

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher  
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave  
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour  
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**The Sunday Reading** Sirach 27:30-28:7 Forgive your neighbor the wrong that is done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray.  
**Responsorial Psalm 103 R.** The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**Romans 14: 7-9** Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.  
**Matthew 18: 21-35** I tell you, you should not forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

**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, September 19 to Sunday September 24, 2023**

Tuesday,	September 19,	Special Intention	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Wednesday,	September 20,	Berkley Breen, & Berkley & Sadie Breen	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Thursday,	September 21,	Joe Guthro	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Friday,	September 22,	Theresa Guthro	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Saturday,	September 23,	Philip Baldwin	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
		Peggy Cotie	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Allister MacAskill	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	September 24,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s

<u>Collection, September 9/10, 2023</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
Sunday Collection	\$210.00	\$590.00	\$1216.00
Loose	\$100.00		\$28.25
Pastors Dues			\$60.00
Hall Rental			\$50.00
Cemetery	\$120.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

**Religious Ed.** Today, Catechetical Sunday, we come together to celebrate the opening of Religious Ed. Classes. The theme for this year is “Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened” We are in need of a Hall Monitors to volunteer for Sunday evening, 6-7 p.m. I am grateful to the Catechists and Monitors who continue to volunteer in supporting the children in our Parishes and me. Anyone new to the area or in grade one can register by phone or by text at **902-870-2168** or email [marywilliams@bellaliant.net](mailto:marywilliams@bellaliant.net). Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 24, at 11 a.m.** and **Sunday evening at 6 p.m.** All grades from 1-6 will take place at 11 a.m. Grade 7&8 will be on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. (subject to change).

**Religious Ed.** For our children at St. Paul’s Parish (these classes are open to children from St. Francis and St. Lawrence Parishes) is provided by our generous volunteer teachers free of charge, but does cost the parish between \$6000 and \$7000 per year. The parish pays for Religious texts and the part-time salary of Mary Williams, our religious education coordinator. Beginning this year we are asking parents/families to pay a fee of \$20.00 per child to register for religion classes, payable to St. Paul’s Parish. We believe this is a reasonable fee compared to the huge costs demanded by other organizations (for example, minor hockey, soccer, dance etc.) Thank you for your cooperation.

**Thank you:** the Havre Boucher Show & Shine has not been active for the past 4 years due to Covid restrictions. They have decided to no longer continue this event in the future. With the funds they have remaining; they have decided to donate to various groups in the community. The Religious Ed. Program has received a \$1500.00 donation to be used to purchase gifts for the Sacrament Classes and other materials for classroom use. We are so grateful to them for all the contributions they have made to the Religious Ed. Program in the past years.

**Sympathy & Prayers** for the family of the late Cindy Connelly, who passed away this week, sister to Brenda McKeough and Mary Brazeau of this Parish.

**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**

**The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou is open!** The gift shop at the Shrine is open. The hours for the gift shop are 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, every day including Sundays and Holidays. The Shrine is always open. We are looking forward to seeing you all again. Call 902-945-2221 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

**Hope in a Time of Climate Emergency:** A presentation by Dr. Hilda Koster, October 1, 3:30 pm St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish Schwartz School of business, Room 205. After a summer when we have experienced the disastrous effects of climate change –related wildfires and flooding, it is hard not to be anxious about the future. Dr. Hilda Koster will offer a presentation bringing the wisdom of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*: on Care for Our Common Home to the work of reimagining our lives together for a future that is just and sustainable for all. All are welcome to attend. Dr. Koster is Associate Professor of Ecological Theology at Regis-St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, University of Toronto where she directs the Elliott Allen Institute for Theology and Ecology. Her presentation is part of the St. FX Vicar of the Founder lecture series. For more information: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/hope-in-a-time-of-climate-emergency/>

**"Seniors Care Grant 2023-2024"** The government has increased the Seniors Care Grant to \$750 dollars and raised the eligibility of the **net** household income to \$37,500 to receive this grant. For individuals requiring assistance in completing the Senior Care Grant 2023-2024 on paper or electronically, assistance will be provided Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at the Havre Boucher Community Centre by Harris McNamara & Dee Melong, from 9am -12 pm. There is no requirement to send in documents, just bring your Social Insurance Number, that's all that is needed to apply.

**The Havre Boucher Veterans Association** is in the process of updating our data/photo/video database for the upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony scheduled for **Sunday, November 5, 2023**. We are requesting from the general public any pictures, videos or other mementos pertaining to any veterans who served during various conflicts including WWI, WWII, Korean and Afghanistan conflict or any other conflicts along with any peacekeeping missions throughout the world that the Association could incorporate in the video presentation. Photos of our younger military members and some people (veterans) who might not have been from here but whose descendants live here now are some suggestions. Please forward any pictures, videos or other mementos to HB Veterans' Association member **Mary Pelrine** or any other members of the Association. If sending a photo please add a bit of information on the photo. Preferably and if possible pictures in a **JPEG** format can be directed to the following email address: [Mary\\_Pelrine@hotmail.com](mailto:Mary_Pelrine@hotmail.com). If JPEG format is not possible any material made available will be returned to the respective owners. One of the objectives of the Veterans' Association is to *"Keep an annual memorial day, to preserve the records and memories of those who have served or are serving in his Majesty's armed forces or any auxiliary force and to see that such service shall not be forgotten by the community"*.

#### **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 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.

The **Antigonish Food Bank** is critically low on food for people in need. Please help out by contributing to our food box at the entrance of St. Paul's Church.

**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.

#### **A Note from St Paul's Parish Luncheon Committee**

As most of you know, St Paul's Parish Luncheon Committee provides receptions following the celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion as well as, following the funeral mass of a current parishioner and, as requested by a parish family, of a recent/former parishioner. Our committee is not able to provide luncheons for those from outside our own parish. These receptions are possible due to the generosity of many volunteers (both men and women), monetary donations, and a strong community response when called for sweets for the sweet table. As a result of households transitioning from landlines to cell phones, our contact list for both workers and requests for sweets is out of date. If you are new to the parish or no longer have a landline, and would like to contribute, please contact Debbie Brow (902-870-4584) or Gwen O'Neill (902-234-3498) to provide your contact information. We are also very fortunate to have access to the Havre Boucher Community Centre providing a large and comfortable venue to gather, break bread, and enjoy the company of family and friends before going separate ways. Many, if not all of us, have been on the receiving end of these receptions and realize how important they are to parish life. They have repeatedly been recognized as important to both celebrating and grieving families. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who make these luncheons possible.

**Kitchen Party:** Kitchen parties will continue on the first Sunday of each month until the fall starting at 2 p.m. all entertainers are welcome. \$5.00 per person and a light lunch will be served and also a 50/50 draw, it is hosted by St. Francis Parish Ladies Auxiliary. All proceeds from the kitchen party go to St. Francis Parish Hall.

**Thank you!** The family of the late Fr. Roy Boucher would like to thank everyone who participated in the Memorial Mass held for him in August. Special thanks to Fr. Allan for his kind words and support, the ladies who did donations, altar servers,

Eucharistic minister, and those who organized the wonderful lunch for the family. Your kindness will always be remembered.

*The Boucher Family*