

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher
St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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The Sunday Readings **Mark 11: 1-10** "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Isaiah 50: 4-7 "The Lord helps me; ... therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame."

Responsorial Psalm 22 R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Philippians 2: 6-11 Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself.

Mark 14: 1-15:47 Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet not what I want, but what you want.

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

Confessions, St. Paul's Church, Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 pm (Fr. Allan)

No Bible Study this Wednesday, March 27.

Masses: Tuesday, March 25 – Sunday, March 31, 2024

Monday 25, Mass of Chrism (St. Ninian Cathedral), blessing of oils, renewal of priestly promises 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday 26, Teresa Guthro (deceased) 6.00 p.m. St. Paul's

Wednesday 27, Gerard Bennett (Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. before mass) St. Paul's

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Through his Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the Liturgical Year. The Easter Solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

The celebration of the Easter Triduum opens with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer II on Easter Sunday.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper 28th (Institution of the Eucharist and the holy priesthood)

John Antle 4:00 p.m. St. Lawrence

Debbie Green 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's

Friday of the Passion of the Lord 29th (**Good Friday** is a universal day of **fasting** (one full meal, 2 other light meals, no snacking between meals) and **abstinence from meat**).

St. Lawrence 1:00 p.m.

St. Paul's 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday 30th The Church mourns the death of the Lord, and our sins for which he died. On Holy Saturday the Church encourages those who are able to maintain the fast.

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Vigil 30th St. Paul pro populo 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday 31st St. Francis Wayne DeCoste 9:00 a.m.

St. Lawrence Mary Hadley 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul Beatrice Bennett 11:30 a.m.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel: 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

Confirmation will be celebrated at Sunday Mass, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's 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.

St. Francis weekly contributions: anyone who has the envelope numbers 24 and 25 could you please put your name on at least one envelope so you can receive an income tax receipt for your contributions at the end of the year.

Collection, March 16/17, 2024	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$205.00	\$515.00	\$1680.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$87.25
Pastors Dues			\$425.00
Share Lent	\$25.00	\$5.00	\$20.00

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and is completed with the Holy Hour on Sunday, April 7, St. Paul Church, 2:30 p.m.

The Mass of Chrism (blessing of holy oils, renewal of priest's commitments) will be celebrated on Monday, March 25, 3:00 pm St. Ninian Cathedral. To shorten the time in distributing the holy oils, only the names of pastors, not the names of parishes, will be announced and representatives of St. Paul's can receive the oils from the bishop. Oils for other churches (St. Lawrence, St. Francis) may be picked up after Mass.

The Diocese of Antigonish requires the **emails** 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.

A plastic bag filled with **church blueprints** was left in St. Lawrence Church last summer. These documents are important. If you know their whereabouts, please speak to Fr. Allan.

Changes for Pastor's Visits at St. Martha's Hospital: 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**

Sanitary Policies for St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes: 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.

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

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

Non-parishioners \$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.

Development and Peace materials are available at the church entrance.

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

Hank's Jamboree: will take place Sunday, March 24, 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!

The Mulgrave and Area Medical Center would like to thank the parishioners of St Lawrence for their generous donations to our food pantry; your support is greatly appreciated, thank you so much.