

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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The Sunday Readings **Jeremiah 20: 7-9** The word of the lord has become for me reproach and derision.
Responsorial Psalm 63 R. My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.
Romans 12: 1-2 Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.
Matthew 16: 21-27 If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves.

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 5 to Sunday September 10, 2023

Tuesday,	September 5,	Leonard DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	September 6,	Gerard & Joseph DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	September 7,	Ruth Mattie	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	September 8,	Cyril LeVangie	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	September 9,	Elizabeth Breen	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Blair Connor	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Carson Hogan	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	September 10,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Labour Day Weekend: marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of activities in home, parish and school. We encourage all of our parishioners to actively participate in some way in their parish and community. Also, we pray for all workers, that they may find meaning in the work they do, contributing to our society, and that they will enjoy just wages and safe working environments.

Collection, August 26/27, 2023	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul
Sunday Collection	\$390.00	\$615.00	\$1185.00
Loose		\$153.00	\$79.45
Pastors Dues			\$20.00
IMO Roy Boucher			\$65.00 Luncheon Fund

Baptism: we welcome to our parish family of St. Paul **Colter John Laine MacAskill**, infant son of Gillis MacAskill, and Kayla Miller, Havre Boucher. May Colter, guided by the teaching and example of his parents, godparents and Church, become the faithful disciple of Christ which God calls him to be.

Religious Ed. will soon be underway for another year. We are in need of more Catechists and Hall Monitors to volunteer to this important ministry. I am grateful to the Catechists who continue to volunteer in supporting our Parishes and me. Debbie White (Grade 1), Lynn Whalen (grade 4), Estrella Melong (Grade 5), Megan Bryan (Grade 6), and Autumn Bennett (Grade 7). Anyone new to the area or in grade one can register by phone or by text at 902-870-2168 or email marywilliams@bellaliant.net . We will have more details in next week's bulletin.

The **Antigonish Food Bank** is critically low on food for people in need. Please help out by contributing to our food box at the entrance of St. Paul's Church.

Funeral: The funeral Mass for **Agnes Stewart** will be celebrated on Friday, September 8, 11:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church, Mulgrave. Burial to follow.

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.

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.

St. Lawrence Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 11:00 a.m., Church.

St. Lawrence C.W.L. Meeting, Thursday, September 7, 10:30 a.m., Church.

A Note from St Paul's Parish Luncheon Committee

As most of you know, St Paul's Parish Luncheon Committee provides receptions following the celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion as well as, following the funeral mass of a current parishioner and, as requested by a parish family, of a recent/former parishioner. Our committee is not able to provide luncheons for those from outside our own parish. These receptions are possible due to the generosity of many volunteers (both men and women), monetary donations, and a strong community response when called for sweets for the sweet table. As a result of households transitioning from landlines to cell phones, our contact list for both workers and requests for sweets is out of date. If you are new to the parish or no longer have a landline, and would like to contribute, please contact Debbie Brow (902-870-4584) or Gwen O'Neill (902-234-3498) to provide your contact information. We are also very fortunate to have access to the Havre Boucher Community Centre providing a large and comfortable venue to gather, break bread, and enjoy the company of family and friends before going separate ways. Many, if not all of us, have been on the receiving end of these receptions and realize how important they are to parish life. They have repeatedly been recognized as important to both celebrating and grieving families. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who make these luncheons possible.

Kitchen Party: Kitchen parties will continue on the first Sunday of each month until the fall starting at 2 p.m. all entertainers are welcome. \$5.00 per person and a light lunch will be served and also a 50/50 draw, it is hosted by St. Francis Parish Ladies Auxiliary. All proceeds from the kitchen party go to St. Francis Parish Hall.