

St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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This Sundays Readings *Isaiah: 35:1-6a, 10 God himself will come and save us.*
Responsorial Psalm 146 R. Lord, come and save us.
James 5:7-10 Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.
Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?

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.

Season of Advent: Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation...During Advent... the Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season. (From the Ordo 2022-23)

Bible Study: Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 am, St. Paul's Church. All are welcome.

Masses: Tuesday, December 13, to Sunday December 18, 2022

Tuesday,	Ethel DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	Thomas Pettipas	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	Ruth Mattie	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	Damien DeCoste	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	Edward & Colleen DeGruchy	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Judy Carr	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
	Donald O'Neill	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

<u>Christmas Mass Schedule: Saturday, December 24,</u>	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
	5:30 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
<u>Sunday, December 25</u>	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Collection , December 3/4, 2022	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Offering	\$290.00	\$690.00	\$1330.00
Loose		\$5.00	\$54.00
Pastor's Dues			\$325.00
Sunday Missals			\$45.00
Oil		\$20.00	
Christmas Flowers			\$480.00
IMO Paula Breen June 27, 22			Luncheon Fund \$210.00 Cemetery Fund \$785.00
Christmas Offering		\$25.00	\$10.00
Roof Fund			\$75.00
Donation			\$500.00

St. Lawrence Parish Council Meeting: changed to Tuesday, December 13, 6:45 p.m., St. Lawrence Church.

CWL Members. CWL Members will be selling angels again this year to remember our loved ones who have passed or are sick and need our prayers. They will be remembered in the prayers of the faithful during Mass from Christmas until Epiphany. Angels are \$5 each and will be sold before Mass starting Dec 4th. Proceeds to St. Lawrence Building Fund.

2022-2023 Sunday Missals are available for \$5.00 each. These missals began with the start of the new liturgical year on November 27, 2022

The cost of heating St. **Lawrence Church** will increase substantially beginning January 2023. We have been paying 29 cents per .9 litre. The new cost will be \$1.16 per .9 litre, according to DSM Canada who provides our biofuel (Fish oil).

The Havre Boucher Veterans' Association would like to thank all the volunteers who were involved and assisted in the Remembrance Day Ceremony held on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Thank you to the Port Hawkesbury, Antigonish and Mulgrave Legions, R.C.M.P., Stora 19 Air Cadets, Havre Boucher Fire Department members, Fr. MacPhie, Altar servers and St. Paul's Church Choir, bugler and bagpipes and other dignitaries who participated in this ceremony. We would like to thank everyone who donated food or money for the luncheon and the Kin Club of Antigonish for their generous donation towards the luncheon. A special thank you to everyone who laid a wreath on behalf of those who have served our country and also a **special thank you for those who attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony and took the time to remember**. The Remembrance Day Ceremony was very well attended with a large crowd in attendance and we received many favorable comments on both the ceremony and the large turnout to remember our Veterans.

CHARITABLE RECEIPTS 2022: To receive a charitable donation receipt for the year **2022** from St. Paul's Parish for any and all donations including your Sunday offerings, special collections, etc., funds must be received by the Parish on or before December 31, 2022. This is a requirement from the Revenue Canada Agency. Any funds received in the month of January 2023 will be recorded as a 2023 donation.

St. Lawrence Parish is in need of **readers** for Mass. If you are a regular church-goer and wish to read, please speak to Fr. Allan.

St. Lawrence Choir: anyone wishing to join the choir please contact Evangeline Breen at 902-747-2601. We welcome all new members.

St. Paul's Church Roof Fund: The cost of our new roof was \$31,206.25, a significant hit on our operating fund. If you wish to contribute above and beyond your usual contribution, please put your donation in an envelope with your name, envelope number, and marked Roof Fund. Thank you! **Donations in 2020-2021, \$2,010 and in 2022 up to present time, donations \$1900, for a total of \$3,910.**

Covid – 19 Regulations for St. Paul, St. Lawrence and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes

1. Masks are Highly **Recommended**
2. Social distancing is **Highly Recommended**.
3. ***Hand sanitizing and mask- wearing by the priest and Eucharistic Ministers** will take place when serving Holy Communion.
4. Sharing the Chalice and shaking hands at the Sign of Peace will **not** take place.
5. **Holy Communion will take place on the hand only, or in a pvx, but not directly on the tongue.**
6. All other mandates, i.e. Proof of vaccination and capacity limits, are no longer in effect.
7. The holy water fonts at the Church entrance will remain empty
8. At Sunday Masses we will resume the procession of the gifts (bread, wine, and the collection) to the altar; collecting the offerings with collection baskets in the pews; the assistance of at least one Eucharistic minister at St. Paul and St. Lawrence churches at communion and more ministers when necessary.

Mulgrave Museum: will hold an Old Fashion Christmas again this year on Sunday, December 11th. There will be wreaths and swags for sale. There will also be two ticket draws on sleighs.

St. Paul's Christmas Flowers: If anyone would like to donate money for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one please place donation in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers with your name and Church envelope number (if you have one) and who it is in memory of. A list of donations will be available after Christmas.

St. Paul's Fundraiser for Religious Ed. The "Forever in Our Hearts" memory tree will be set up in the Foyer of our Church again this year. Angels will be available for \$5.00 each. Names will be placed on a tag and attached to the angel in memory of our loved ones who are no longer with us, those who are ill or for whatever reason. It is a special way to remember loved ones this Christmas. This was a great success last year and we appreciate your support. A special Mass will be celebrated after Christmas for all the angels on our tree.

Annual Blue Christmas Service will be held at Trinity united church Sunday, December 11 at 6 PM. everyone welcome. This service provides a special place for anyone who is struggling with the holiday season or who may have lost a loved one this past year.

JOY



On the third Sunday of Advent, which is also called Gaudete (Latin: "Rejoice") Sunday, we recognize the joyful anticipation of the season that will culminate in the birth of Christ on Christmas by changing the liturgical color to rose. **Rose is a "brightening" of the ordinary violet and thus symbolizes joy.**

