

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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This Sundays Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13 David was anointed King over Israel.
 Responsorial Psalm 23 R. The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
 Ephesians 5: 8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
 John 9:1-41 The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see.

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: on Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. St. Paul’s Church (wake rooms). All are welcome. We discuss the readings for the coming Sunday Mass.

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

Tuesday,	March 21,	Victoria Fitzpatrick & Victor Cashin	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Wednesday,	March 22,	Anthony O’Neil	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Thursday,	March 23,	John Webb	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Friday,	March 24,	Kay Anderson	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Saturday,	March 25,	Michael, Meghan & Family (Living)	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
		Kimberly Anne Collins	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Gerard Murray	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday	March 26,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s

<u>Collection, March 11/12, 2023</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
Sunday Offering	\$315.00	\$760.00	\$949.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$55.00	\$20.00
Pastor’s Dues			\$30.00
Church Maintenance		\$20.00	
Church Pews		\$150.00	
Initial Offering		\$5.00	
IMO Elaine Burn’s			\$20.00 Luncheon
Missals			\$5.00

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.
 (From The Ordo, 2022-2023, p. 154)

Stations of the Cross

St. Francis of Assisi, Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.; **St. Lawrence,** Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.; **St. Paul’s,** Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

St. Francis Liturgy Committee Meeting, Saturday, March 25, 3:30 p.m., Church.

The cost of biofuel for St. Lawrence Church for the month of February was **\$5,193.53!**

Chalice, the Catholic Charitable organization, will be having a Sponsorship Weekend in our 3 parishes on June 10-11. We need volunteers in each parish to give out information at a table displaying information on Chalice at each church entrance. If you can help please speak to Fr. Allan.

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

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.

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 Fr. Allan if you are interested.

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 3 Mass of Chrism (Blessing of Holy Oils, Renewal of Priestly Promises) 3:00 p.m. St. Ninian Cathedral
Holy Thursday, April 6 Mass of the Lord's Supper 4:00 p.m. St. Francis
6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
Good Friday, April 7 Passion of the Lord 1:00 p.m. St. Francis
3:00 p.m. St. Paul's
Easter Vigil, April 8 8:00 p.m. St. Paul's (tentative)
Easter Sunday, April 9 9:00 a.m. St. Francis
10:30 a.m. St. Lawrence
St. Paul's (undetermined)

Please Note: Liturgies for the Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter) should not be broken up among parishes, but be celebrated entirely in a parish.