



St. Paul's News Bulletin

December 20, 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 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. 20, 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.

Today 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.

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.

Christmas Eve Services: We're posting online a 5 pm Children's Service and a 7:30 pm Service geared for adults and teens. Both are Services of Spiritual Communion with Candlelight. The 7:30 pm Service will be live streamed on Facebook, so all the instructions for our Sunday Services apply to it. The 5 pm Service will be posted to our website and YouTube Channel at 5. The 7:30 Service will be available on our website and YouTube at around 9:30.

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 by 12:30, so that he can send you the Zoom information. This Sunday we will be making Christingles (see Fergus' Dec. 15 email to the Parish for a picture). 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!

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!

Service of Solace: This year's Service of Solace, with a focus on healing and hope, was posted online on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. You can watch it by clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/T8gSx2unr1Q>.

Advent Prayer Service: On Dec. 17, we posted online an Advent Service to mark the last week of Advent, joining Christians throughout the world in singing and praying the ancient "O Antiphons." To watch, please click here: <https://youtu.be/7dgmBRKY2uM>.

Video Prayer Services The easiest way to view these

Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page). **The next Service will be posted in the 3rd week of Jan.**

St. Paul's Annual Secret Friends Christmas Party was great fun with about 17 ladies participating. Thank you to Julie for a wonderful evening.

Simply Christian Zoom Study: takes place Weds. From 7:30-9 pm from Jan. 6 to Feb. 3. In this video Study, world-renowned New Testament scholar N. T. Wright leads us in exploring the core of Christianity. The 5 sessions' topics are "Jesus," "the Holy Spirit," "Worship and Prayer," "Scripture," and "Church and New Creation." Everyone is invited! If you would like to participate, please contact Fergus, to receive the Zoom link and pdf Study Guide.

Prayer Group Ministry: Members of this vital ministry lift up requests given to the Prayer Group in their daily prayers, and gather on the 3rd Mons. of the month via Zoom. **The next Zoom Meeting is 7:30 pm, Jan. 18.** To share a prayer request, or join this ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Mitten Basket: We had a great response to our Mitten Basket this year! Huge thanks to everyone who reached 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!

Ministry Reports for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP): All ministry leaders are asked to submit a year-end report for the AMP. Please have reports in by Monday, January 11. The AMP is on Sunday, January 31 at 11:30 am via ZOOM.

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; set up direct depositing (the form is on our website: type "Donation" in the search box, & click on "Pre Authorized Donations"); or use e-transfers (please use the email gift@stpaulscalgary.ca; no password is needed; please put your envelope no. in the "message" spot.)

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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>.

Diocese and Community

Christmas Service Online Friday, December 25, 2020 on the Diocesan Website - calgary.anglican.ca Join us online for a special Christmas Day service led by Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, who will be joined by a number of other clergy from across the diocese. The video will be posted on the homepage of the diocese website here at calgary.anglican.ca.

A Missional Minute by Ven. Dr. Pilar Gateman

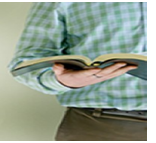
How does knowing our story help us to be Missional? How many of us are afraid of the word 'mission' or 'evangelism.' Rightly so, as we've had challenging experiences or frustrating associations with some interpretations of those words.

But what if we could be missional by knowing our faith story? If we spent some time reflecting on our own life and how God has acted, interacted or intervened, we would have a better sense of how we have been formed spiritually. Another benefit is seeing the kinds of patterns God has used to get our attention. Or how God has guided our discernment at different times. In the end, reflecting on our spiritual autobiography can allow us to consider how we have been transformed by our faith. How might that be missional?

When we are listening intently to others, we may find times where our story intersects with theirs. Opportunities that present themselves allow us to "always be ready to give an answer for the hope you have." (1Peter 3:15).

We all know that a forceful answer or list of suggestions on how to be a better person does not endear us to others, nor does it attract them to Jesus. However, when we are in relationship with others, they share their lives, frustrations and joys with us. These conversations can provide a wonderful entrance for us to share the reason for our hope – and gently invite them into the transformation we have experienced.

Our Ministries



Ministry Sunday

Christian Education

Christian education is a lifelong activity for all of us as Jesus' disciples. It has been aptly described as loving God with our minds. At St. Paul's, we have education for young children, teens, and adults of every age, with opportunities such as Sunday School, multiple mid-week studies, Quiet Days, and movie nights.

Thank you to Fergus and Murray Sykes for coordinating this ministry.

Annual Meeting of Parishioners

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) is a time to gather as a Parish family to celebrate what was accomplished in past year and to look forward to the present year and all the possibilities. The meeting is on the last Sunday of January and begins at 11:30 a.m. When we can have in-person meetings lunch is provided. It is important to have as many people participate as possible.

January 31st at 11:30 a.m. is our next AMP and it will be done via ZOOM. (Feel free to eat lunch while we meet!) ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

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 Collier.

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

2021 Flower Chart is now 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.

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) (next is Jan. 18)
- Wed. :** **Video Midweek Prayer Service: 9:30 am (1st and 3rd weeks of the month) (next is Jan. 21)**
"Simply Christian" Video Study (via Zoom): 7:30 pm (Jan. 6 to Feb. 3)
- 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)