

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher  
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave  
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour  
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**The Sunday Readings** **Ezekiel 33: 7-9** If you do not speak to warn the wicked, I will require their blood at your hand.  
**Responsorial Psalm 95 R.** O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord,  
 Do not harden your hearts.  
**Romans 13: 8-10** Love is fulfilling of the law.  
**Matthew 18: 15-20:** If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

**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 12 to Sunday September 17, 2023**

Tuesday,	September 12,	Joseph, Lillian & Francis Boucher	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	September 13,	Deceased members of the Anderson Family & Hyland Family	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	September 14,	Sylvester & Lillian DeCoste	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	September 15,	Fr. Roy Boucher	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	September 16,	Lorraine Henry	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Betty Kavanaugh	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Betty O'Neil DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	September 17,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

<b>Collection, September 2/3, 2023</b>	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>St. Lawrence</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>
Sunday Collection	\$440.00	\$745.00	\$1780.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$45.00	\$83.00
Pastors Dues			\$360.00
Roof Fund			\$25.00
Education of Samaritans			\$20.00
Needs of the Catholic Church		\$10.00	
Good Friday		\$15.00	

**Religious Ed.** will soon be underway for another year. We are in need of more Catechists and Hall Monitors to volunteer. I am grateful to the Catechists who continue to volunteer in supporting our Parishes and me. 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](mailto:marywilliams@bellaliant.net). Our opening Mass is **Sunday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m.** and classes will begin on the following **Sunday, September 24, at 11 a.m.** There will be a schedule available for times and places where the classes will be held next week at the opening Mass. The numbers are dwindling down and it is very disappointing when only 3 or 4 families and children attend our opening Mass. Please make an effort to attend Thank you. For our children at St. Paul's Parish (and these classes are open to 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.

**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.

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.

**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.

**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.

**Chair Yoga:** with Debbie Cooper beginning Monday, September 11 at the Havre Boucher Community Centre at 9:00 a.m. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. If you are interested please phone Debbie at 902-872-0142.