

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

April 18/19, 2026

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This Sunday's Readings

Acts 2: 14, 226 – 28 It was impossible for Christ to be held in the power of death.

Responsorial 16 R. Lord, you will show me the path of life.

1 Peter 1: 17-21 You were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ, the lamb without defect or blemish.

Luke 24: 13-35 The disciples recognized the Lord when he broke bread with them.

	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>
Sunday Collection April 18/19, 2026			
Sunday Offering	\$340.00	\$810.00	\$1570.00
Loose	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$51.00
Good Friday	\$10.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
Pastor's Dues			\$105.00
Heat Pump		\$100.00	
Development & Peace	\$10.00		\$30.00
Initial	\$10.00		

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 a time,

Masses Tuesday, April 21 to Sunday, April 26

Tuesday	April 21	Clem Munroe	6:00 pm	St. Paul's
Wednesday	April 22	Peter Bowman	6:00 pm	St. Paul's
Thursday	April 23	Leon Brow	9:00 am	St. Paul's
Friday,	April 24	Seward Crispo	9:00 am	St. Paul's
Saturday	April 25	Francis Breen	11:00 am	St. Paul's
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.		Mary Wood	6:00 pm	St. Lawrence
Sunday	April 26	Billy DeGruchy	10:00 am	St. Paul's

Bible Study, Wednesday April 22, St. Paul's Church (wakeroom), at 10:30 am. We examine the Scriptural readings for the coming Sunday. All are welcome

Facts about Saint Francis of Assisi: Pope Innocent III dreamed of Saint Francis holding up the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran This vision convinced him that the Franciscans would help renew and support the Church.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel: St. Michael the Archangel defends us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

This Sunday, April 18/19 is designated as MAID Awareness Sunday or Dignity Sunday to raise awareness of the importance of protecting life at every stage and of opposing the expansion of MAID to include mental health as the only qualifying condition. (See the Bishop's Pastoral Letter)

Baptism: Delilah Jo DeCoste infant daughter of Dylan Joseph DeCoste and Jensen Adele Seymore, Port Hawkesbury, will be baptized at St. Lawrence Church, Mulgrave on Saturday, April 25. May Delilah Jo grow in love and faith in Christ her Lord, guided by the example of her parents, godparents, family and Church.

The Havre Stitch'n Sew, invites you to join them for Tea & Dessert. With quilts and quilted items on display May 9, 2026, 1-3 pm Havre Boucher Community Centre Donations welcomed! In Partnership with the Havre Boucher & Area Cultural Development and Recreation Association,

Hospital Visitation: Because St. Martha's Hospital and the other hospitals no longer provide lists of patients to pastors, clergy and lay ministers, we have no way of knowing when our parishioners are in hospital. To visit a parishioner, I therefore need that person or one of the relatives to tell me they would like to be visited. – *Fr. Allan*

St. Paul's Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, **May 24**, (Pentecost) at 10:00 am, 9 Students will be confirmed by Rev. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. On Sunday **May 31**, 3 children will celebrate their First Holy Communion Please remember these students in your prayers. Thank you!

St. Lawrence Parish invites parishioners, past and present, as well as friends of the Parish, to assist with its **Heat Pump Fund** if you are able. The new system and electrical upgrade cost \$58,811, minus a rebate from the province of 19,905.23. The parish received a loan of 36,374.27 at 4% annual interest from the Diocese of Antigonish. Monthly payments will be \$821.30 per month for four years. Donations to help us pay for this loan can be made to St. Lawrence Parish and receipts will be **issued that can be used as a charitable donation on your income tax return. We are grateful to all who support St. Lawrence Parish.**

Mass Intentions: Beginning in the New Year 2026, we respectfully ask that if you are asking for a Mass for deceased loved ones, you limit such requests to one Mass per person **per year**, preferably on the anniversary of their death (or near to that date if the actual date has been booked ahead of time). The problem for some years now is that we have had a large backlog of Masses to be said for more recently deceased people in our 3 parishes. (In some cases there may be 20 or 30 Masses to be said for a person, but few places to fit them in.). Thank you for your cooperation.

CORAH (Centre of Rural Aging and Health) is pleased to share a full lineup of engaging activities for April! Join us at the CORAH Café for friendly conversation or explore new places during our Travel Talk session. Keep moving with our Chair Yoga classes and Tai Chi in Creignish and unwind with Meditation. For those who love creativity and games, we're offering Crafternoon, Doodle Art, Scrabble Club, and a Mahjong Workshop. Gardeners can get their hands dirty at our Seed Sowing Workshop, while lifelong learners can attend informative sessions such as the Industrial Electrical Student Presentations, Probate Law Explained, and our Perimenopause & Menopause Presentation. There's something for everyone this month—come learn, connect, and have fun with CORAH!

Hank's Jamboree: will take place on Sunday, **April 26th**, at 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided, admission is \$5.00. Proceeds go to the Havre Boucher Community Centre. All entertainers welcome! Follow us on Facebook at **Hanksjamboree**

The last of the **2026 Winter/Spring ceilidhs** will be held in St Ninian's Place on Sunday, April 26th, 1:30-4:00 pm, featuring Kolten MacDonell, an exciting fiddler/piano player, originally from Cape Breton, now living in Halifax. Accompanying him will be Leona Williams and Junior Fraser. As usual a light lunch will be available. Admission - adults - \$15.00; students by donation; children under 12, free. Proceeds to the St Ninian's Roof Repair Fund.

"Firefighters Breakfast - April 19th, 2026 from 9am-12pm at the Havre Boucher Community Center (12401 Highway 4) - - - Firefighters' Portion Size : Scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, 2 sausage, 1/2 a piece of ham, 1/2 a piece of bologna, 2 pieces of toast and tea/coffee for \$14.00 - - - Jr. Firefighters Portion Size : Scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, 1 piece of toast and (choice of) 2 sausage, 1/2 a piece of ham, 1/2 a piece of bologna with juice/milk for \$8.00"