

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher  
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 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour  
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**The Sunday Reading** Ezekiel 18:25-28 When the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed, they shall save their life.

**Responsorial Psalm 25 R. Lord, be mindful of your mercy.**

**Philippians 2:1-11 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.**

**Matthew 21; 28-32 The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom ahead of you.**

**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 3 to Sunday October 8, 2023**

Tuesday,	October 3,	Jerome & Stephen Anderson; Yvonne & Norbert Brow	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	October 4,	<b>Mel Haywood St. Francis</b> (Cemetery Mass) <b>NOTE CHANGE</b>	3:00 p.m.	St. Francis
Thursday,	October 5,	George Delaney	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	October 6,	Bennie & Jean Pelrine	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	October 7,	Allan LeVangie	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Jeffrey Peters	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Joe Wood	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	October 8,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

**Communion Calls** , Thursday & Friday of this week.

**Holy Hour:** Friday, October 6, 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's Church.

<b><u>Collection, September 23/24, 2023</u></b>	<b><u>St. Francis</u></b>	<b><u>St. Lawrence</u></b>	<b><u>St. Paul</u></b>
Sunday Collection	\$390.00	\$510.00	\$955.00
Loose			\$6.00
Pastors Dues			\$5.00
Needs of Canadian Church	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$187.00
Parish Donation			\$200.00
Fuel		\$10.00	
Registration for Religious Ed.			\$80.00
Hall Rental			\$50.00

**Religious Ed.** Classes begin today Sunday September 24, Grades 1-6 are at 11 a.m. following Mass and grades 7-8 6:00 p.m.

**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**

**The Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou is open!** The gift shop at the Shrine is open. The hours for the gift shop are 10:00 am until 4:00 pm, every day including Sundays and Holidays. The Shrine is always open. We are looking forward to seeing you all again. Call 902-945-2221 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.

**St. Francis Parish Council meeting:** Saturday, September 30 after Mass

The **Annual Collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund** will take place September 30 – October 1, 2023. If you wish to contribute, please take one of the envelopes designated for this collection, to be found at the Church entrance.

**Workshop** for **Parish book-keepers** and anyone who works with **parish finances**, Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Port Hawkesbury. Special focus will be on **insurance** issues. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee, tea, and treats will be provided.

**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.

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**World Mission Sunday Collection** takes place on Sunday October 22. The funds collected are distributed worldwide, according to the needs of the poorest dioceses. This collection pays for the formation of catechists, priestly vocations and consecrated life education, health care, etc. Therefore, it represents a tool for justice and fraternity among all dioceses of the Church. It helps the Church proclaim the Gospel in Africa, Asia, South America, Central America, Europe and Oceania.

**Reflection for World Mission Sunday:** In today's Gospel, the Lord Jesus draws the attention on doing God's will and struggle with oneself. The son who says no to his father, but carries out the task, is better than the one who says yes, but disobeys. For a human being worthy of the name is judged by his actions, not by his changing intentions. Indeed, faith is more an "acting right" than a "thinking right." With these words, "**Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.**" Jesus invites us, through mission, to be a Church that welcomes sinners that have been touched by conversion. Also, a Church that invites everyone to work in the Lord's vineyard!

**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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

**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!

