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Third Sunday of Lent

March 14/15, 2020

Scriptural Reading This Sunday: First Reading: Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm 95 R. O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel: John 4:5-42 The water I will give will be a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Masses:	Tuesday,	March 17,	Yvonne Defour	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Wednesday,	March 18,	Rick Fougere (Stations/Mass)	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday,	March 19,	Ben Pelrine	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
			Kenneth Wood (Station/Mass)	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Friday,	March 20,	Bella Fougere	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday,	March 21,	Robena Young	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
			Patricia Canty	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
			Lewis England	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday,	March 22,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Stations of the Cross: **Wednesday, St. Paul's 6:00 p.m.**
Thursday, St. Lawrence 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, St. Francis, 3:15 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: this Wednesday, March 18, St. Paul's Church Wake House, 10:30 a.m.

Weekly Collection March 7/8, 2020	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Offering	\$65.00	\$625.00	\$1875.00
Loose	\$0	\$0	\$57.00
Pastor's Dues			\$145.00
Initial		\$20.00	
Building Fund		\$10.00	
Share Lent			\$15.00
Church Maintenance		\$20.00	

IMO John Webb St. Paul's \$325.00 Luncheon Fund / 195.00 Cemetery Fund / Parish Centre \$10.00

IMO Robena Young St. Paul's \$280.00 Luncheon Fund / \$145.00 Cemetery Fund

IMO Charlie Curry St. Paul's \$55 Cemetery Fund / \$230.00 Parish

March 21/22, 2020	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Kelly Lynn	Anne
St. Lawrence	Kevin / George	Allison / Liz / Theresa
St. Paul's	Sabrina Wood / Yvonne Sampson	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Ann Marie Meagher

Community Prayer Tree: A group of individuals would love to pray for your intentions. They pray for parishioners in need of prayer daily and at the Cenacle following Friday Mass each week when possible. They are very confidential and would encourage you to either leave your petitions in the sealed box located in the Church or please phone Lucille Fougere at 234-2320. We would love to know when prayers have been answered.

Marriage Preparation Course: Sponsored by the Antigonish/Guysborough Deanery, a Marriage Preparation Course is being offered March 21, 8:45 am-4pm, Room 21, St. Ninian Place (lower level). Online registration on the Diocese of Antigonish website, Marriage Preparation. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/marriage-preparation-course-diocese-of-antigonish-tickets-9050970665>. Inquiries may be made to Jeff or Jacqueline at, marriageprep@antigonishdiocese.com.

World Marriage Day: Salutes the beauty of the faithful, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Couples are invited to join in a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend: June 5-7 Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Monastery, NS—for information: renewmarriage@gmail.com; phone Jamie & Connie 902-314-8541.

On Sunday, March 15, the Diocesan Quilt, made from squares provided by the parishes, and celebrating the 175th Anniversary of our diocese, as well as a **special cross**, will be present at St. Paul's Church during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. (Unfortunately, the schedule did not allow for St. Lawrence or St. Francis churches to have the quilt and the cross on this same weekend).

St. Paul's Religion Classes: There is no classes next week March 15-17 because of March Break, classes will resume on the following week, March 22-24. New schedules are being sent home for the remaining classes.

Pontifical Collection for the Custody of the Holy Land on Good Friday, April 10, 2020 for the benefit of the Church and the Christians of the Holy Land

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection not only helps to maintain churches and shrines located at Holy Places, but, above all, helps to support the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church undertakes in caring for our Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, invites you to support the Church and the Christians in the Holy Land, many whom depend on your support for their lives.

This year, the Pontifical Collection for the support of the Holy Land will be taken up during the Good Friday services on April 10, 2020. On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land, I sincerely thank you for your support.

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Eucharistic Congress EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020

June 12-14

Membertou, Sydney

In September, 2019, following the celebration to end our amazing 175th Anniversary year, Archbishop Dunn announced, for the diocese, a focus on the Eucharist culminating with a Eucharistic Congress. For the next few months leading up to the Congress, the Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has asked to reserve this space in our bulletin to inform us of the ins and outs of what this all means for each of us.

What are the spiritual and corporal works of mercy?

Many of us grew up knowing these by heart, but nowadays we seldom hear these terms used. Why? Perhaps it is because we are too busy implementing them and putting them into action! The spiritual and corporal works of mercy have long been a part of our Christian tradition. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those to whom he ministered, these work of mercy guide us in our desire to love God and love our neighbour. As we continue on our Lenten journey, many of us pledged to give something up during these 40 days, to sacrifice and become closer to the suffering Jesus. Perhaps instead of giving up something, which we may already have, why not also give something of ourselves?

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY [oriented to a person's soul] Admonish sinners (tough love!); Instruct the uninformed; Counsel the doubtful; Comfort the sorrowful; Be patient with others in error; Forgive offenses; Pray for the living and the dead.

Corporal Works of Mercy [oriented to a person's body] Feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; Clothe the naked; Give shelter to travellers; Visit the sick; Visit the imprisoned; Bury the dead.

St. Paul's Important Notice: The doors at St. Paul's Church continue to be left open all evening, please make sure doors are fully closed before leaving. They have been left open several times this past week.

"An Adaption of Clarence Enzler's Everyone's Way of the Cross" By: Bette MacDonald, Donna MacDonald and Donald MacGillivray Directed By: Carol Anne MacKenzie and Donald MacGillivray Music Direction by: Emery van de Wiel Jesus: *Luke Kell* Christ Speaks: *Sheumais MacLeod* I Reply: *Brianna Lynch-Rankin* This play will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday March 25 and Thursday, March 27. The performance will be at 8:00 PM. Admission by Free Will Offering.

It is income tax time again. Anyone needing someone to file their income tax, please phone Pat Shea at **234-3054** to set up an appointment. Please notice change in phone number.

Kitchen Party will be held on Sunday March 15th at 2 pm. in St. Francis Harbour Hall. \$5.00 admission, 50/50 draw, light lunch included

A Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings (home made pies) on March 29th, at 1pm in the St. Francis Harbour Hall. Limited number of tickets. Advance tickets only by March 22nd. Purchase by calling 533-2285 or 870- 2196. Cost 15:00 Storm Date April 5th

Hank's Jamboree will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at 2 p.m. in the Havre Boucher Community Centre. Admission price includes a light lunch. All proceeds from this event goes towards the Community Centre. All entertainers welcome.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has but one purpose; to help the families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. If you think we can help there is a meeting each Wednesday at 8:00 pm at **St. Paul's Parish Basement**. Meetings last for approximately one hour. Anonymity is stressed.

"Chase the Ace" Havre Boucher Community Centre, on Friday, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Chase the Ace at the Mulgrave Fire Hall on Saturday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00.

Mulgrave Legion Card Plays: Crib - Sundays at 1:00 p.m.