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 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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The Rose colored vestments may be used for this Sunday's Mass, traditionally called Laetare Sunday, because the Church is, reminding us that despite the horror of Christ's crucifixion and death on Good Friday, the joy of his Resurrection on Easter Sunday is the culmination of the Pascal Mystery. So Christians, repent but also rejoice in the Lord!

This Sunday's Readings **Joshua 5:9a, 10-12** Having entered the Promised Land, the people of God celebrated the Passover.
Responsorial Psalm 34 R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.
2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Through Christ, God was reconciling us to himself.
Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life.

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, March 29 to Sunday, April 3

Tuesday,	March 29,	Ben Pelrine	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	March 30,	Peter DeGruchy (Stations of the Cross & Mass)	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	March 31,	Bella Fougere	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Special Intention (Stations of the Cross & Mass)	10:30 a.m.	St. Lawrence
Friday,	April 1,	John Webb	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	April 2,	Special Intention	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Special Intention	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	April 3,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Stations of the Cross after Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saturdays during Lent.

Collection March 12/13, 2022	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Offering	\$280.00	\$369.80	\$850.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$130.55	
Pastor's Dues			\$165.00
Initial Offering		\$5.00	
Development & Peace (Share Lent)			\$20.00
Missals			
Church Maintenance		\$10.00	
Roof Fund			\$150.00

Lent has a penitential character. During lent, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

St. Lawrence Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, March 31, after Mass (approximately 11:15 a.m.), Church.

New Members for St. Lawrence Parish Council: are needed. Please consider nominating someone or serving on this important committee. Nominees should be regular church goers.

Funeral Receptions: St. Lawrence CWL has decided to postpone holding Funeral Receptions until April 1st, 2022, due to Covid restrictions and the lack of volunteers. We will reassess on April 1st, 2022. If anyone would like to go on a list of volunteers to assist us, please call Jessie Guthro at 902-625-1618

Funeral Announcement for the late Alton W. Carr of St. Andrew's, formerly of St. Francis Harbour, who passed away on December 21, 2021. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 8th at Dennis Haverstock Funeral Home in Guysborough from 2-4 and 7-8 pm. Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Andrews Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Burial to follow at St. Frances Harbour. Thank you

Thank you: The family of the late Dorothy Melong wishes to express a sincere thank you to all who supported us during the recent loss of our mother. A special thank you to Fr. MacPhie, altar servers, readers and those who sent sympathy cards, and donations and Mass offerings. Your kindness will always be remembered and will never be forgotten during this difficult time.

The Family

St Francis of Assisi Parish will collect non perishable food items for Guysborough and Area Food Bank on Saturday April 02, and Saturday April 09.

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

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!

Income tax time is here again: Pat Shea is offering her services to anyone needing assistance with income tax returns. This is open to anyone and is free of charge. Please phone Pat at 234-3054 or cell at 902-537-0301

Phase 3 of Covid – 19 Recovery Plan, begins Monday, March 21

1. Masks are no longer mandatory but are **recommended**.
2. Social distancing is no longer mandatory, but is recommended.
3. **Hand sanitizing** before and after Holy Communion will continue to be practiced by the **priest and Eucharistic Ministers**
4. Sharing the Chalice and shaking hands at the Sign of Peace will **not** take place.
5. People who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should wait for everyone else to receive Communion first.
6. All other mandates, i.e. proof of vaccination and capacity limits, are no longer in effect.
7. The holy water fonts at the Church entrance will remain empty.
8. At Sunday Masses we will resume the procession of the gifts (bread, wine, and the collection) to the altar; collecting the offerings with collection baskets in the pews; the assistance of at least one Eucharistic minister at St. Paul and St. Lawrence churches at communion and more ministers when necessary.

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. ~ *Fr. Allan*

You are encouraged to pray for reconciliation as the First Nations delegations meet in Rome with Pope Francis, March 28 to April 1, 2022. We pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe to intercede with her Son to shower abundant graces and blessings on us as we journey toward truth and reconciliation. In Atlantic Canada on March 28, from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. we are invited to light a fire or a candle and to pray, See our website **<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-and-reconciliation>**.

Antigonish Community Ukrainian Relief Effort Members of the Antigonish community are looking for your help to raise funds in support of the Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Effort. Cheques must be made out to "Antigonish Community Ukrainian Relief Effort" and mailed out to P.O. Box 1311 Antigonish NS B2G 2L6 You can also donate by making an e-transfer to **ukrainianrelief22@gmail.com** **Note:** Tax receipts are **not** provided in this particular fund raiser.

CCCB-PRAYING FOR UKRAINE The Executive-Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has condemned the escalation of tensions and violence in the Ukraine marked by Russia's invasion February 24. "In solidarity with the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, in unison with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with the people of Ukraine as well as with Canadians of Ukrainian origin and descent, we encourage the faithful and all people of good will to pray for the imminent restoration of peace, dialogue, and human fraternity." Read the statement: **<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/prayers-for-the-ukraine>**

Synod: 'Come back to me with all your heart': **Lent 2022 Lenten Calendar for your Synod** March 24-31, Fast From Lethargy; **Feast on Enthusiasm** *Let someone else do it. I'm too tired.* We are tired. Life demands much from us. Our faith asks only that we allow and be present. In these moments of quiet, we can hear and choose. **Almsgiving:** Invite someone to Mass. Share our survey or website on your social media. Deliver a note of encouragement or an invitation to your parish or Synod event with your donation to your local food bank. **Prayer:** Offer up prayers to someone you know in need.

Catholic Bishops of Canada invite all Canadian faithful to join Pope Francis and to pray for peace

17 March – Ottawa – On Friday, 25 March 2022, Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during the celebration of Penance that he will preside over at 5:00 p.m. (Rome time), in St. Peter's Basilica. Pope Francis wishes to place the people of Ukraine and Russia under the protection of Mary, the Mother of God, with a special liturgical act. To this end, he will consecrate the two countries to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at a penitential celebration. This act has been well received by the Catholic Bishops in Ukraine, as well as by the Russian Bishops.

In response to Pope Francis decision to consecrate both Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Ukrainian Catholic leaders will prepare with a novena that will **start on 17 March 2022**. They hope that all Catholic faithful from around the world will join them. In view of this appeal, the Catholic Bishops of Canada, unites with the Holy Father, invite their faithful and all people of good will to participate in the novena with the following prayer:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

