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This Sunday’s Readings

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Peter began to speak,... “They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,...to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,...”

Responsorial Psalm 118 R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Colossians 3:1-4 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,...

John 20:1-18 Then the other disciple...saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

<u>Collection, April 12/13, 2025</u>	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul’s</u>
Sunday Collection	\$289.00	\$460.00	\$1475.00
Loose	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$65.00
Pope’s Works			\$20.00
Power		\$10.00	
Latin America			\$20.00
Good Friday		\$10.00	
IMO Peter Bowman			\$150.00
IMO Kevin Wood		\$45.00 Parish	
IMO Gerard DeGruchy			\$675.00 Luncheon/ \$380.00 Cemetery
Share Lent / Development. & Peace	\$82.00	\$80.00	\$635.00
Maintenance		\$20.00	
CWL Donation / Angel Tree		\$1000.00	

Pastor’s Message at Easter: We all aspire to be happy in this life, but happiness is often eclipsed by the sufferings of this life, like sickness, economic uncertainty, death and grief. But Christians possess something greater than happiness- the virtue of joy. Joy is the knowledge that Christ Jesus has passed from the realm of the dead to the glory of heaven. By his suffering on the cross and his death he has vanquishes our ancient enemies – sin, death, eternal punishment, hopelessness. Earthly happiness comes and goes, but our joy in the Risen Christ is always and forever. To all of you this Easter season, the joy of the Risen Lord be with you. Happy Easter. Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! - *Fr. Allan*

Masses: Tuesday, April 22 to Sunday, April 27

<u>Tuesday</u>	April 22	John “Pee Wee” Avery	6:00 pm	St. Paul’s
<u>Wednesday</u>	April 23	Yvonne, Norbert Brow, Jerome & Stephen Anderson, Calum MacQuarrie	6:00 pm	St. Paul’s
<u>Thursday</u>	April 24	Leonard Snair (surgery)	6:00 pm	St. Paul’s
<u>Friday</u>	April 25	Seward Crispo	4:00 pm	St. Paul’s
<u>Saturday</u>	April 26	Ronnie James MacIsaac	6:00 pm	St. Paul’s
<u>Saturday</u>	April 26	Colin Turvey	4:00 pm	St. Francis
<u>Saturday</u>	April 26	pro populo	6:00 pm	St. Lawrence
<u>Sunday</u>	April 27	Catherine DeCoste	10:00 am	St. Paul’s

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel: St. Michael the Archangel defends 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

Funerals: For Gert Carr, Friday, May 2, 2:00 pm., St. Francis of Assisi Church;
for Norman Borden, Saturday, May 10, at 11:00 am, St. Lawrence Church (if ready at that time).

Have you or someone you know had an experience in healthcare where **MAID** was offered without a request? The Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA Canada) want you to be heard in a safe and confidential setting. Please contact: **bmackinnon@cmdacanbada.org** or phone 1-888-256-8653. CMDA Canada is a Christian organization that supports doctors and dentists in integrating their faith into their professional practice.

Spring Deadline for Bishop Power Foundation The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of Laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support: individuals in university Catholic Studies (full or part time) and non-profit groups that: a) empower the poor and/or b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church and/or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants. Deadline is May 7 for consideration this spring.. to apply or for more information, visit: **www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca**

Jubilee Pilgrims Way: March 19 – December 28, 25 Our Diocesan Pilgrim's Way for the Jubilee Year. includes parishes, shrines, and sacred celebrations honouring namesake saints, cultures, and traditions woven into the rich tapestry of our diocese. The Way begins with the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of Canada, and ends with the Jubilee closing Mass at St. Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish Passports are being prepared. Map now available online: **https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/pilgrims-way/** We are invited to visit any of our diocesan sites on or around their special dates, or at any time throughout the year. Events for each site will be posted online and shared via bulletin notices as details are available.

Hank's Jamboree: will take place on Sunday, April 27, 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!

Upcoming Ceilidh at St. Ninian's Place: The last of the Winter/Spring Square Dance/ Ceilidhs for 2025 will be held on April 27th, from 1:30 – 4:00 at St. Ninian's Place. Featured entertainment will be Shelly Campbell and Allan Dewar. Admission is \$10.00 for adults, students by donation, and children free. A light lunch is offered throughout the afternoon. This event is supported by MacGillivray Room, Fuel's.

CHAIR FITNESS with Debra HAVRE BOUCHER COMMUNITY CENTRE MONDAY AND THURSDAY 9 AM TO 10 AM Begins April 14th for 5 weeks Please bring a yoga mat, 3lb weights and strap or band. \$100.00 Pre registration \$12.00 drop in.

Happy Easter Everyone!

Judging or Being Judgmental? Jesus told us not to judge one another, or we will be judged. In this teaching he could not have meant that we should never call attention to the sinful actions (or sinful failures to act) of other people. If someone is doing serious harm to another by their sins (e.g., spousal abuse; abuse of a child; abortion; euthanasia; racist comments), we cannot say or do nothing for fear we are being judgmental, or that we are judging the person. When Jesus commanded us not to judge another, he was telling us not to take a superior attitude towards them when we point out the fault of them, or when we must confront them about the sin (for a justifiable reason). Another way to understand this: we can judge actions, but never judge people. Judging the person means to condemn them, call them evil, and wish them to suffer the fires of eternal damnation. Even if we must identify and criticize the harm their sins have caused, we cannot see into their hearts, measure their degree of sorrow for those sins, and know their relationship with God. Humans see the outside of a person, but only God can see into their hearts. (A reflection by Fr. Allan)

Cemetery Rules: We remind everyone that our cemeteries are owned by the Church, the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Antigonish and law 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 (TBA for St. Paul's; Jack Hoben, St. Lawrence; Dannie Grady St. Francis). And if there is already a grave stone (or stone 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.