**Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time** ***(A) February 4/5, 2023***

**St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher**

**St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave**

**Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour Fr. Allan MacPhie, Pastor Rectory: 902- 234-2387 / Church: 902-234-3505 Mary Williams, Religious Ed. Coordinator, Home: 902-234-3118, cell 902-870-2168, or Church 902-234-3505 Email:** [**marywilliams@bellaliant.net**](mailto:marywilliams@bellaliant.net) **Bulletin notices must be in no later than Thursday p.m.**

***This Sundays Readings***: Isaiah 58: 6-10 Your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm R. Light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 I proclaimed to you the mystery Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Matthew 5: 13-16 You are the light of the world.

***Lent is coming!*** Ash Wednesday is on February 22. If you have palm branches from Palm Sunday last year, you may bring them to Fr. Allan to be burnt and used for the ashes of Ash Wednesday.

***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.

***Bible Study***: NO Bible Study on Wednesday, February 8th

***Masses:*** **Tuesday, February 7, to Sunday, February 15, 2023**

Tuesday, Tom Haley & Soul’s In Purgatory 6:00 p.m. St. Paul’s Wednesday, **NO MASS** 6:00 p.m. St. Paul’s

Thursday, Thelma Melski 9:00 a.m. St. Paul’s

Friday, Stella & Robert Melong 9:00 a.m. St. Paul’s Saturday, Helen McNamara 11:00 a.m. St. Paul’s

Priscilla Kavanaugh 4:00 p.m. St. Francis

Bobby Wood 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence Sunday pro populo 10:00 a.m. St. Paul’s

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| ***Collection, Jan 28/29, 2023*** | **St. Francis** | **St. Lawrence** | **St. Paul** |
| Sunday Offering | $325.00 | $435.00 | $1190.00 |
| Loose | $10.00 | $10.25 | $20.00 |
| Initial |  | $10.00 | $25.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary |  |  | $30.00 |
| Pastor’s Dues |  |  | $85.00 |
| CWL Donation |  | $450.00 |  |
| Heating |  | $100.00 |  |

***"Home Assistance Grant 2022-2023*** The Nova Scotia government has increased the **net** household income to  $85,000 for the Heating Rebate Grant and increased the rebate to $1,000 for this year only. For individuals requiring assistance in completing the Heating Assistance Rebate for 2022-2023 on paper or electronically, assistance will be provided Thursday, February 09, 2023 at the Havre Boucher Community Centre by Harris McNamara and Dee Melong from 10 am - 3pm. There is no requirement to send in documents, just bring your Social Insurance Number, that's all that is needed to apply."

***Ordinary Time:*** During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the Paschal Mystery of Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Pascal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. On the first day of the week, the Lord’s Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord’s Resurrection. Today’s Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord. (From The Ordo, 2022-2023, p. 116)

The cost of heating at ***St. Lawrence Church*** will increase substantially beginning January 2023. We have been paying 29 cents per **.9** litres. The new cost will be $1.16 per **.**9 litres, according to DSM Canada who provides our biofuel (Fish oil).

***St. Lawrence Parish*** is in need of **readers** for Mass. If you are a regular church-goer and wish to read, please speak to Fr. Allan.

***St. Lawrence Choir:*** anyone wishing to join the choir please contact Evangeline Breen at 902-747-2601. We welcome all new members.

***St. Paul’s Church Roof Fund***: The cost of our new roof was $31,206.25, 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!

***Covid – 19 Regulations for St. Paul, St. Lawrence and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes***

**1.** Masks are Highly **Recommended**  **2**. Social distancing is **Highly Recommended. 3. \*Hand sanitizing and mask- wearing by** the **priest and Eucharistic Ministers** will take place when serving Holy Communion.  **4.** Sharing the Chalice and shaking hands at the Sign of Peace will **not** take place.  **5**. **Holy Communion will take place on the hand only, or in a pyx, but not directly on the tongue. 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.

***Our Lady of Grace Chapel*** Father Albert MacPherson, OSA at will be available in the Chapel each Friday from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm for Reconciliation.