

This Sunday's Readings: Zep 3:14-18a: Repentant, exiled Israel is called to hope and joy
 Is 12: Cry out with joy and gladness, among you is the Holy One of Israel
 Phil 4:4-7 Rejoice; be kind and thankful!
 Lk 3:10-18 John teaches repentance and proclaims Christ's coming

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Masses: Tuesday, Ethel DeCoste December 18, 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
 Wednesday, Winnie Pelrine December 19, 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
 Thursday, Special Intention December 20, 9:00 a.m. St. Paul's
 Friday, William John LeVangie December 21, 9:00 a.m. St. Paul's
 Saturday, Tony DeCoste December 22, 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's
 Sherman Pettipas & Larry Pettipas 4:00 p.m. St. Francis
 pro populo 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
 Sunday, Lavin & Josephine Pettipas December 23, 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's

Weekly Collection December 8/9, 2018	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$240.00	\$545.00	\$1470.00
Loose	\$35.00	\$0	\$43.10
Pastor's Dues			\$130.00
Cemetery			\$225.00 IMO Leonard DeCoste
Fuel Fund		\$60.00	
Christmas Flowers			\$120.00
Needs of the Church			\$20.00
Christmas Offering			\$20.00
World Mission			\$20.00

December 22/23, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Jeanine	Anne / Beverly
St. Lawrence	Basil / Gloria	Kevin / Liz / Theresa
St. Paul's	Ruthie Innis / Yvonne Sampson	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Anne Marie Meagher

Community Prayer Tree: A group of individuals would love to pray for your intentions. They pray for parishioners in need of prayer daily and at the Cenacle following Friday Mass each week when possible. They are very confidential would encourage you to either leave your petitions in the sealed box located in the Church or please phone Lucille Fougere at 234-2320. We would love to know when prayers have been answered.

Bible Study Wednesday, December, 19, 10:30 a.m. All are welcome

Burial Plots, St. Lawrence Cemetery: A new plot costs \$200.00 for either a casket or cremains. If cremains are buried in any existing grave, the cost is \$100.00. Please pay by cheque to St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund. Receipts will be issued.

Burial Plots, St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery: A new plot is \$200.00 for either a casket or cremains and \$100.00 if cremains are buried in an existing grave. Cheques can be made out to St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Fund, and receipts will be issued.

Burial policies for all of our graveyards forbid any burials of ashes or remains without approval of the parish priest. A short burial service with blessing of the remains and of the grave is necessary, as well as provision of information about the deceased for our burial records.

2018-2019 Sunday Missals: For sale at Church entrance, \$5.00 per book. This missal begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 2.

The 2019 Envelope's at St. Paul's are now available, they are in alphabetical order. It is very important that these envelopes aren't used until the New Year. People's numbers have changed and if envelopes are used earlier than they should, credit for that envelope goes to the previous owner. Also please write your name and full address on the first few envelopes to ensure a proper credit is recorded for income tax purposes. Thank you!

Christmas Mass Schedule: Monday, December 24, 4:00 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi
 6:00 p.m., St. Lawrence
 6:00 p.m., St. Paul's
 Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m., St. Paul's

Extra Confession Times: **This Sunday, December 16,** 1:00 p.m., St. Paul's Church. Fr. Andrew Gillies will be present in the Confessional Room; Fr. Allan will be in the wakehouse/classroom.
Next Saturday, Dec. 22, confessions at St. Francis Church at 3:30 p.m. and at St. Lawrence Church at 7:00 p.m. (Fr. Allan).

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of the late Ralston Brophy of St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave. May he join the elect in heaven.

St. Lawrence CWL will be selling angels for \$5.00 each to remember our deceased love ones at all masses during the Christmas Season. If you would like to purchase one, the angels will be sold before Mass, starting Dec. 15th. There will be an angel tree to hang your angel on. All proceeds will go to St. Lawrence Building fund.

Thank You to everyone who purchased tickets on the basket, and donated and supported us at the Fall Bazaar. It was a great success with the help from all of you. Winner of the basket was, Jessie Guthro

St. Lawrence Church Decorating: Wednesday, December 19th at 6 pm we will begin the decorating of our church for Christmas. It is a very busy time of year for all. It would be greatly appreciated if we could have a good turn out of volunteers to help with the decorating Please bring your Christmas Spirit and come help decorate your House of Worship. Thank you

Catholic Faith Calendars for 2019 are on sale (\$2.00) at the entrance of the Church. These calendars contain lots of valuable information about the Catholic Faith.

Christmas Flowers at St. Paul's: anyone who would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one(s) please write Christmas Flowers on an envelope and include a note of the person it is in memory of and the individual donating and names will be attached to bulletins sometime in January.

Strait Area Food Bank donations from the Parish of St. Lawrence, Mulgrave may be left in the food bank box at the church entrance. Your donations of food items are much appreciated as winter nears with demands for money for fuel, food and medications is a great burden for those souls less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your giving, God will reward the generous heart. Blessings.

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As announced last week, all wishing to donate to the Augustinian Sisters at Our Lady of Grace Monastery to help them buy the monastery and property can make the cheque out to **Augustinian Contemplative Nuns Society.** Please include your address for income tax receipts. Thank you for your generosity.

Missing Information: When we record information for First Communion, we require the **date** and **place** of Baptism. The following children received First Communion at St. Lawrence Church in recent years, but were baptized elsewhere, and I need both their **date of Baptism** and **church and location of Baptism:** William Gilbert; Chloe Alexandria McKeough (F.C., April 20, 2013); Cody Ashton Peebles (F.C., May 31, 2014); Miranda Mercedes Fitzpatrick; Justeen McKeough (F.C., April 25, 2015); Vada Jane Brophy (age also needed) (F.C., April 9, 2016).

Anyone wishing to donate to a **Fund for workers** who recently lost their jobs (and several weeks of pay) at **ServiCom Canada call centre** in Cape Breton may write their cheque out to your parish (with ServiCom Call Centre Workers Fund at the bottom of the cheque, drop it in the collection basket, and the monies given will be sent to the Pastoral Centre, to be given to the workers. Thank you.

The 2019 Respect Life Centre Calendars are now available for \$20 each at the Respect for Life Centre, 344 Main St. Antigonish, or by calling 902-863-3873. These calendars make the perfect gift, featuring pictures of local children, a monthly scripture quote, and a saint for every day, along with a chance at 16 cash draws at \$250 each – a total of 4,000 in prizes. Please consider supporting local pro-life efforts by purchasing at least one of these great calendars.

Immunization Clinic - Flu Shots at the Mulgrave Medical Centre. Monday, December 17th, from 2:00 pm – 4:00pm. please bring your health card with you that day.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has but one purpose; to help the families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. If you think we can help there is a meeting each Wednesday at 8:00 pm at **St. Paul's Parish Basement.** Meetings last for approximately one hour. Anonymity is stressed.

"Chase the Ace" Havre Boucher Community Centre, on Friday, from 7 to 9 PM

Chase the Ace at the Mulgrave Fire Hall on Saturday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00.

Mulgrave Legion Card Plays: twice weekly. Crib - Sundays at 1:00 p.m. 45's-Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

