

St. Paul's Parish, Havre Boucher
 St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave
 Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Francis Harbour
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This Sunday Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the Kings your glory.
 Responsorial Psalm 96 R. Declare the marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples.
 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.
 John 2:1-12 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

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, January 21, to Sunday, January 26, 2025

Tuesday,	January 21	Russell Boucher	St. Paul's	6:00 pm
Wednesday,	January 22	Margaret & Adrian Breen	St. Paul's	6:00 pm
Thursday,	January 23	Elizabeth Breen	St. Paul's	9:00 am
Friday,	January 24	Lester & Winnie DeGruchy	St. Paul's	9:00 am
Saturday,	January 25	Mark Amirault	St. Paul's	11:00 am
Saturday		pro populo	St. Francis	4:00 pm
Saturday,		Betty O'Neil DeCoste	St. Lawrence	6:00 pm
Sunday,	January 26	Mary & Jackie Wood	St. Paul's	10:00 pm

<u>Collection, Jan. 11/12, 2025</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>
Sunday Collection	\$207.00	\$1035.00	\$1425.00
Loose			\$15.00
Pastor's Dues			\$135.00
Christmas Collection			\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$20.00	\$30.00
Initial		\$25.00	\$25.00

Thank you! We the family of the late Eddie DeYoung would like to convey our heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of support shown to us by so many this past December. Thanks to the Milford Haven Home for Special Care for their love and care during the year Dad spent there. Special that's to Father Allan MacPhie , Tye Wallace, Johnny Boucher & Troy Bennett for providing music and accompanying Wenda. To C.L. Curry Funeral Home and all the others who contributed to the funeral Mass, including Leah, Jenna, Maureen & Mary Williams. To the many who attended the visitation, to St. Paul's Luncheon Committee for the lovely luncheon and to those who made donations and Mass offerings. ~ *Our deepest gratitude, Linda, Judy, Carolyn, Dennis, Wenda, Allan & Val. We could see you Dad, tapping your toes to your fiddling send off!*

Dying with Christ- Living with Hope is a three-video series seeking to demystify the dying process, making way for a new approach to end of life questions. The discussion, led by theologians and health care professionals, will give timeless perspectives on suffering, grief, dying, and our duty to care. Offered by the Christian Medical and dental Association of Canada via Zoom on January 15, 22, and 29, 2025, at 8 pm (Atlantic) or February 20, 27 and March 6, 2025 at 1 pm (Atlantic)

Fireman's Breakfast: Sunday, January 19, 9am to 12 noon. Adults meal \$14.00 Jr. Meal \$8.00

Hank's Jamboree: will take place on Sunday, January 26, 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!

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**

Conscience Protection of Nova Scotia Doctors: Imagine a healthcare system where death is considered a therapeutic treatment. *Imagine being a Christian doctor in that system.* Imagine being told by your medical regulator that you are abandoning your patient if you don't make arrangements for them to get an assessment for euthanasia. That healthcare system is in Nova Scotia today. The Nova Scotia medical regulator has a policy that forces physicians to refer patients for euthanasia and other controversial procedures. *Forty courageous Christian physicians* have told Nova Scotia's medical regulator that they cannot abide by this policy. When they are at their most vulnerable, people may choose euthanasia if they don't have suitable options to live. We need physicians who will go the extra mile to ensure their patients are connected with the support and services they need. Nova Scotia physicians are too important to patient care to be sacrificed for the sake of an unnecessary policy. Write Nova Scotia regulator today to tell them you want this policy to be changed: <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>. **(Copies of a draft letter to the Nova Scotia Government are also available at the Church entrance**

Euthanasia (From the Catechism of the Catholic Church) 466

2276 Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible.

2277 Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.

Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator. The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and excluded.

2278 Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of "overzealous" treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede merely accepted. The decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent and able or, if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always, be respected.

2279 Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted. The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable. Palliative care is a special form of disinterested charity. As such it should be encouraged.

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*

TAX RECEIPT DEADLINE FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2024: To receive a charitable donation receipt for the year 2024 from St. Paul's Parish, St. Lawrence Parish and St. Francis of Assisi Mission, for all donations including your Sunday offerings, special collections, donations IMO, etc., funds **must** be received by the Parish on or before December 31, 2024. Tax receipts for Income Tax purposes for the year 2024 will be issued on or before February 28, 2025. This is a requirement from the Revenue Canada Agency. Any funds received in the month of January 2025 will be recorded as a 2025 donation.

TAX RECEIPT FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR 2024: Please note that receipts **will not** be issued for the following: Religious Education registration fees Purchase of missals and Purchase of Angels for the St. Paul's Angel Tree Angels, "Forever in our Hearts ornaments".

CHURCH ENVELOPES: For those parishioners who have contributed to your respective Parish using the 2024 church envelopes provided, your name will be shown on the 2025 box of envelopes. If your name does not appear on an envelope box, **please** take a box of envelopes that does not have a name on it (8 extra boxes) and for the first couple of weeks make sure your name and address are shown on your Sunday Offering envelopes. **PLEASE do not use your 2025 envelopes during the month of December 2024** or use your 2024 envelopes in the year 2025.

Every parishioner has both a duty and obligation to support their Parish. Sunday Offering envelopes are made specifically for the collection of monetary donations to your Parish for the purpose of collecting funds necessary for the operations of the Parish. The use of remittance envelopes is **crucial** to the financial succeed the operations of the church. With the exception of "Special Collections" and the "Diocesan Levy", the majority of funds collected stay in your Parish to pay for operating expenses (heat/electricity/insurance/mtce./repairs) of the church, glebe house , office expenses including wages and benefits, snow removal, religious education/administration, grounds and cemetery upkeep, just to name a few of the expenditures.

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 mask 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 Rules: We remind everyone that our cemeteries are owned by the Church, the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Antigonish, and laws for cemeteries are made by the parishes. Cemetery plots are **not** owned by the families of the deceased. Therefore, no one is permitted to plant trees or bushes or flowers on a cemetery plot. No one is allowed to place statues on plots, or ornaments that interfere with mowing. Gravestones are to be installed only in consultation with cemetery representatives (Clem Munroe, St. Paul's; Jack Hoben, St. Lawrence; Dannie Grady St. Francis). And if there is already a grave stone (or stones on a double plot), no one is permitted to place another gravestone on the same plot to mark the burial of remains in that plot. Please respect and follow our laws for the order and beauty of our cemeteries.

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 remains 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. **\$200, 00 payable to St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Fund for burial in a new plot;** \$100.00 for burial of remains in an existing plot. **For Non-Parishioners** \$300.00 for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of remains in an existing plot.