for the coming Sunday. All are welcome.

<u>Collection, February 10/11, 2024</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul’s</u>
Sunday Collection	\$420.00	\$1095	\$2160.00
Loose		\$29.00	\$30.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary			\$20.00
Pastors Dues			\$385.00
Mulgrave & Area Revitalization Association Donation		\$500.00 Building Fund	
IMO Mel Haywood, Ronnie Chisholm & Opal Leet	\$60.00 Cemetery		
IMO Allan LeVangie			\$20.00 Parish
Climate Incentive Payment			\$115.94
Hall Rental			\$50.00

Season of Lent: Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance.

Through forty days of closer attention to God’s word and for more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes.

During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.

The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners. (See CSL, nos. 109-110)

Choir Practice: takes place 9:30 a.m. each Sunday prior to Mass time. We go over the music for that day and new music if need be. As you have noticed our choir has dwindled since Covid, if anyone is available to join us, please do so, we would love to have you.

At the end of the Sunday (Weekend) Masses we will be saying the **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** (just before the closing hymn) This Prayer is as follows: **St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen**

St. Lawrence CWL is collecting items for the Mulgrave Food Pantry. We are asking parishioners to bring a non perishable food item each week during Lent to put in the box at back of church. Our League is happy to sponsor this on behalf of our Parish. **Thank You for participating.**

"There will be a Consolidation Update Meeting in the Tracadie Parish Hall (Monsignor Donnelly) on February 25, 2024 at 2pm for Antigonish Town and Antigonish County residents. Residents will be informed of the status of consolidation and plans going forward. Please attend as this proposed consolidation affects residents today and future generations' Residents input is essential".

<u>2023 Parish Statistics:</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>First Communion</u>	<u>Confirmation</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Death</u>
St. Paul	4	6	0	0	16
St. Lawrence	1	0	0	0	14
St. Francis	0	0	0	0	4
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34</u>

The Diocese of Antigonish requires the **emails** of all people who deal with children, vulnerable adults, and with church collections and deposits, and anyone with keys to our churches, to participate in a free, online course for Responsible Ministry offered by Ecclesiastical Insurance, our Insurance Company. This is mandatory for the pastor, religion teachers, choir directors who deal with youth, anyone who brings communion to persons in their homes or in nursing homes or hospitals, collection counters, money depositors, treasurers of any church committee or ministry and anyone with keys to our buildings. Please provide your email to Fr. Allan or to Mary as soon as possible. The online course is only 49 minutes long. Thank you.

A plastic bag filled with **church blueprints** was left in St. Lawrence Church last summer. These documents are important. If you know their whereabouts, please speak to Fr. Allan.

St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministers: we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers at St. Paul's Church, if you are in good standing with the church please consider this important ministry. If you are available please see Fr. Allan.

Changes for Pastor's Visits at St. Martha's Hospital: New privacy regulations at St. Martha's Hospital do not permit clergy to see a list of their parishioners who are patients in the hospital. Therefore, I will need to be informed by the family or patient themselves if the patient wishes me to visit them in hospital. My usual day for visiting is Tuesday, so please inform me by phone before Sunday Mass (234-2387, Glebe house) if someone wants me to visit them. ~ *Fr. Allan*

Sanitary Policies for St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes: We strongly recommend the wearing of masks during cold, flu and COVID outbreaks; hand sanitizing and masks for Eucharistic Ministers at all times; bowing, not hand shaking, for the sign of peace; and being the last to receive Communion for those receiving on the tongue.

Cemetery Fees: Parishioners are reminded of the following policies passed by parish councils, and approved by the pastor regarding cemetery fees

St. Paul's: For Parishioners No cost. (A parishioner is a Catholic who lives within the boundaries of the parish, **or** who lives close and attends Mass here faithfully and supports the parish using church envelopes). **For Non-parishioners** \$400.00 payable to St. Paul's Cemetery Fund for a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot.

St. Lawrence: For parishioners and non-parishioners: \$200.00 payable to St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund, for burial in a new plot. There is no fee for burial of ashes in an existing plot.

St. Francis of Assisi: For Parishioners: \$200.00 payable to St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Fund for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot. **For Non-Parishioners** \$300.00 for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot.

2023 Receipts for Income Tax Returns are at the Church entrance in **alphabetical order**. If you have any questions about your receipt, please speak to Fr. Allan. Thank you for all your contributions

Havre Boucher Pickleball is holding a "Learn about Pickleball session", Wednesday afternoons February 14th & 21st from 1 till 3pm. This is open for those wanting to learn about the game, try it out as well as beginners or those wanting to improve skills. This is non competitive. Consider coming out to get some exercise and socialize with community members. You will need gym shoes or sneakers and there is a \$3 drop in fee. For more info contact Mark Fougere by **Email@ mickeyfoug@gmail.com**

The weekly bulletin can be viewed on the Havre Boucher Community Centre website and is usually posted the Monday of that particular week. You are also able to see the previous bulletins as well.