



# St. Paul's News Bulletin

## December 13, 2020



### Parish Events

**The Diocese has suspended all in-person Services.** *We don't know how long the break will be, as it will depend on the number of COVID-19 cases.*

**This Sunday's Live Stream Service is being posted live at 9:30 am on our main Facebook page.** PLEASE NOTE: You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch. You just need to go to the link <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary> and click on the video. After Dec. 13, if you don't have a Facebook account, you'll be able to watch the Service by going to our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>), and clicking on the link there.

**Sunday Coffee Time:** Everybody's invited to share Virtual Coffee Time after the Sunday Service at 11:30 am via Zoom. The Zoom link is included with the pdf Order of Service on our website under the Sermon tab.

**Today's Sunday School and Youth Zoom EPIC Event (EPIC for Encouraging People In Christ) occurs from 2-3:30 pm.** If you'd like to participate, please email Fergus at [pastorfergus@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfergus@gmail.com) by 12:30, so that he can send you the Zoom information. We're making and decorating "Stained Glass" Christmas Cookies, and everyone's invited to wear something "Christmassy." All ages from toddlers to teens, plus parents and grandparents, are WELCOME! Please spread the word, and invite family and friends to join us! THANK YOU, Shannon, and all who are helping lead these!

**An Advent Jesse Tree Devotion for Children:** We've posted on our website a wonderful pdf document, entitled: "Jesse Tree: An Advent Devotion December 1-24 for Children 5-9 Years Old." For more information, including how to download this and Advent material for Sunday School at home, please click on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/paul.church.718/posts/175948017593520>.

**Advent Booklets:** For free Advent daily devotional booklets, please contact the Office.

**Church Calendars are Now Available for Purchase:** Please call the Parish Office to arrange a pickup time. The cost is still \$5.00. Only 6 Calendars are left. Our beautiful Chapel is featured for April!

**Next Sun., Dec. 20., we're having a Service of Lessons and Carols, with readers from our Parish, and Carols from our Choir and even the National Church, all through the wonder of technology.**

**Service of Solace:** This quiet and gentle Service has those who are struggling especially in mind. The focus is comfort and hope, with readings from Holy Scripture, lighting of candles, and prayer for healing. As it takes place near World AIDS Day, it also especially remembers all who are suffering with this disease. **This year's Service of Solace was posted online on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. You can watch it by clicking on this link:** <https://youtu.be/T8qSx2unr1Q>.

**Advent Study:** "Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary and Joseph." Dec. 16 at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm, via Zoom, we'll reflect together on the events leading up to our Lord's birth from the perspectives of Mary and Joseph, through video discussions and guided meditations from

Fr. Mark Toups and friends, and Bible Study from the United Methodist Church. To register please contact Fergus at [pastorfergus@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfergus@gmail.com). Everyone is invited.

**Video Prayer Services** are posted on a weekday (usually Thursday) in the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month on Facebook and YouTube. **The next Service is scheduled for Dec. 17. Look for a strong Advent theme, involving the ancient "O" Antiphons (on which the Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is based).** The easiest way to view these Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page).

**St. Paul's Annual Secret Friends Christmas Party is going virtual at 7 pm on Tues., Dec. 15, via Zoom!** There will be games, entertainment, and time for sharing! All ladies are invited! **Please RSVP to Julie at [jthompsonwilson@shaw.ca](mailto:jthompsonwilson@shaw.ca).** If you'd like to be a Secret Friend in 2021 please let Julie know.

**Prayer Group Ministry:** Members of this ministry lift up prayer requests given to the Prayer Group in their daily prayers, and gather together on the 2nd or 3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom. **The next Zoom Meeting is 7:30 pm, TOMORROW, Dec. 14.** If you have a prayer request, or would like to join this vital ministry, please contact Dinah at [breu.dinah@gmail.com](mailto:breu.dinah@gmail.com), or Fergus.

**Mitten Basket:** We've had such a great response to our Mitten Basket outreach for those in our city who need hats or mittens this winter that Barbara Jean has already had to empty the basket once! **The deadline for bringing mittens or hats to the Mitten Basket is Dec. 15.** To drop them off, please call or email the Office, to arrange a time. Huge thanks to everyone reaching out to keep others warm - with the warmth of Jesus' love - in this way; and to Barbara Jean for getting the mittens and hats to CUPS!

**Offerings:** Thank you for continuing to give your Offering when we're unable to be physically present together. It's critical to helping us fulfill our Mission. Here are ways we can do this. We can donate via our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/donate>); mail our Offering (e.g. post-dated cheques) via regular post; drop it off in the Office mailbox (phoning 1st); arrange for it to be picked up from our mailboxes; or set up direct depositing (for the form, go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and click on "Pre Authorized Donations"). **We can also now use e-transfers.** (Please use the email [gift@stpaulscalgary.ca](mailto:gift@stpaulscalgary.ca). No password is needed; please included your envelope number in the "message" spot.)

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**Incumbent:** The Rev'd Fergus Tyson  
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The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles  
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**Facebook Page:** [stpaulscalgary](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary)  
**Twitter:** @stpaulscalgary & @Pastor Fergus  
**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCldxfHv5pFYST-j8as1GVg>  
**Pastor's Postings:** [pastorfergus.wordpress.com/](https://pastorfergus.wordpress.com/)

## 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>.

## Diocese and Community

**Diocesan Day of Fasting and Prayer:** Every one of us is undergoing some form of stress or anxiety, whether Covid-related or just worries about family and/or friends. There are health issues, job issues, feeling isolated, feeling fear, feeling sad or lonely, just to name a few. And we know our clergy and lay leaders are dealing with a great deal, as they are overwhelmed in this busy season trying to maintain the traditions of the Advent season yet protecting the vulnerable.

What if...we were to spend a day or part of a day, in prayer, in honest, heartfelt communication with our Lord, in looking into His word, in meditating upon Him and slowing down to listen to Him.

We ask that on Friday, December 18, the people of the Diocese of Calgary take time to fast and pray – an hour or many hours; alone, with a spouse or family, via Zoom or whatever means that inspires you.

We pray: for protection from this Virus; for healing of those affected; for hope and provision for those impacted; for comfort for those mourning; for the safe and effective delivery of the vaccine; for the health services and leaders. We pray for the mission of our Church in these strange times. And we pray for each other.

Archbishop Greg has set up a **Zoom link for prayer from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** and will have AFP members standing by to pray in breakoff rooms for those who wish to pray with someone. Please request the link [here](#).

Plan ahead, clear your calendar, and give one day, or a portion thereof, to the Lord, together, to raise our supplications and to let Him nurture and heal us.

**Experiences in the Wilderness Pt. II: The Power of Hope - Saturday, December 12, 2020**

We all know that Christmas this year will be a lot quieter, with a lot less laughter and song. For many, Advent will be a time of anxiety, hardship and grief, not happy anticipation. Yet the liturgical year moves us along our Christian journey, and calls our hearts to hope. What does Christian hope mean at the end of this challenging, sombre year? Why is it important for us Christians to persevere in hope? Join our Rural Missioner, the Rev. Clara King as we explore the three great Canticles of the Christmas story, the Song of Mary (the Magnificat), the Song of Zechariah (the Benedictus), and the Song of Simeon (the Nunc Dimittis),

and learn to listen anew for what God is doing in our hearts, even in the midst of a global pandemic. Email [blabrecque@calgary.anglican.ca](mailto:blabrecque@calgary.anglican.ca) to register



### Wardens

St. Paul's currently has three Wardens - your People's Warden who provides the congregation with a contact for ideas, suggestions, and yes, complaints, is Cam Cline, and the Incumbent's Warden who provides support to the Incumbent (Rector), is Murray Sykes and the deputy Incumbent's Warden is Ingrid Bolton. The Wardens, along with the Incumbent, are members of Parish Council but also form the Corporation. The Corporation meets monthly, or more often if required, to review the Parish Financials in detail, to discuss any issues involving the parish or community that we serve, and then report to Parish Council with any concerns/suggestions.

The People's Warden is elected by Parishioners and the Incumbent's Warden is appointed by the Incumbent. Both serve a two year term. At St. Paul's we prefer to alternate the two year terms to ensure we are not replacing both Wardens at the same time, providing some continuity to the Corporation. This gives us the opportunity to have a Deputy Warden for the outgoing position - a one year term to "learn the ropes" before moving into the Warden position.

Thank you to Murray Sykes, Cam Cline and Ingrid Bolton who serve as our Wardens.

**December 20, Ministry Sunday – Christian Education, advertise AMP meeting in January**

## Financial News

*Our deficit to September is \$2,242. Thank you to everyone who is helping support our Mission financially in this time when so many of us are unable to worship together physically. Ways to do this are listed on the front of this News Bulletin.*

*Please pray for our Parish's finances as we face these challenging times together.*



## Outreach

### Christmas Shopping

It's that time of year, but lets take a minute to consider. Many of the things we might buy are made in parts of the world where workers are paid less than they need to survive and feed their families, and/or where working conditions are unsafe.

Please consider buying Fair Trade gifts, or order from the Anglican Church of Canada's World of Gifts booklet. The online version of the gift guide can be found by visiting [www.anglican.ca/giftguide](http://www.anglican.ca/giftguide)

## Pastoral Care

**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.

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.

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

## Opportunities to Serve

2020 Flower Chart still has a few spaces available. If you are interested in signing up for a date please let Laura Anne know at the Office. The cost for flowers is \$30.00. *Thank you to Midnapore Flower Magic for supplying our flowers as Michelle's has moved.*

**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.

**Grocery Pick-up Ministry:** If you would like to help pick up groceries or prescriptions for those who cannot get out, please contact the Office.

**Living Waters: Monday, January 31** is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the February Edition. Please submit to [office@stpaulscalgary.ca](mailto:office@stpaulscalgary.ca).

**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.*

**Parish Council:** We are looking for people to serve as *Deputy People's Warden and Youth contact on Parish Council (a teen age 16 or older)*. If you are interested in either of these positions or would like more information please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

## Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

(Please Note: All in-person activities are discontinued until further notice)

- Sun.:** Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays (*postponed*)
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)  
*Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month; 2nd in December)*
- Wed. :** *Video Midweek Prayer Service: 9:30 am (1st and 3rd weeks of the month)*  
*REJOICE! Advent Meditations with Mary and Joseph at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm*  
*"Simply Christian" Video Study (via Zoom): 7:30 pm (resumes January 6)*
- Thurs.:** Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month in new year) (*postponed*)  
TOPS : 6:30 pm (*postponed*)  
Choir practice (*postponed*) (*The Choir is now recording music via Zoom. If you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois*)
- Sat.:** Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed*)  
*Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (for location please contact the Parish Office)*