

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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This Sundays Readings Acts 4: 7-12 "...this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm 118 R. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

1 John 3: 1-2 Beloved, we are God's children now.

John 10: 11-18 Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

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

NO Bible Study this Wednesday, April 24.

Masses: Tuesday, April 23rd to Sunday, April 28th , 2024

Tuesday	23rd	Dennis DeGruchy	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday	24th	Mass of Thanksgiving (for Bill DeCoste & Mary DeCoste)	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday	25th	Yvonne Brow	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday	26th	Seward Crispo	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday	27th	Danny Avery & Sharon Delorey	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Opel Leet	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday	28th	Josephine Pettipas	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

<u>Collection, April 13/14, 2024</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>
Sunday Collection	\$425.00	\$550.00	\$1315.00
Loose		\$7.50	\$39.55
Pastors Dues			\$40.00
Share Lent			\$20.00
Good Friday			\$10.00
Initial			\$5.00
Missals			\$5.00

St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministers: we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers at St. Paul's Church, if you are in good standing with the church please consider this important ministry. If you are available please see Fr. Allan.

Today, April 21, is **Vocation Sunday**. Let us encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our parishes and families. Our Diocese of Antigonish has 2 men preparing for priesthood, including Deacon David Rankin who will be ordained at St. Ninians Cathedral on May 31st. And the annual collection to support our seminarians takes place on July 7, 2024. (The envelope for this is in your box of church envelopes). Thank you for your spiritual and financial support for our seminarians.

The Diocese of Antigonish requires the **emails** of all people who deal with children, vulnerable adults, and with church collections and deposits, and anyone with keys to our churches, to participate in a free, online course for Responsible Ministry offered by Ecclesiastical Insurance, our Insurance Company. This is mandatory for the pastor, religion teachers, choir directors who deal with youth, anyone who brings communion to persons in their homes or in nursing homes or hospitals, collection counters, money depositors, treasurers of any church committee or ministry and anyone with keys to our buildings. Please provide your email to Fr. Allan or to Mary as soon as possible. The online course is only 49 minutes long. Thank you.

Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m., at the Church.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel: St. Michael the Archangel, defend 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

Blessing of the Boats: will be held on Sunday, April 28, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Havre Boucher Wharf.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on May 5th; the 2 children who will receive this Sacrament are Jake Bennett & Scotia Rose Murphy. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

The Antigonish Town and County Library offers outreach assistance with accessing Virtual Care at the Havre Boucher and Area Community Centre. Our Virtual Health Navigator can help you access health care in a private setting within the community centre. Please call 863-4276 for an appointment or more information.

Changes for Pastor's Visits at St. Martha's Hospital: New privacy regulations at St. Martha's Hospital do not permit clergy to see a list of their parishioners who are patients in the hospital. Therefore, I will need to be informed by the family or patient themselves if the patient wishes me to visit them in hospital. My usual day for visiting is Tuesday, so please inform me by phone before Sunday Mass (234-2387, Glebe house) if someone wants me to visit them. ~ *Fr. Allan*

Sanitary Policies for St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes: We strongly recommend the wearing of masks during cold, flu and COVID outbreaks; hand sanitizing and masks for Eucharistic Ministers at all times; bowing, not hand shaking, for the sign of peace; and being the last to receive Communion for those receiving on the tongue.

Cemetery Fees: Parishioners are reminded of the following policies passed by parish councils, and approved by the pastor regarding cemetery fees

St. Paul's: For Parishioners No cost. (A parishioner is a Catholic who lives within the boundaries of the parish, **or** who lives close and attends Mass here faithfully and supports the parish using church envelopes).

Non-parishioners \$400.00 payable to St. Paul's Cemetery Fund for a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot.

St. Lawrence: For parishioners and non-parishioners: \$200.00 payable to St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund, for burial in a new plot. There is no fee for burial of ashes in an existing plot.

St. Francis of Assisi: For Parishioners: \$200.00 payable to St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Fund for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot. **For Non-Parishioners** \$300.00 for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot.

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

Hank's Jamboree: will take place Sunday, April 28, 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!

Applications to the Bishop Power Foundation The late Bishop William E. Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. Bishop Power established the foundation in 2001, assisted by the generosity of his family. Annually, the total amount of funding disbursed by the foundation is \$25,000.

Diocesan, parish and other non-profit groups are invited to apply for funding where their programs will either a) empower the poor, b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church, or c) aid the missionary activity of the church.

Individual students may apply for financial support for Catholic Studies programs at the university level. **For Application form, criteria and details:** <https://www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca/application-process> **Deadline: May 1, 2024**

Cursillo Reunion: Saturday May 4, 1 pm Sister Catherine Steele Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 112 North Foord Street, Stellarton. Feel free to bring a treat to share. Refreshments provided, Musical instruments welcomed. Hope to see you for some fun, music and fellowship. Contact: Barb (cell) 902-759-1317 Linda (home) 902-752-6928

The Havre Stitch 'N Sew: The Havre Stitch 'N Sew invites you to join them for Tea and Dessert, with quilts and quilted items on display. May 11, 2024 from 1-3 pm. Havre Boucher Community Centre. This event is in partnership with the Havre Boucher & Area Cultural, Development and Recreation Association

A Kitchen Party will take place in St Francis Harbour Hall, May 5th starting at 2 PM, A light Lunch will be provided. All proceeds will go to the Parish Hall. All Entertainers are welcome.

FLEA MARKET Mulgrave Fire Hall, Date: May 26th time: 10:00 – 2:00, tables: \$10.00 each, crafts, bake goods, flea market items welcomed, admission: \$1.00 call: 902-747-2601 to book a table.

Acadian identity in the anglicised village of Havre Boucher. Karman d'Entremont is writing a Master's Thesis studying Acadian identity and culture in the village of Havre Boucher from its first settlers to the present day will be analyzed in the context of Acadia in the Maritimes i.e., what similarities and differences did the people of Havre Boucher have with Acadian communities elsewhere in the Maritimes? In order to understand Acadian heritage in Havre Boucher today, the personal experiences of the villagers will be examined through face-to-face interviews. If you are interested please read more information on Bulletin board in the Foyer of the Church and his contact information is Karmen.dEntremont at Karmen.dEntremont@usaintanne.ca or at 1-902-648-4538.

