



St. Paul's News Bulletin

May 3, 2020



Parish Events

Today's Video Service of the Word is being posted on our website at 10 a.m. (May 3). You can watch and share it via this link: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>.

All our Sunday Services are being videoed and can be shared in the same way on our website Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

Sunday School Resources for Sunday School at Home, from the National Church, are posted on our website. Just type in "Sunday School" in the search box, and then click on "Sunday School" and you'll be taken to the right location.

"Way of Love" Study: Our 7 week virtual Study, "Way of Love," is continuing via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. and evenings at 7:30 p.m. If you visit us on Facebook or Twitter, you can find out more details. So far, we have 16 sharing this, and we'd love to have more! If you'd like to participate, please contact Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com; 403-256-1428.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: We're posting 30 min. video Services of Morning Prayer on Facebook and Twitter on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Everyone's invited to share these times of worship.

Virtual Writers Workshop: Steve Colle is leading a Virtual Writers Workshop **this Saturday, May 9**, from 10-12:30, on "Creating Compelling Trait-Based Characters". Please contact Steve at steve.colle68@gmail.com for more information. The Workshop is free of charge, but donations to St. Paul's are gratefully accepted.

Face Masks or Scrub Bags: *If anyone is interested in making face masks or scrub bags for nurses, please contact Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca for patterns. If we can get enough made, we can have them available for those who would like them. Please let Laura Anne know if you would like one.*



Our Prayer Group Ministry If you have a prayer request, or would like to join this vital ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com, or Fergus.

All of us are invited to unite in prayer together as never before—especially for all in our Parish and community who are the most vulnerable physically (including health care workers) or particularly struggling.

Caring Contact Ministry: Thank you to all the Helpers in our Caring Contact Ministry, who are keeping in contact with the 232 households on their lists once a month,

and sharing any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you would like to join this Ministry, please let Fergus know.

All of us have a vital role to play in staying connected with one another in this time when we can't be together physically. Please take the time to connect with those you know to make sure they're managing, and ask permission to share any pastoral needs with Fergus.

Grocery Pick-up Ministry: Thank you to those who've volunteered to pick up groceries or prescriptions for those who can't get out. If you'd like to join this Ministry, please contact the Office.

Book Borrowing: *If you'd like to borrow books from our Parish Library or Fergus' Book Nook, please contact the Office. Fergus can put books in the church mailbox, using gloves. No book has been touched since Mar. 7.*

In-person Gatherings: All in-person Worship Services and other gatherings are suspended, and our buildings are closed to all visitors. Phone messages and emails will continue to be checked and answered regularly.

Pastoral Visits: Fergus is available for regular visits via phone or email. He will also continue to respond to all pastoral emergencies.

Offerings: **Our continued Offerings, even when we are not able to be physically present at Services, are critical to helping us fulfill our Mission.** Here are ways to offer this support. One easy option is to donate via our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/donate>). **This is completely secure, with the highest level of PCI compliance.** Other options are mailing your Offering (perhaps post-dated cheques) via regular post; arranging for it to be picked up from our mailboxes; or setting up direct depositing (to download the form for this, please go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and then click on "Pre Authorized Donations.")

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Youth Group

Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference !

The Alpha Youth Film Series has been postponed.

Check out our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth>.

Diocesan and Community Events

78th Convention of Synod: Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson along with the Diocesan Council has announced that the **78th Convention of Synod** has been postponed until the Fall 2020.

CLAY (Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth): After much discernment, the planning team shares that CLAY, originally scheduled for August 20-23, 2020, will be postponed to August 19-22, 2021. The event will still be held at the Southern Alberta Institute for Technology (SAIT) in Calgary, Alberta. More information will be in the May Living Waters.

St Edmund's Food Bank has reopened

We are in need of donations - as you can imagine - the demand has already increased and we anticipate a sharp rise over the coming months with the unemployment rate and CoVid 19-related financial difficulties people are now facing. If you are able to assist with donations of non-perishable OR fresh OR frozen food items, please contact us: (403) 288 6330 or email@stedmundscalgary.org for a safe drop-off time. For monetary donations, please mail your cheques (payable to St. Edmund King & Martyr Anglican Church) to 8336 - 34 Avenue NW, Calgary, AB, T3B 1R2. If you would prefer to e-transfer, please contact Linda Anderson, Bishop's Warden at email@stedmundscalgary.org or (403) 615-0651.

Missional Minute

Reflecting on your last week – who did you cross paths with?

Who did you notice on your social media news feeds, or Zoom meeting, emails, or even at the grocery store? In what ways might you have shown them the Good News (Gospel) that we know and love?

Sue went to the grocery store for her family's weekly shopping with mask and gloves during this pandemic crisis. She greeted people in the aisles and exchanged pleasantries with the check-out clerk. The clerk re-

marked on how pretty the cross was she was wearing around her neck. Sue answered, "yes, I wear it to remind me of where my hope lies".

Mission isn't always taking trips with a bible in hand. Sometimes it's sharing the hope you have.

What opportunities did you have this past week?



The Grief Support Group is open to anyone who has suffered a loss and who feels they would benefit from being with others who are travelling a similar journey.

A support group is a safe place where we can share our stories, pains and struggles but no one will be asked to give more than they are comfortable sharing. We ask that everyone make a commitment to attend all the sessions if possible.

A support group is a forum where you are not expecting an answer but know you have the freedom to ask the big questions, share the anguish and process the pain. It is not a therapy group but it is therapeutic. It is loving, caring, generous and concerned, healing and growth enhancing. It can also be fun!

If you are interested in being a part of this group please contact Laura Anne at the Parish Office.

Sunday May 17 Ministry Sunday – Bible study, yard sale, Quilt and shawl ministry, grief support, and chemo care bags.

Financial News



Our 2020 deficit to Mar. 31 is \$12,738. With the disruption of our Sun. service attendance from COVID-19, we are in a highly vulnerable financial position. Ways to help are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please pray for our Parish's finances as we face these challenging times together.

Outreach

PWRDF: Despite the COVID 19 pandemic, PWRDF's work continues, and still needs your support. Indeed, it may now be more vital than ever to help those least able to help themselves. For info, go to pwrdf.org

Inreach With many in our Parish congregation going through financial struggles at present due to the economy, a special fund has been set-up. Donations marked "Financial Help for Parishioners" are also welcome. If you are in need of financial help, or know of someone in our Parish who is (and you have their permission), please let Fergus know. He will maintain absolute confidentiality. This is one way we can care for one another, and all get through this challenging time together. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund, which presently sits at approximately \$3,700 with \$6,100 having been disbursed.

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemo treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag please contact Robbie Coller.

If you'd like to be part of our Pastoral Care Team, please contact Fergus or Nicola Peden. Training (courses from the Roman Catholic Diocese, which are paid for by the Parish) is available.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be September 9th at 1 pm. All are welcome!

Please contact Fergus if you or someone you know would like a visit.

Thank you to Kerry Peters for making "holding crosses" for our Pastoral Care Team to share with those they visit.

Opportunities to Serve

2020 Flower Chart we will still be acknowledging in the Order of Service those who signed up for flowers each Sunday.

Prayer Chain Requests: Please contact Dinah Breu with your prayer requests.

Casserole Ministry: If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a casserole. Please contact Linda Huber.

Card Ministry: Gail Munro will send greetings on behalf of our parish to anyone in the parish who is ill, etc.

Living Waters: Monday, April 27 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the May Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

Rides Assistance: If you need or can help provide rides for members who have a hard time getting to services, appointments or visiting their loved ones, please contact the office.

Sign: We'd like to change the sign more regularly, but to do this we need helpers. If you can help, please contact Paul Bourgeois or the Office.

Servers: We are looking for more volunteers to be servers at our Sunday services **Adults are welcome to join this ministry.**

Altar Guild: If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild please let Robbie know.

Parish Council: We are looking for volunteers for the following positions: **Deputy Warden and Youth contact on Parish Council (a teen age 16 or older).** If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

All in-person activities are cancelled until further notice

Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

Sun.: Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays

Mon. : Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Prayer Group : 7:30 pm

Wed. : **Video Morning Prayer: 9:30 am**

Thurs.: **Virtual Study, "Way of Love": 11:00 am Apr. 23 to Jun. 4**

Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month beginning again in the Fall)

TOPS : 6:30 pm

Choir practice (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois)

Virtual Study, "Way of Love": 7:30 pm Apr. 23 to Jun. 4