

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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This Sundays Readings: Genesis 12:1-4 The calling of Abraham, father of the people of God.
 Responsorial Psalm 33 R. Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 God called on us to be holy and gives us life and immortality through the Gospel.
 Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus’ face shone like the sun.

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.

Bible Study: on Wednesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m. St. Paul’s Church (wake rooms). All are welcome. We discuss the readings for the coming Sunday Mass.

Masses: Tuesday, March 7, to Sunday, March 12, 2023

Tuesday,	March 7,	Art Stewart	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Wednesday,	March 8,	Rose Mary Whelan	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul’s
Thursday,	March 9,	<u>NO MASSES, NO Stations of the Cross</u> at		St. Lawrence & St. Paul’s churches.
Friday,	March 10,	Angus Alexander MacIsaac	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
Saturday,	March 11,	Philip Baldwin	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s
		Blair Connor	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Emily Cohoon	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday	March,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul’s

<u>Collection, Feb. 25/26, 2023</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul</u>
Sunday Offering	\$500.00	\$485.00	\$1153.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$34.00
Pastor’s Dues			\$60.00
Heat		\$100.00	
Church Pews		\$150.00	
IMO Al Landry & Johnny Fougere Cemetery Fund			\$200.00

Stations of the Cross:

St. Francis of Assisi, Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.;

St. Lawrence, Saturdays (beginning March 11), 5:30 p.m.;

St. Paul's, Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Lent has two major purposes; It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Lenten instructions stress these baptismal and penitential themes. (From the Ordo, 2022-2023, p. 154)

No Religion Classes next week March 12, because of March Break. Classes resume on March 19.

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

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.

Liturgy Committees: St. Lawrence and St. Francis parishes presently do not have liturgy committees. A liturgy committee works with the pastor to plan and schedule liturgies, especially at Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. A liturgy committee seeks to find new people to serve as eucharistic ministers, lectors, singers and hospitality ministers; to take the lead in decorating the church for various seasons and holy days; to discuss appropriate music; to enhance the sacred nature of the Mass and other liturgies. I am proposing that St. Lawrence and St. Francis parishes each have a liturgy of at least 4 people who can commit themselves to several meetings a year. There should be someone from the music ministry on the committee and preferably the person who prepares the gifts and the Roman Missal and lectionary for Mass. Please speak to me if you are interested.

Mass Intentions: For a number of years we have been providing forms for Mass intentions. They help ensure that the Mass is said at the Church and date that you prefer. If you do not fill out this form there is no guarantee that the Mass will be said in the place you want. (For example, I say some Masses at the R.K. MacDonald and Port Hawkesbury Nursing Homes). Please fill out these forms rather than writing the information on a small piece of paper. Thank you – **Fr. Allan**.

Addendum to the previous notice: If you are writing out a cheque for a Mass, please make it out to St. Paul's Mass Stipend Account, regardless of what parish the Mass is for.

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 pyx, 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.

Our Lady of Grace Chapel Father Albert MacPherson, OSA at will be available in the Chapel each Friday from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm for Reconciliation.