

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher  
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave  
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour  
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**This Sundays Readings** Acts 4: 32-35 With great power the Apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord, and great grace was upon them all.

**Responsorial Psalm 118 R.** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**1 John 5:1-6** Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
**John 20: 19-31** “Do not doubt but believe.”

**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

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour**, Sunday, April 7, 2:30 p.m. St. Paul’s Church. Special graces are given to all who pray, and particularly for those who participate in the Divine Mercy devotions.

**No Bible Study** this Wednesday, April 10.

**Masses: Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Raymond X. DeCoste</b>	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mary &amp; Jackie Wood</b>	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Deceased Members of Joseph Elias &amp; Rose Madonna DeCoste Family</b>	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Philip Baldwin</b>	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Living Members of Baldwin</b>	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
		<b>Blair Richard</b>	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		<b>pro populo</b>	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ernest &amp; Emma DeCoste &amp; Deceased Family Members</b>	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s

<b>Collection, March 23/24, 2024</b>	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>St. Lawrence</b>	<b>St. Paul’s</b>
Sunday Collection	\$295.00	\$855.00	\$1930.00
Loose	\$20.00	\$130.00	\$162.85
Pastors Dues			\$110.00
Share Lent		\$530.00	\$210.00
Good Friday	\$125.00		\$1445.00
Missals			\$5.00
IMO Corrine Curry			\$75.00 Cemetery

**Confirmation** will be celebrated at Sunday Mass, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul’s Church

**St. Paul’s Eucharistic Ministers:** we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers at St. Paul’s Church, if you are in good standing with the church please consider this important ministry. If you are available please see Fr. Allan.

**The Divine Mercy Novena** begins on Good Friday and is completed with the Holy Hour on Sunday, April 7, St. Paul Church, at 2:30 p.m.

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel:** St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

**Women's Spiritual Day Announcement** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Spiritual Day Sponsored by St. Joseph Port Hawkesbury  
 CWL Date: April 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 Time: 9:00-3:00 To Register Call Sandra 902-227-5858 Cost: \$15.00 Includes morning break:  
 10:00am (tea, coffee, and muffins) 12:00pm Lunch Limited space available. Deadline to register is April 15, 2024

**St. Francis weekly contributions:** anyone who has the envelope numbers 24 and 25 could you please put your name on at least one envelope so you can receive an income tax receipt for your contributions at the end of the year.

**Thank you:** I would like to thank the Catechist for their continued support to me and the children in our Parishes. The number of students is dwindling however, we will continue to persevere and pray for the numbers to go up in the near future. The following Catechist are returning next year; Debbie White grade 1, Lynn Whelan grade 4, Estella Melong grade 5, and Megan Ryan Bryan grade 6 I am grateful for their dedication over the years. I would also like to thank the hall monitors Dorothy MacDonald and Frank Whelan for their time and patience with the children. On a different note I would like to thank all those who helped with the Easter decorating. A lot had to be accomplished in a short time. The Easter celebrations went very well, and all the compliments we received were wonderful. Thank you to Fr. Allan for his direction as to how the days of Holy Week would proceed and his support of my work, and I am grateful for the support I receive from the parishioners and appreciate all your kind words to me throughout the year. I am blessed to be part of this Parish. *Mary*

**First Holy Communion/ Reconciliation** will be celebrated on May 5<sup>th</sup> this year. We only have 2 children receiving this Sacrament. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation shortly.

The Diocese of Antigonish requires the **emails** of all people who deal with children, vulnerable adults, and with church collections and deposits, and anyone with keys to our churches, to participate in a free, online course for Responsible Ministry offered by Ecclesiastical Insurance, our Insurance Company. This is mandatory for the pastor, religion teachers, choir directors who deal with youth, anyone who brings communion to persons in their homes or in nursing homes or hospitals, collection counters, money depositors, treasurers of any church committee or ministry and anyone with keys to our buildings. Please provide your email to Fr. Allan or to Mary as soon as possible. The online course is only 49 minutes long. Thank you.

**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*

**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 and masks 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.

**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).

**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.

**Income tax time is here again:** Pat Shea is offering her services again to anyone needing assistance with income tax returns. This is open to anyone and is free of charge. Please phone Pat at 902-234-3054 or cell at 902-537-0301

**Hank's Jamboree:** will take place Sunday, April 28, at 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided, admission is \$5.00. Proceeds go to the Havre Boucher Community Centre. All entertainers welcome!

**May 1: Deadline for applications to the Bishop Power Foundation** The late Bishop William E. Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. Bishop Power established the foundation in 2001, assisted by the generosity of his family. Annually, the total amount of funding disbursed by the foundation is \$25,000. Diocesan, parish and other non-profit groups are invited to apply for funding where their programs will either a) empower the poor, b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church, or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Individual students may apply for financial support for Catholic Studies programs at the university level.

**For Application form, criteria and details:** <https://www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca/application-process>

**Cursillo Reunion: Saturday May 4, 1 pm** Sister Catherine Steele Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 112 North Foord Street, Stellarton. Feel free to bring a treat to share. Refreshments provided, Musical instruments welcomed. Hope to see you for some fun, music and fellowship. Contact: Barb (cell) 902-759-1317 Linda (home) 902-752-6928