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This Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 35: 4-7 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God”

Responsorial Psalm 146 R. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

James: 2:1-5 Has not God chosen the poor of the world to be rich in faith...?

Mark 7 31-37 Then looking up to heaven, **Jesus sighed and said to him “Ephphatha,” that is “Be opened.”**

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, September 10th to Sunday, September 15th, 2024

Tuesday	10th	Darryl Tracey	6:00 pm	St. Paul’s
Wednesday	11th	Elizabeth Breen	6:00 pm	St. Paul’s
Thursday	12th	Rick Fougere	9:00 am	St. Paul’s
Friday	13th	Bella Fougere	9:00 am	St. Paul’s
Saturday	14th	John Webb; Kay, Bernard Wayne, David & Ricky Anderson	11:00 am	St. Paul’s
Saturday	14th	pro populo	4:00 pm	St. Francis
Saturday		Clement Lee	6:00 pm	St. Lawrence
Sunday	15th	Yvonne Brow	10:00 am	St. Paul’s

<u>Collection, August 31/September 1, 2024</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul’s</u>
Sunday Collection	\$275.00	\$775.00	\$1605.00
Loose		\$135.00	\$90.00
Pastor’s Dues			\$480.00

The Most Holy Rosary will be recited each week day before the Mass beginning on Tuesday, September 10th

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**

Thank you: We the family of the late Amanda Ryan Delorey would like to thank everyone who thought of us during this difficult time! Thank you to everyone who called, visited, dropped off food and cards. It was greatly appreciated! Special thanks to Fr. Allan, Mary Williams, C.L. Curry Funeral Home, Tracey Wallace and Debbie & Stella White for everything they have done to make it a little easier to help us say our good-byes. Amanda will be forever missed!

Bernice, Harry, Kyla, Luke Nevaeh & family

The family of the late Sandy MacDonald would like to express our sincere appreciation for the outpouring of support shown to us by so many, from near and far, during a most difficult time. Special thanks to Fr. Allan, the choir, those who assisted in Sandy's funeral mass on June 8th, those who attended the visitation and the mass, the ladies who took care of the donation table, to those who made donations and mass offerings and to David and Ricky for taking care of the grave for us. The beautiful luncheon and place to gather would not have been possible, had we not been able to rent the Community Center and without the friendship and generous help of Mary Williams and Debbie Brow. Thank you for arranging the music, providing me with phone numbers and confirming that the number of food trays I ordered from Superstore should be enough. Thank you to cousins and friends who made "extra sweets just in case," and who served at the luncheon. Although we missed the last bulletin in June, our deep gratitude will be forever felt.

Mona, Todd, Neil, Darren and Larry

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.**

Religious Ed: We are here again for another year. Sunday September 15 is our opening Mass at 10:00 a.m. This is Catechetical Sunday or Back to Church Sunday began in 2009 and takes place the 3rd Sunday in September. We invite all families to come to Mass on Sunday September 15th. (These classes are open to children in St. Francis & St. Lawrence) The class are provided by our generous volunteer teachers free of charge, but does cost the Parish between \$6,000 – \$7,000 per year. The parish pays for religious text books and other things necessary for our classes, heat and lights etc. We are again asking parents/families to pay a \$20.00 per child to register for classes payable to St. Paul's Parish. We believe this is a reasonable fee compared to the huge costs demanded by other organizations. We are promoting attending Mass this weekend and show our children, who will be returning to their religious ed. sessions, how importing participating at Mass is in their faith development. The Mass is the ultimate prayer we can offer to God each week. Thank you for your cooperation. The classes will take place on Sunday mornings at 11 am, except grade 7, the time will be decided in next week's bulletin.

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 Rules: We remind everyone that our cemeteries are owned by the Church, the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Antigonish, and laws for cemeteries are made by the parishes. Cemetery plots are **not** owned by the families of the deceased. Therefore, no one is permitted to plant trees or bushes or flowers on a cemetery plot. No one is allowed to place statues on plots, or ornaments that interfere with mowing. Gravestones are to be installed only in consultation with cemetery representatives (Clem Munroe, St. Paul's; Jack Hoben, St. Lawrence; Dannie Grady St. Francis). And if there is already a grave stone (or stones on a double plot), no one is permitted to place another gravestone on the same plot to mark the burial of remains in that plot. Please respect and follow our laws for the order and beauty of our cemeteries.

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 remains 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 or Parishioners

\$200, 00 payable to St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Fund for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of remains in an existing plot. **For Non-Parishioners** \$300.00 for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of remains in an existing plot.

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. *Forty 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: **<https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>**. (Copies of a draft letter to the Nova Scotia Government are also available at the Church entrance.).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm including recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Grace, Monastery.

Learn to Play Pickleball: For adults brand new to pickleball. This program runs for 4 weeks on Wednesday's from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm at the community centre in Havre Boucher (September 11, 18, 25, and October 2nd). Cost is \$12/person and space is limited. Proceeds go to the community centre. Please email rreid9781@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Hank's Jamboree: Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the September 22nd show is cancelled.