St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher

St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave

Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour

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<u>This Sundays Readings</u> Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40 The Lord is God in heaven above and on the beneath; there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm 33 R. Blessed the people the Lord as chosen as his heritage.

Romans 8: 14-17 All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons and daughters of God.

**Matthew 28: 16-20** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

<u>The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</u> 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, May 28 to Sunday, June 2, 2024					
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's	
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Special Intention (Living)	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's	
Thursday	$30^{th}$	Joanne Pellerine (ill)	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's	
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Agnes Bowman	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's	
Saturday	June 1	Bob Melong	11:00 a.m	St. Paul's	
		Jeffrey Peters	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis	
		pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence	
Sunday	June 2	Allan LeVangie	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's	

<b>Collection, May 18/19, 2024</b>	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$340.00	\$590.00	\$1345.00
Loose	\$148.00	\$10.00	\$148.00
Pastors Dues			\$85.00
Cemetery	\$160.00	\$20.00	\$185.00
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$285.00
IMO Joe Guthro			\$35.00 Cemetery
			\$290.00 Luncheon

<u>Deacon David Rankin</u> will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Antigonish on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at St. Ninian Cathedral. Please keep David in your prayers for ordination.

<u>Flu & Colds</u> seem to be running rampant in our area these days, and some people are coughing and infecting others. Please wear a mask if you have cold or flu symptoms. Thank you!

The Diocese of Antigonish requires the <u>emails</u> 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.

<u>The Sacrament of Confirmation:</u> will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2024 it would be nice to have a good turnout of Parishioners, and especially choir members. It is unfortunate that the choir has dwindled down to 4 or 5 people or less on some Sundays. Anyone who is able to sing, please come join us. It sends out the message that our Parish is alive and well, especially with the bishop attending. Thank you! The following students that will receive this Sacrament are Keenan Allain, Sadie Anderson, Brittany Bennett, Xavier Bennett, Cabeb Bowie, Lucas Brennan, Lily Meagher, Matthew Partridge, Laura Snow. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey closer to receiving this Sacrament.

**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.

<u>Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel</u>: 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 Annual Global Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will take place on June 7, 2024. At midnight on June 7, the Rosary Relay with groups praying the Holy Rosary in one part of the world and will continue to be passed on to other countries until the world is encircled in prayer over a 24-hour period. Please join in this prayer individually, as a family, as a parish or prayer group

<u>Hank's Jamboree</u>: will take place Sunday, May 26, 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!

<u>The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine</u> needs major repairs, and its board is seeking to raise \$50,000.00. If you wish to help, you could enroll a friend as a gift or give in memory of a loved one.

<u>The Antigonish Town and County Library</u> offers outreach assistance with accessing Virtual Care at the Havre Boucher and Area Community Centre. Our Virtual Health Navigator can help you access health care in a private setting within the community centre. Please call 863-4276 for an appointment or more information.

<u>Changes for Pastor's Visits at St. Martha's Hospital</u>: 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* 

<u>Sanitary Policies for St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes:</u> 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.

<u>Cemetery Fees:</u> Parishioners are reminded of the following policies passed by parish councils, and approved by the pastor regarding cemetery fees

<u>St. Paul's: For Parishioners</u> No cost. (A parishioner is a Catholic who lives within the boundaries of the parish, <u>or</u> who lives close and attends Mass here faithfully and supports the parish using church envelopes).

<u>Non-parishioners</u> \$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.

<u>The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's</u> will be on Sunday, May 26 at the Havre Boucher Community Centre Register your family as a team or come as an individual. Registration opens at 1 pm and the Walk starts at 2 pm. The Society is also looking for volunteers to help on Walk day. For more information, please visit walkns.ca or call 1-800-611-6345.

HAVRE BOUCHER VETERANS' ASSOCIATIONANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Havre Boucher Veterans' Association will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024 @ 7:145 PM-at the McGillivray Room - St. Paul's Church. A regular meeting will follow the AGM. All meetings of the Association are open to open invitation to anyone who may be interested in joining the Association. You DO NOT have to be a family member of a Veteran to join the Association. The purpose of the Association is to keep an annual memorial day (November 11) and to preserve the record and memories of those who served or are serving in Her Majesty's Armed Forces and to see that such services shall not be forgotten by the Community. We strongly encourage membership in the Association to maintain the Cenotaph, Wall of Remembrance in the Community Center and other ongoing projects.

Conscience Protection of Nova Scotia Doctors: Imagine a healthcare system where death is considered a therapeutic treatment. *Imagine being a Christian doctor in that system*. Imagine being told by your medical regulator that you are abandoning your patient if you don't make arrangements for them to get an assessment for euthanasia. That healthcare system is in Nova Scotia today. The Nova Scotia medical regulator has a policy that forces physicians to refer patients for euthanasia and other controversial procedures. *Thirty courageous Christian physicians* have told Nova Scotia's medical regulator that they cannot abide by this policy.

When they are at their most vulnerable, people may choose euthanasia if they don't have suitable options to live. We need physicians who will go the extra mile to ensure their patients are connected with the support and services they need. Nova Scotia physicians are too important to patient care to be sacrificed for the sake of an unnecessary policy.

Write the Nova Scotia regulator today to tell them you want this policy to be changed: <a href="https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24">https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24</a>. (Copies of a draft letter to the Nova Scotia Government are also available at the Church entrance.).