

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher  
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave  
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour  
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**The Sunday Readings** **Jeremiah 31:31-34** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

**Responsorial Psalm 51 R.** Create a clean heart in me, O God

**Hebrews 5:7-9** Having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**John 12: 20-33** “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself”.

**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 19 – Sunday, March 24, 2024**

- Tuesday 19,** Victoria Fitzpatrick & Victor Cashin 6.00 p.m. St. Paul’s
- Wednesday 20,** Yolanda LePage 6:30 p.m. St. Paul’s (**Stations of the Cross** 6:00 p.m. before Mass)
- Thursday 21,** Dale Munroe 9:00 a.m. St. Paul’s
- Friday 22,** Fred Arseneault 9:00 a.m. St. Paul’s
- Saturday 23,** Philip Baldwin 11:00 a.m. St. Paul’s
- (Palm Sunday)** John Hartt 4:00 p.m. St. Francis (**Stations of the Cross** at 3:15 p.m., before Mass)
- (Palm Sunday)** pro populo 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence (**Stations of the Cross** 5:30 p.m., before Mass)
- Palm Sunday 24,** Alanna Mullaney 10:00 a.m. St. Paul’s

**Bible Study,** Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul’s Church. We discuss the readings for the coming Sunday. All are welcome.

<b><u>Collection, March 9/10, 2024</u></b>	<b><u>St. Francis</u></b>	<b><u>St. Lawrence</u></b>	<b><u>St. Paul’s</u></b>
Sunday Collection	\$415.00	\$785.00	\$1120.00
Loose	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$72.00
Initial Offering		\$20.00	
Pastors Dues			\$45.00
Share Lent		\$30.00	\$50.00
Good Friday		\$10.00	

**Season of Lent:** Lent has two major purposes: LENT a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God’s word and for more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal mystery Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes. During Lent, it is important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that the heart of the virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God. The Church encourages penitential practices that are external and social, reflecting the circumstances of individuals and communities, as we pray and do penance for sinners. (See CSL, nos. 109-110)

**Confirmation** will be celebrated at Sunday Mass, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul’s Church

**St. Lawrence CWL** is collecting items for the Mulgrave Food Pantry. We are asking parishioners to bring a non perishable food item each week during Lent to put in the box at back of church. Our League is happy to sponsor this on behalf of our Parish. **Thank You for participating.**

**A Lenten Parish Mission at St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury** 118 Granville Street, Port Hawkesbury Sunday, March 17 to Wednesday March 20 inclusive With Fr. Bill Burke, pastor of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, Sydney 7-8pm Each evening, with tea and coffee reception following Monday – Wednesday 2-4pm Confessional/Drop in chat On Wednesday, the final evening, Mass at 7pm, with the talk as part of the Mass

**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.

**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

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.

A plastic bag filled with **church blueprints** was left in St. Lawrence Church last summer. These documents are important. If you know their whereabouts, please speak to Fr. Allan.

**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). **For 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.

**Development and Peace** materials are available at the church entrance.

**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, March 24, 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!

### **The Sacred Paschal Triduum Schedule Revised**

**Holy Thursday** Thursday of the Lord's Supper, March 28, 4:00 pm St. Lawrence  
6:00 pm St. Paul

**Good Friday**, March 29 Friday of the Passion of the Lord, 1:00 pm St. Lawrence  
3:00 pm St. Paul

**Easter Vigil**, Saturday, March 30 8:00 p.m. St. Paul

**Easter Sunday**, March 31 The Resurrection of the Lord 9:00 am St. Francis  
10:15 am St. Lawrence  
**11:30 am St. Paul**

**Extra Confession Times:** St. Ninian Cathedral, Saturday March 23, 10 am to 1:00 pm, various priests and  
Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Saturday, March 23, after Mass (approximately 4:45 pm)  
St. Lawrence Church, Saturday, March 23, after Mass (approximately 6:45 pm)  
St. Paul's Church, Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 pm

**The Mass of Chrism** (blessing of holy oils, renewal of priest's commitments) will be celebrated on Monday, March 25, 3:00 pm St. Ninian Cathedral. To shorten the time in distributing the holy oils, only the names of pastors, not the names of parishes, will be announced and representatives of St. Paul's can receive the oils from the bishop. Oils for other churches (St. Lawrence, St. Francis) may be picked up after Mass.