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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1/2, 2020

Scriptural Reading This Sunday *First Reading:* Malachi: 3:1-4 The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24 R. The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory!
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-11, 13b-18. Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect.
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 My eyes have seen your salvation.

Masses:	Tuesday, February 4,	Mary Theresa DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Wednesday, February 5,	Sonny Landry	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday, February 6,	Foncie DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence (NOTE CHANGE)
	Friday, February 7,	Bill Innis	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday, February 8,	Bella Fougere	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Special Intention	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday, February 9,	Charlie LeVangie	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, February 5, 10:30 a.m. in the Wake House of St. Paul's Church. Everyone welcome!

Holy Hour: Friday, February 7, 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Church.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins, this Thursday & Friday, February 6 & 7.

Weekly Collection Jan. 25/26, 2020	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Offering	\$317.00	\$775.00	\$1465.00
Loose	\$0	\$20	\$60.00
Pastor's Dues			\$75.00
Initial	\$7.00		\$20.00
Fuel		\$50.00	
Solemnity of Mary			\$50.00
IMO Isabel Fougere			\$10.00 Cemetery

February 8/9, 2020	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Anne	Jean
St. Lawrence	Kevin / Basil	Allison / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Linda Arsenault / Sabrina Wood	Darryl Breen / Susan Wood / Leona Brow

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 and 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.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020
June 12-14

Membertou, Sydney

In September, 2019, following the celebration to end our amazing 175th Anniversary year, Archbishop Dunn announced, for the diocese, a focus on the Eucharist culminating with a Eucharistic Congress. For the next few months leading up to the Congress, the Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has asked to reserve this space in our bulletin to inform us of the ins and outs of what this all means for each of us.

February 2 What are some of the events and experiences happening that might interest you?

The Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has been busy and their creative minds hard at work! The diocesan website has a special page. Transformed by Eucharist, regularly updated with information. The weekly e-mail Seven Ears of Grain, the diocesan Facebook page and the monthly newsletter are some of the social media tools being used to inform us. A calendar, depicting images of the Holy Land with reflections on the Eucharist, has been distributed to parishes that requested them. Much like the 2002 World Youth Day celebrating, a wooden cross, along with the amazing quilt that was created for the 175th Anniversary, is touring the diocese. A video link, from Bishop Robert Barron, where he explains the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is accessible on the diocesan webpage. The lovely prayer card, distributed to parishes, reminds us that God is the source of all life.

SAVE THE DATE: Installation Ceremony for Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick The Installation Ceremony for Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 3pm at St. Ninian Cathedral. Evening prayer will be held at 7pm on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at St. Ninian Cathedral. A reception will follow each event. All are welcome

St. Lawrence C.W.L. Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.

Income Tax Receipts for St. Paul's Parish are available in the Foyer of the Church. They are in alphabetical order.

New Diocesan prayer for our new Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick Gracious God, we are thankful for the gift of our new Bishop, Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick. We, the Community of Believers of the Diocese of Antigonish, trust deeply in your Divine Providence and in your desire to provide for the needs of our diocesan family. May Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick be filled with zeal for the Gospel as he ministers as one who is gentle, wise, merciful and devoted in love for your people? May we, your family, receive the grace to welcome our new Bishop as our Brother in Christ? As he begins his new Ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, we pray that he be filled with gospel courage, wisdom and a deep spirit of consolation. May we welcome him and assure him of our prayer, presence and support as we begin our new journey of faith together. St. Ninian, Pray for Us. Amen

Thank you! I would like to thank the great people from my Parish during my surgery, for the great food they brought me and all the care I got such as snow removal and lots of salt to put on the ice, those people that took me to Halifax and the ones that brought me home. It was very much appreciated. Thank you very much **Opal**

St. Paul's Cemetery: After some discussion at St. Paul's Parish Council Meeting this past Tuesday, it was decided that we will begin to charge a fee to **non-parishioners** of \$400 for a grave plot **or** \$100 for burial of cremains in an existing grave plot. Deceased members of St. Paul's Parish will continue to be interred at no cost from the Parish. A parishioner is defined as a baptized Catholic who lives within the boundaries of the parish, but could also include one who lives outside the parish boundaries and attends Mass faithfully throughout the year in the parish and contributes weekly to the Sunday collection using parish envelopes. This decision was made in large part because donations to the cemetery fund over the past 5 years did not cover mowing costs in that same time period, and costs will continue to rise in the future. The number of envelope users goes down each year as parishioners die. It was also decided that we will set up a **separate Cemetery Fund** for St. Paul's (to this point donations to the cemetery fund were deposited into the parish's General (operating) fund), and donations to the Luncheon Fund will be deposited into the new Cemetery Fund, as these donations are funeral-related. Finally, we remind all parishioners (if a reminder is necessary) that Catholic graveyards are hallowed, sacred ground. They are not places for motorized vehicles, including ATVs, snow mobiles, and motor bikes, to be tearing through. Nor should alcohol be consumed there for any reason, including "toasts to the dead" And in these irreligious times, we remind you that no one should be going into our cemeteries to bury the cremains of someone without permission of the parish priest. We do permit baptized non-Catholics to be buried in our cemeteries but only with as Catholic priest conducting a proper burial service.

Flu & Cold Season: Since flu and cold season is upon us we will no longer be receiving from the Chalice until Holy Thursday. Please do not dispose **used Kleenex** inside the wooden slot that holds our hymn books. Thank You!

Receiving Communion: Anyone wishing to receive Communion in your pews please raise your hands as Eucharistic Ministers are going around the Church. People are being left out because not all Eucharistic Ministers know you are there.

Bible Study on the Book of Revelations: at the Monastery on Tuesday, February 4, (Please note change of day) starting at 7:00 p.m. and ending around 8:30 p.m. If interested please phone Lucille Fougere at 234-2320 or Cathy MacDougall at 902-863-1560.

Did you know ... The Bishop William E. Power Family Charitable Foundation disburses up to \$20,000 each year to individuals for courses and conferences that they can use to strengthen our faith communities? Could someone in your parish use this support? Visit our website for details: www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

Can you help? Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Every year, hundreds of thousands of those in need rely on volunteers at free tax clinics to help them access important benefits and credits to which they may be entitled. You don't need to be a tax expert. You'll receive training and support and how often you volunteer is up to you! To volunteer or for information on participating local organizations, go to Canada.ca/taxes-volunteer or call 1-855-516-4405

On February 2nd there will be a social at 2pm followed by potluck at 4:30, to be held in St Francis Harbour hall. Open to anyone near or far interested in joining us. Just bring along something for food table

Women's Prayer Breakfast, hosted by St. Ninian CWL, is 8:30am Saturday, Feb.8, 2020. Guest speaker is Sr. Brendalee Boisvert, Congregation Leader, Sisters of St. Martha, who will speak on "Hope and Faith". Tickets are available at St Ninian Parish Office (902-863-2338), \$15.00 and \$7.50 for students.

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 p.m.

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

Mulgrave Legion Card Plays: Crib - Sundays at 1:00 p.m.