

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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The Sunday Reading **Isaiah 5: 1-7 The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel**
Responsorial Psalm 80 R. The Vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Philippians 4: 6-9 Keep on doing these things, and the Lord of Peace will be with you.
Matthew 21: 33-43 The landowner will lease the vineyard to other tenants.

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 10 to Sunday October 15, 2023

Tuesday, October 10 to Friday, October 13, **NO MASSES**
 Saturday, October 14, Anna & Joe Melong 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's
 Walter Jellow 4:00 p.m. St. Francis
 Alphonse DeCoste 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
 Sunday, October 8, pro populo 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's

<u>Collection, September 23/24, 2023</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
Sunday Collection	\$245.00	\$940.00	\$2,245.00
Loose		\$13.00	\$25.00
Pastors Dues			\$360.00
Needs of Canadian Church	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$150.00
Fuel		\$440.00	
Registration for Religious Ed.			\$100.00
Hall Rental			\$200.00
Truth & Reconciliation			\$65.00
Cemetery Fund IMO Beatrice Bennett			\$40.00
IMO Arnold DeCoste			\$50.00
IMO Beatrice Bennett Luncheon Fund			\$830.00

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.

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

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.

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 reserved as National Clergy Appreciation Month and Pastor Appreciation Day is a day set aside within the month to celebrate pastors – this day is October 8. The call to honor our church leaders' contributions can be traced back to St. Paul. In establishing the first Christian churches, St. Paul advised the congregation to give "double honor" to the elders of the church who managed the affairs of the church well, "especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (**1 Timothy 5:17**). Fifteen years ago today Fr. Allan celebrated his first mass at St. Paul's in Havre Boucher, and we are honored, blessed and grateful for his hard work and dedication to us as well as the parishes of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Lawrence. May he continue to serve us, and nurture the spiritual well-being of those who seek his help in whatever needs they may have. You are indeed a reflection of God's love and we want you to know how very much we appreciate you and all that you've done for us. God Bless you Fr. Allan!