

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **January 20/21, 2024**
and Sunday of the Word of God

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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The Sunday Readings **Jonah 3:1-5, 10** And the people of Nineveh believed God.

Responsorial Psalm, 25 R. Lord, make me know your ways

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short ... For the present form of this world is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20 "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people".

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.

Masses: Tuesday, January 23 – Sunday, January 28, 2024

Tuesday,	January, 23	Seward, Agnes, & Bradley Fougere	6.00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	January, 24	Inez Pettipas	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	January, 25	Paula Breen	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	January, 26	Bob Melong	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	January, 27	Theresa Davidson	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Cathy Leet	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	January, 28	Mary Wood	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

No Bible Study, Wednesday, January 24, 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Church. We discuss the Mass readings for the coming Sunday. All are welcome.

<u>Collection, Epiphany of the Lord</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>
Sunday Collection January 6/7, 2024	\$290.00	\$320.00	\$2205.00
Loose		\$5.00	\$60.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00		\$65.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$5.00	\$30.00
Christmas			\$80.00
Pastors Dues			\$30.00
Luncheon Fund IMO Karen Breen Welton			\$20.00
Vestments Donation			\$100.00

TAX RECEIPT FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2023: Tax receipts for 2023 will be made available during the month of February, 2024. Please note that receipts will not be issued for the following: Religious Education registration fees, Purchase of missals, Purchase of Angels for the St. Paul's Angel Tree, "Forever in our Hearts ornaments".

Thank you: for the amount of 1,270.00 was donated to St. Paul's Cemetery Fund from the closure of the account named LeVangie Family Reunion. We wish to thank those involved for this generous donation.

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.

Someone gave me a **gumdrop cake** in a **cake saver** (red lid, snowflakes on sides) at Christmas. There is also a **red reusable grocery bag** that the cake saver may have been in. There was no name telling me who the kind giver is. Please let me know if these belong to you. ~ *Fr. Allan*

St. Paul's Angel Tree "Forever in our Hearts" raised \$840.00 which will go towards St. Paul's Religion program for the purchase of gifts for the Sacrament classes and supplies for the Religious Ed. classes. I wish to thank everyone who supported us this Christmas. I am overwhelmed with your generosity to our program and for all your support in the work I do for the Church. A Mass will be offered everyone whose name was t on the Angel Tree; it will be on the bulletin when it becomes available. God Bless you for your Kindness. *Mary*

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). **For 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.

TAX RECEIPT DEADLINE FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2023: To receive a charitable donation receipt for the year 2023 from St. Paul's Parish, St. Lawrence Parish and St. Francis of Assisi Mission, for all donations including your Sunday offerings, special collections, donations IMO, etc., funds **must** be received by the Parish on or before December 31, 2023. Tax receipts for Income Tax purposes for the year 2023 will be issued on or before February 29, 2024. This is a requirement from the Revenue Canada Agency. Any funds received in the month of January 2024 will be recorded as a 2024 donation.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: St. Paul's Church Envelopes for 2024 are now available for those parishioners who have contributed to your respective Parish using 2023 church envelopes provided; your name will be shown on the 2024 box of envelopes. If your name does not appear on an envelope box, **please** take a box of envelopes that does not have a name on it (30 extra boxes) and for the first couple of weeks make sure your name and address are shown on your Sunday Offering envelopes. PLEASE do not use your 2024 envelopes during the month of December 2023 or use your 2023 envelopes in the year 2024.

Every parishioner has both a duty and obligation to support their Parish. Sunday Offering envelopes are made specifically for the collection of monetary donations to your Parish for the purpose of collecting funds necessary for the operations of the Parish. The use of remittance envelopes is **crucial** to the financial success of the operations of the church. With the exception of "Special Collections" and the "Diocesan Levy", the majority of funds collected stay in your Parish to pay for operating expenses (heat / electricity / insurance / mtce. / repairs) of the church, glebe house, office expenses including wages and benefits, snow removal, religious education/administration, grounds and cemetery upkeep, just to name a few of the expenditures.

Sunday of the Word of God, January 21: Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." ~ *Pope Francis, Aperitif ills, 2*