St Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher

St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave

Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour

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<u>Pastor's Easter Message:</u> The world today is a broken place, but when was it not? Human history is the sad story of selfishness, greed and violence. However, the paschal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection is God's answer to our hopeless self-destruction. God refuses to give up on his wayward children, and give us his Son, his only Son, to save us from our sins. So let us rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord, as he crushes our enemies, sin and death, beneath his heel. Thank you to all who celebrated the Holy Week liturgies with conviction and faith. Happy Easter!

<u>The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</u> 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

<u>Communion Calls</u>, Thursday, April 4 and Friday April 5.

No Holy Hour this Friday, April 5.

<u>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</u>, 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.

Masses: Tuesday, April 2 to Sunday, April 7, 2024

Tuesday	2 nd,	No Mass		
Wednesday	3 rd,	Bob Melong	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday	4 th,	Deceased members of the Edwin & Margaret DeCoste Family	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
<u>Friday</u>	5 th,	Raymond Brow	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday	6 th,	Francis Bennett	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Art Carter	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday	7 th,	Adrian & Margaret Breen & deceased family members	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

<u>Confirmation</u> will be celebrated at Sunday Mass, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Church

<u>St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministers</u>: 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.

<u>Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel</u>: 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

Collection, March 23/24, 2024	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$405.00	\$515.00	\$1095.00
Loose		\$20.00	\$105.00
Pastors Dues			\$60.00
Share Lent	\$120.00	\$90.00	\$650.00
Good Friday			\$120.00
Anonymous Donation for Parish			\$200.00
Fr. Allan's Vestments Anonymous Donation			\$500.00
Donation for use of Church from St. Joseph P.H.		\$300.00	
Easter Flowers IMO Stella, Frank & Winnie Pelrine, Anna & Sandra White			\$40.00

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.

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

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.

<u>Changes for Pastor's Visits at St. Martha's Hospital</u>: 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*

<u>Sanitary Policies for St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes:</u> 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.

<u>Cemetery Fees:</u> Parishioners are reminded of the following policies passed by parish councils, and approved by the pastor regarding cemetery fees

<u>St. Paul's: For Parishioners</u> No cost. (A parishioner is a Catholic who lives within the boundaries of the parish, <u>or</u> who lives close and attends Mass here faithfully and supports the parish using church envelopes).

<u>Non-parishioners</u> \$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.

<u>Income tax time is here again</u>: 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

Happy Easter!