

St Paul’s Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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The Sunday Readings Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46 “...being unclean such a one shall live alone with their dwelling outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm 32R. You are my refuge, Lord; with deliverance you surround me.
1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1 Do everything for the glory of God.
 Mark 1:40-45 “I do choose. Be made clean!”

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, February 13– Sunday, February 18, 2024

Tuesday 13, John Webb 6.00 p.m. St. Paul’s

Ash Wednesday 14, Yvonne Brow 9:00 a.m. St. Paul’s
 Sharon Beaton 10:30 a.m. St. Lawrence
 Ronnie Chisholm 11:30 a.m. St. Francis

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (one regular meal, 2 small meals, no food between meals) and **abstinence** from meat.

Thursday 15, Margaret Boucher 9:00 a.m. St. Paul’s
 Friday 16, Thelma Melski 9:00 a.m. St. Paul’s
 Saturday 17, Johnny Fougere 11:00 a.m. St. Paul’s
 Opal Leet 4:00 p.m. St. Francis
 pro populo 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
 Sunday 18, Deceased Members of the Anderson Family 10:00 a.m. St. Paul’s

No Bible Study, Wednesday, February 14

<u>Collection, January 27/ 28, 2024</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul’s</u>
Sunday Collection January	\$290.00	\$510.00	\$1200.00
Loose		\$11.00	\$57.30
Initial Offering	\$10.00		\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary			\$20.00
Pastors Dues			\$65.00
IMO Opal Leet Cemetery Fund	\$20.00		
IMO Ron Chisholm	\$50.00		

There was no collections for Saturday, February 3/ Sunday, February4, 2024: due to storm

Season of Lent: Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the Pascal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. (From the Ordo 2023-2024).

World Day of the Sick, February 11: The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to the afflicted with illness and disease. (From the Ordo, 2023-2024, p. 62)

At the end of the Sunday (Weekend) Masses we will be saying the **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** (just before the closing hymn) This Prayer is as follows: St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard 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, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Choir Practice: takes place 9:30 a.m. each Sunday prior to Mass time. We go over the music for that day and new music if need be. As you have noticed our choir has dwindled since Covid, if anyone is available to join us, please do so, we would love to have you.

St. Lawrence CWL would like to thank all those who supported our fundraiser. The Christmas Stocking filled with gift cards was won by Charlene Burton and the painting of Goose Harbour was won by Jamie Wood. The Angel Tree was well supported with funds going to St. Lawrence Building Fund. This was a great way to remember love ones while also supporting our parish of St. Lawrence.

2023 Parish Statistics:	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>First Communion</u>	<u>Confirmation</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Death</u>
St. Paul	4	6	0	0	16
St. Lawrence	1	0	0	0	14
St. Francis	0	0	0	0	4
Total	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34</u>

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.

A plastic bag filled with **church blueprints** was left in St. Lawrence Church last summer. These documents are important. If you know their whereabouts, please speak to Fr. Allan.

Sympathy & Prayers: for family and friends of Rita Tkaczyk, born in Cape Jack and lived much of her life in Massachusetts, passed away Feb 4 at the age of 102. Rita is the aunt of Jean Wood, and had many friends in our parish and community, her obituary can be found at **oucherfuneral.com**

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.

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). **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.

2023 Receipts for Income Tax Returns are at the Church entrance in **alphabetical order**. If you have any questions about your receipt, please speak to Fr. Allan. Thank you for all your contributions

Havre Boucher Pickleball is holding a "Learn about Pickleball session", Wednesday afternoons February 14th & 21st from 1 till 3pm. This is open for those wanting to learn about the game, try it out as well as beginners or those wanting to improve skills. This is non competitive. Consider coming out to get some exercise and socialize with community members. You will need gym shoes or sneakers and there is a \$3 drop in fee. For more info contact Mark Fougere by Email@ **mickeyfoug@gmail.com**

The weekly bulletin can be viewed on the Havre Boucher Community Centre website and is usually posted the Monday of that particular week. You are also able to see the previous bulletins as well.