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This Sundays Readings Jeremiah 17: 5-8 Cursed are those who trust in more mortals, blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 1 R. Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Luke 6: 17, 20-26 Blessed are the poor, but woe to you who are rich!

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 15 – 20 to Sunday, February 13

Tuesday,	February 15,	Leonard Decoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Wednesday,	February 16,	Dorothy Melong	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Thursday,	February 17,	Hilda Ester Kenney	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Friday,	February 18,	Don Hubley	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Saturday,	February 19,	Margaret & Eugene DeCoste pro populo Joe Cripps	11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s St. Francis St. Lawrence
Sunday,	February 20,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s

Collection February 5/6, 2022	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul’s
Sunday Offering	\$325.00	\$550.00	\$1140.00
Loose			\$10.00
Pastor’s Dues			\$120.00
Initial Offering		\$15.00	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$5.00	\$25.00
Cemetery Fund	\$100.00 IMO Alice & Patsy Grady \$50 each		\$170.00 IMO Anne Boucher

St. Lawrence Parishioners New members 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 902-625-1617.

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.

A metal grave sign was found in St. Paul’s graveyard and given to Fr. Allan. The black sign lists “David died 1958 & Hattie died 1964, Melong? If you know where this marker belongs, please talk to Fr. Allan.

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 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.
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.

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

(* St. Paul: 3 of these were burials only) (** St. Lawrence 2 of these were burials only) (***)St. Francis: 2 of these were burials only)

Phase 1 of Reopening Plan for Nova Scotia, effective Monday, Feb. 14, 2022.

1. Masks are mandatory in our churches, halls. The mask must cover your mouth and nose. Readers can take their masks off to read. Social distancing is still required.
2. **Singing** is now allowed by everyone, **wearing masks and social distancing**.
3. Proof of double vaccination is **not** required Sunday Masses and weekday Masses.
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
 - a. maximum of 25 people or 50 % of the buildings capacity. The presider and funeral staff are not counted among the 25.
 - b. all represent must wear a mask indoors and outdoors, the 25 do not have to social distance if they are a consistent social group..
 - c. no one who is unwell may attend. d. a reception after funeral or wedding requires proof of double vaccination.
6. Border restrictions for people living in Canada and travelling to Nova Scotia are lifted. You no longer have to fill out the Safe Check-In form or self isolate if coming from another Canadian province. However, border restrictions do apply to out-of-country travelers coming to Nova Scotia.
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. The limits for regular Sunday and weekday Masses and liturgies are 50% of the building's capacity: 100 for St. Paul's; if social distancing allows; 100 for St. Lawrence, if social distancing allows; 60 for St. Francis, if social distancing allows.