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Masses:

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| Tuesday, | December 13, | Ethel DeCoste | 6:00 p.m. | St. Paul's |
| Wednesday, | December 14, | Mary Agnes Bowman | 6:00 p.m. | St. Paul's |
| Thursday, | December 15, | Joseph & Anastasia Brow | 9:00 a.m. | St. Paul's |
| Friday, | December 16, | Damien DeCoste | 9:00 a.m. | St. Paul's |
| Saturday, | December 17, | Ethel Adams & Myrtle Fougere | 11:00 a.m. | St. Paul's |
| | December 19, | Larry Pettipas | 4:00 p.m. | St. Francis |
| | December 20, | Special Intention | 6:00 p.m. | St. Lawrence |
| Sunday, | December 21, | pro populo | 10.00 a.m. | St. Paul's |

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays (with the exception of funerals), from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. In the Reconciliation Room you have the choice of remaining behind the screen or sitting face to face with the priest in a welcoming environment. This Sacrament is also available to celebrate at St. Francis and St. Lawrence churches before Mass, and by appointment during the week.

| Weekly Collection December 3/4 | St. Francis | St. Lawrence | St. Paul's |
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| Envelopes | \$297.00 | \$675.00 | \$1578.00 |
| Loose | \$37.50 | \$18.00 | \$23.00 |
| Pastor's Dues | | | \$279.00 |
| Missals \$35.00 | | | |

| December 17/18 | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| St. Francis | Betty Kavanagh | Ada Ehler / Beverly Grady |
| St. Lawrence | George / Kevin | Allison / Ruth / Theresa |
| St. Paul's | Ruthie Innis / Danielle Pellerine | Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Ann Marie Meagher |

Bible Study: No Bible Study this Wednesday, 14th

Baptism: We welcome to our Catholic family **Avery William Chaisson**, infant son of Benjamin & Brittany Chaisson, Dartmouth, Avery will be baptized during Mass this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. By the grace of the Sacrament and the faith example of his parents, godparents, family and Church help him to become the disciple of Christ that he is.

Confessions: Saturday December 17, 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church; and at 7:00 p.m. at ST Lawrence Church. Sunday, December 18, 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church (with Fr. Allan and the assistance of another priest).

Christmas Decorating at St. Lawrence Church, Mulgrave will take place gradually starting at 1:00 P. M. on the following Sunday: December 11 and December 18, 2016. We are requesting the assistance of many people in the parish to help us as we prepare our church for the joyous Christmas - New Year liturgical celebrations. Let this be a time of community building as we support each other in sharing our gifts and talents. Mark these dates on your calendar and attach to your refrigerator door. Blessings!

The 2017 church envelopes will be ready to be picked up Sunday, December 18th. Please do not start using them until January 2017 and remember to put your name and full address on each envelope for the first month. Thank you!

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| Christmas Mass Schedule: Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), | St. Francis of Assisi, | 4:00 p.m. |
| | St. Lawrence | 6:00 p.m. |
| | St. Paul's | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day), | St. Paul's | 10:00 a.m. |

The Family of Cyril LeVangie invites you to help celebrate his **90th birthday** at an open house on Saturday, **December 17**, from 2-5 p.m. at the Havre Boucher Community Centre. Best wishes only.

St. Paul's Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to donate money towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones may do so by placing their name as well as the name of the person making the donation on an envelope marked Christmas Flowers and placing it in the Sunday collection, names will be placed in the bulletin after Christmas.

Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of the late Eric Ryan, a faithful member of St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave. May he enter the glorious kingdom of heaven with all who have gone before him and may peace come to his wife Anna and the members of their large family.

Donations for Christmas Flowers at St. Lawrence may be placed in the containers on the entrance tables or you may place your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection. Be sure to label your envelope 'Christmas Flowers'.

Trinity United Church, Mulgrave, will host an ecumenical "Blue Christmas" service, Thursday, Dec. 15th, at 7:00 p.m. The service will provide an opportunity and safe place for those that find this time of year difficult. Perhaps its your first without a love one, or you are experiencing other personal hardship. All are welcome.

St. Paul's Food Bank: We would like to invite you to donate non perishable food items for the food bank. There is container in the foyer of the Church to place your donation. Your kindness is appreciated.