

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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This Sundays Readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18 You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
 Responsorial Psalm 103 R. The Lord is merciful and gracious.
 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ,
 and Christ belongs to God.
 Matthew 5: 38-48 Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Lenten Rules for Fast and Abstinence: Lent begins this week with **Ash Wednesday**, which is a day of fast and abstinence. The **law of fast** allows only one full meal and two lighter meals, and no eating between meals. Fasting binds those persons from age 18 through 59. The **law of abstinence** prohibits the eating of meat for all persons 14 years of age and older. In Canada, all Fridays throughout the year are days of abstinence, **but special acts of charity or piety may be substituted.**

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: on Wednesday, (Ash Wednesday), February 22

Masses: Tuesday, February 21, to Sunday, February 26, 2023

Tuesday,	Theresa Aucoin	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Ash Wednesday,	Colin Turvey	11:00 a.m.	St. Francis
	Owen Rae O'Neill	4:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Elizabeth Green	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	Kathleen Williams	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Michael Breen	10:30 a.m. (Stations and Mass)	St. Lawrence
Friday,	Sylvester & Lillian DeCoste	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	Harriet (Bunny) Kenny	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Alton Carr	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
	pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday	Lorraine Henry (living)	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

<u>Collection, Feb. 11/12, 2023</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
Sunday Offering	\$455.00	\$1060.00	\$1175.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$1.80	\$30.00
Initial		\$5.00	\$15.00
Pastor's Dues			\$130.00
Cemetery	\$100.00		

Liturgy Committees: St. Lawrence and St. Francis parishes presently do not have liturgy committees. A liturgy committee works with the pastor to plan and schedule liturgies, especially at Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. A liturgy committee seeks to find new people to serve as eucharistic ministers, lectors, singers and hospitality ministers; to take the lead in decorating the church for various seasons and holy days; to discuss appropriate music; to enhance the sacred nature of the Mass and other liturgies. I am proposing that St. Lawrence and St. Francis parishes each have a liturgy of at least 4 people who can commit themselves to several meetings a year. There should be someone from the music ministry on the committee and preferably the person who prepares the gifts and the Roman Missal and lectionary for Mass. Please speak to me if you are interested.

Baptism: We welcome to our Catholic Faith, **Lucy Hazel Coleman**, infant daughter of Michelle Coleman and Jillian Hadley, Halifax. The Church reminds us that parents are always the first and most important teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May Lucy Hazel become the true disciple of Christ God calls her to be, guided by her parents, godparents and Church. Lucy will be baptized this Saturday, February 18th at St. Lawrence Church.

2022 Parish Statistics

	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>First Communions</u>	<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
St. Paul	6	4	14	1	16
St. Lawrence	4	0	4	0	15
St. Francis	0	0	1	0	6

St. Paul's Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m., church wakeroom.

St. Lawrence Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, February 23, 11:15 a.m. (after Mass), church.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council Meeting, Saturday, February 25, 4:45 p.m. (after Mass), church.

Mass Intentions: For a number of years we have been providing forms for Mass intentions. They help ensure that the Mass is said at the Church and date that you prefer. If you do not fill out this form there is no guarantee that the Mass will be said in the place you want. (For example, I say some Masses at the R.K. MacDonald and Port Hawkesbury Nursing Homes). Please fill out these forms rather than writing the information on a small piece of paper. Thank you – ***Fr. Allan.***

Addendum to the previous notice: If you are writing out a cheque for a Mass, please make it out to St. Paul's Mass Stipend Account, regardless of what parish the Mass is for.

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.

