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**This Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 Here I am; send me!  
Responsorial Psalm 138 R. Before the angels I sing your praise, O Lord.  
1Corinthians 15: 3-8, 11 I preach what the other apostles preach, and on our preaching is your faith founded.  
Luke:5: 1-11 Peter , James and John left everything, and followed Jesus.

**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 8 to Sunday, February 13

Tuesday,	February 8,	Helen McNamara	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	February 9,	Charlie LeVangie	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	February 10,	Judy Connolly	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	February 11,	Kay Hureau	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	February 12,	Wayne & Barbara Fougere	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Selena Grant	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
Sunday,	February 13,	pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
		pro populo	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

**This weekend's Masses,** Sat., Feb. 5 & Sunday, Feb. Feb. 6

Sat., Feb. 5	Ernie Haywood	4:00 pm	St. Francis
	pro populo	6:00 pm	St. Lawrence
Sun., Feb 6		8:30 am	St. Paul's
		10:00 am	St. Paul's

**Weekly Collections January 30/31** Due to Stormy weather St. Lawrence and St Francis Masses were cancelled  
St. Paul's Sunday offering \$1020.00 / Pastor's Dues \$85.00  
Initial Offering \$75.00 Roof Fund \$225.00 Cemetery \$325.00

**St. Lawrence Parishioners** to consider serving on this important church organization. St. Lawrence Parish Council: After more than a month since we first asked for nominations for St. Lawrence Parish Council, only one nomination has been made. We welcome Lorne MacDonald to the parish council. We encourage more regular church-goers

**Funeral Receptions:** St. Lawrence CWL has decided to postpone holding Funeral Receptions until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, due to Covid restrictions and the lack of volunteers. We will reassess on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. If anyone would like to go on a list of volunteers to assist us, please call Jessie Guthro at 902-625-1617.

**Hospital Visitations:** St. Martha's Hospital is not allowing any casual visits by anyone, including clergy unless it is an emergency. Clergy have to make an appointment through the pastoral care department to see a patient. I am unsure about the restrictions on visitation by clergy at the Strait Regional and Guys. hospitals. ~ **Fr. Allan**

**St. Paul's Liturgy Meeting:** Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30 pm in St. Paul's Parish Centre.

**World Day of the Sick, Friday, Feb. 11:** The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) high lights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease

**St. Paul's Church Roof Fund:** The cost of our new roof was \$33,206.25, a significant hit on our operating fund. If you wish to contribute above and beyond your usual contribution, please put your donation in an envelope with your name, envelope number, and marked Roof Fund. Thank you!

**The New Sunday Missals 2021-2022** on sale at Church entrance. The cost is \$5.00

### **Church Synod:**

**Church Collection Envelopes:** for the year 2022 are now available for pickup. If you do not see your name on a 2022 envelope collection package, please pick up a package that has no name on it. For receipting purposes, when using the 2022 church envelopes, please put your name on the envelopes for the first few weeks in January so that we can record your donations correctly on the financial records of the Parish. **The COVID 19 pandemic** has had a major financial impact on the collection of Sunday offerings, cemetery offerings, other offerings, and donations throughout this year. These funds are needed to pay for the general operations of St. Paul's Parish, and with major expenditures made or committed during the year (furnace and roof repair), Parish funds are being depleted. In order to remain a viable Parish, St. Paul's Parish needs the support of all parishioners to remain financially viable and in good standing with the Diocese of Antigonish. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

### **COVID-19 Laws (simplified) Some items have changed 2, 5, 7, and 9.**

1. Masks are mandatory in our churches and Church halls. The mask must cover your mouth and nose. Readers are exempt.
2. Singing is forbidden except for one soloist.
3. Proof of double vaccination is required for the COVID – 19 virus is not required for Sunday Masses and weekday Masses. **Regular worship** is deemed **essential!**
4. Proof of a double vaccination is required for funeral liturgies, weddings, baptisms, parish council and other meetings, bible study, Holy Hours, retreats or missions, community meals / potlucks, and fundraisers. Rental of our Parish halls, for events like weddings receptions, Christmas fairs and workshops, etc. require proof of vaccination.
5. Funeral liturgies without proof of double vaccination may take place under the following rules.
  - a. maximum of **10** persons plus efficient and funeral home staff plus **officiant.**
  - b. all **present** must **wear a mask** indoors and outdoors, and must **social distance.**
  - c. **no one** who is unwell may attend.
  - d. a reception after funeral or wedding requires proof of double vaccination.
6. There are no exemptions from proof of vaccination for people entering Nova Scotia to attend a funeral or wedding. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arriving must self-isolate for at least 7 days and get 2 negative tests in Nova Scotia in order to stop self-isolating.
7. For Holy Communion, everyone must receive the Host in the hand or in a pyx. There is no receiving on the tongue until further notice.
8. We will not be sharing the Chalice or the Sign of Peace for the foreseeable future, until it is safe.
9. Social distancing of 6 feet is in effect. The new limits on the number of people allowed are 50 people for St. Paul's and St. Lawrence; 34 for St. Francis of Assisi.

**Impediments to Marriage:** Although we have fewer couples seeking marriage these days, the Church encourages people to know what constitutes a true marriage in the Catholic Church. In all cases the priest or deacon must establish the freedom of the man and woman to marry each other.

(1) They must not already be married to another person, civilly or sacramentally. If they are married civilly, they must provide proof of divorce. If they are also married sacramentally (this would include two baptized Protestants who married according to the laws of their denomination) they must get an annulment.

(2) If one or both of the parties are widowed, death certificate(s) must be provided.

(3) A Catholic wishing to marry a baptized Christian not in union with the Catholic Church needs a dispensation for a **mixed marriage** (a power now delegated from the Bishop to the Pastor witnessing the marriage).

(4) A dispensation from **canonical form** is needed when a Catholic wishes to marry a baptized non-Catholic in a non-Catholic Church before a non-Catholic minister.

(5) A dispensation from **disparity of cult** is needed when a Catholic wishes to marry an unbaptized person. Such marriages are not sacramental.

(6) For a valid sacramental marriage both parties must be baptized; be intellectually and emotionally mature enough to understand the permanent and self-giving nature of the marital union, and promise to live that commitment; be free of any mental conditions that would make that commitment impossible; be willing to have children with their spouse, if God is willing; promise to love and respect their spouse and be faithful to them without conditions or reservations.

(7) The couple must not be related to each other by blood or adoption or previous marriage. Second cousins are permitted to marry (that relationship is not too close). A man and woman not related by blood but raised as brother and sister would be forbidden to marry as this relationship by affinity.

**Religious Ed. Classes:** On the table in the Foyer of St. Paul's Church there are stones with names of Students who are being instructed to receive Confirmation this year. Their names are on the stone and I would like for parishioner to take home a stone and pray for them until they celebrate their Confirmation on April 24, 2022. Thank you!

### **2021 Parish Statistics**

	Baptism	First Communion	Confirmation	Marriage	Death
St. Paul	4	10	0	1	13*
St. Lawrence	1	0	0	0	6 **
St. Francis	0	0	0	1	4 ***
Total	5	10	0	2	23

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