

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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This Sundays Readings *Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7 A child has been born for us; a son given to us.*
Responsorial Psalm 96 R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Titus 2: 11-14 The grace of God has appeared to all.
Luke 2:1-16 To you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Christ.

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.

Christmas (The Nativity of the Lord) celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord’s death and rising is more important than the Christmas season. (From the Ordo, 2022-2023, p. 97)

Pastor’s Christmas Message *Our celebration of the birth of the Christ child is the celebration of joy and hope for this troubled world. God has given us his Son to restore what he had lost, to raise us up to Himself. May the joy of this holy season be yours. ~ Fr. Allan*

No Bible Study: this Wednesday, December 28.

Masses: Tuesday, December 21, to Sunday, January 1, 2023

Tuesday,	NO MASS	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Wednesday,	Edward & Cecilia O’Neill and deceased family members	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Thursday,	Marc Amirault	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Friday,	Judy Layes	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Saturday,	Tony Rooyakkers	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
	Colin Turvey	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
	Fred Johnson	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday	pro populo	10:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s

Collection, December 17/18, 2022	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul’s
Sunday Offering	\$265.00	\$690.00	\$1385.00
Loose		\$11.85	\$44.00
Pastor’s Dues			\$155.00
Sunday Missals			\$5.00
Church Maintenance		\$10.00	
Christmas Flowers			\$145.00
Christmas Offering		\$25.00	\$1230.00
Roof Fund			\$100.00
Donation to Religious Ed.			\$50.00
IMO Stanton Family		\$200.00	

Baptism: We welcome to the parish of St. Paul **Sorin Harry Bryan**, infant son of Jason & Megan Bryan, Frankville. May Sorin grow always in the love and grace of Christ the Lord.

Thank you to Mulgrave Machine Works and Sean Reid for the donation of new railings for the outdoor steps at St. Lawrence Church.

CWL Members. CWL Members will be selling angels again this year to remember our loved ones who have passed or are sick and need our prayers. They will be remembered in the prayers of the faithful during Mass from Christmas until Epiphany. Angels are \$5 each and will be sold before Mass starting Dec 4th. Proceeds to St. Lawrence Building Fund.

2022-2023 Sunday Missals are available for \$5.00 each. These missals began with the start of the new liturgical year

November 27, 2022 The cost of heating St. **Lawrence Church** will increase substantially beginning January 2023. We have been paying 29 cents per .9 litre. The new cost will be \$1.16 per .9 litre, according to DSM Canada who provides our biofuel (Fish oil).

CHARITABLE RECEIPTS 2022: To receive a charitable donation receipt for the year **2022** from St. Paul's Parish for any and all donations including your Sunday offerings, special collections, etc., funds must be received by the Parish on or before December 31, 2022. This is a requirement from the Revenue Canada Agency. Any funds received in the month of January 2023 will be recorded as a 2023 donation.

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! **Donations in 2020-2021, \$2,010 and in 2022 up to present time, donations \$1900, for a total of \$3,910.**

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.