

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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The Sunday Readings Isaiah 25:16-10a The Lord will make a feast of rich food, and wipe away the tears from all faces.
 Responsorial Psalm 23 R. I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.
 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
 Matthew 22: 1-14 Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.

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, October 17 to Sunday October 22, 2023

Tuesday,	October 17,	Allana Mullaney	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Wednesday,	October 18,	Gerard Goodwin & Sylvester Casey	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Thursday,	October 19,	Thanksgiving for Dennis DeGruchy	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Friday,	October 20,	Thanksgiving for William & Lillian DeCoste	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Saturday,	October 21,	Yolanda LePage	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
		Tom Chisholm	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Danny Ross Rudolph	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	October 22,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s

<u>Collection, Sept. 30 / Oct 1, 23</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
Sunday Collection	\$185.00	\$535.00	\$1150.00
Loose Outside Cemetery Mass	\$95.00	\$11.00 Loose	\$30.00 Loose
Envelopes Outside Mass	\$85.00		
Pastors Dues			\$60.00
Needs of Canadian Church			\$20.00
Fuel		\$200.00	
Religious Ed. Donation			\$25.00
IMO Francis Bennett			\$40 Cemetery, \$20 Lunch, \$20 Roof
IMO Charlie Melong			\$200 Cemetery, \$40 Lunch, \$10 Parish
IMO Beatrice Bennett			\$120.00 Lunch

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m., Church

Religious Ed. For our children at St. Paul’s Parish (these classes are open to children from St. Francis and St. Lawrence Parishes) is provided by our generous volunteer teachers free of charge, but does cost the parish between \$6000 and \$7000 per year. The parish pays for Religious texts and the part-time salary of Mary Williams, our religious education coordinator. Beginning this year we are asking parents/families to pay a fee of \$20.00 per child to register for religion classes, payable to St. Paul’s Parish. We believe this is a reasonable fee compared to the huge costs demanded by other organizations (for example, minor hockey, soccer, dance etc.) Thank you for your cooperation.

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*

October is a Marian month whereby we pay special attention to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask her intercession. If A Marian hymn is sung at Mass, it should be the concluding song.

General Meeting of the Havre Boucher Veterans’ Association will be held on **Monday, October 16, 2023** @ 7:15 PM-at the MacGillivray Room in St. Paul’s Church. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for the Remembrance Day ceremony which is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2023. All meetings of the Association are open to all members of the Community in District # 9 and The Havre Boucher Veterans’ Association would like to extend an open invitation to anyone who may be interested in joining the Association.

Thank you and deep appreciation to Fr. Allan MacPhie and everyone who gave masses, flowers, donations, food and condolences or helped us in any way during the passing of our mother Beatrice and brother Francis. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Also, sincere appreciation to Mary Williams for her organization and the Parish Luncheon Committee for the beautiful lunch.
The Bennett Family & Gail Wood

The Havre Boucher Veterans Association is in the process of updating our data/photo/video database for the upcoming Remembrance Day ceremony scheduled for **Sunday, November 5, 2023**. We are requesting from the general public any pictures, videos or other mementos pertaining to any veterans who served during various conflicts including WWI, WWII, Korean and Afghanistan conflict or any other conflicts along with any peacekeeping missions throughout the world that the Association could incorporate in the video presentation. Photos of our younger military members and some people (veterans) who might not have been from here but whose descendants live here now are some suggestions. Please forward any pictures, videos or other mementos to HB Veterans' Association member **Mary Pelrine** or any other members of the Association. If sending a photo please add a bit of information on the photo. Preferably and if possible pictures in a **JPEG** format can be directed to the following email address: Mary.Pelrine@hotmail.com. If JPEG format is not possible any material made available will be returned to the respective owners. One of the objectives of the Veterans' Association is to *"Keep an annual memorial day, to preserve the records and memories of those who have served or are serving in his Majesty's armed forces or any auxiliary force and to see that such service shall not be forgotten by the community".!*

HAVRE BOUCHER VETERANS' ASSOCIATION KEEP THE DATE: The Havre Boucher Veterans' Association annual Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Sunday, **November 5, 2023**, with Church Service at 10:00 am and the laying of the wreaths at 2:00 pm at the Havre Boucher Community Center. Wreaths can be ordered at Gary's Groceries from **October 9th up to November 2, 2023**. Cut-off date to order wreaths is November 2, 2023. The prices of the wreaths are as follows: Extra-large wreath \$95.00/regular wreaths \$60.00/cross \$55.00.

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 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.

Hank's Jamboree: will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. (please note change in starting time.) A light lunch will be provided, and admission is \$5.00. Proceeds go to the Havre Boucher Community Centre. All entertainers welcome

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.

Sunday October 15, 2023: *"He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast" (Mt 22:3)*

There is wealth of meaning carried by the imagery used in the readings of today. The end-time is depicted as a banquet, a time of great happiness. The power of that image was much evident to the people of Isaiah's or Christ's time, than it is to our own. The feast celebrated on the mountain in Isaiah, the wedding feast in the Gospels in a word, a meal done well, experienced rightly, all of that life as God intended it to be, life done well, acted out rightly. Matthew's story is so overlaid with symbols that it is easy to forget the central image of God as a gracious host who hopes everyone will come to his banquet. We hold precious the image of God who calls the good and the bad to the banquet of life. The invitation to the banquet that is given us is an invitation to nothing less than life itself, life as God means it to be. And that, it done rightly, is a thing to celebrate.