

St. Paul's News Bulletin

January 10, 2021



Parish Events

Thank you, everyone, for facing the challenges of 2020 with Our Lord and each other! We journey into 2021, filled with hope, because God is with us, and we'll continue to be there for one another.

The Diocese has suspended all in-person Services. They won't resume until the daily no. of COVID-19 cases is at least less than 1/2 what it is at present.

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. At around 11:45 onward on Jan. 10, 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>).

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.

EPIC-3, our third EPIC Event on Dec. 20, was another AWESOME time! (EPIC stands for Encouraging People In Christ.) Photos of EPIC-3 have been posted on Facebook and Twitter. Look for EPIC-4 to take place this month! All ages from toddlers to teens, plus parents and grandparents, are WELCOME! To participate, please email Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com for the Zoom information. Please invite family and friends to join us! THANK YOU, Shannon, and all who are helping lead these!

Simply Christian Zoom Study: This video Study takes place 7:30-9 pm on Weds., until Feb. 3. World-renowned New Testament scholar N. T. Wright leads us in exploring the core of Christianity. The topics are "the Holy Spirit," "Worship and Prayer," "Scripture," and "Church and New Creation." All are invited! To participate, please contact Fergus for the Zoom link and 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 request, or join this ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

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 **TOMORROW, January 11. The AMP is on Sunday, January 31 at 11:30 am via ZOOM.**

Video Prayer Services are posted on a weekday (usually Thursday) in the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month on Facebook and YouTube. The easiest way to view these Ser-

vices 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. It will celebrate the Confession of St. Peter, and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with material from the Canadian Council of Churches.**

Our Jan. 24 Service will celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; our Jan. 31 Service, our Patronal Feast, the Conversion of St. Paul.

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 mailbox; 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.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held online on 31st day of January, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., at which time all Baptized persons who are of the full age of 16 years and regularly attend Services of worship in this Parish and receive Communion or otherwise regularly receive the administrations of the Clergy of this Parish are entitled to attend. In order to attend the Annual Meeting, Parishioners must complete the declaration embedded below and send it to the Office at office@stpaulscalgary.ca by 12 noon on 28th January. Once a Parishioner is pre-registered, Zoom login details will be provided. If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting, but do not have a device that would allow you to do so, please contact the Office at 403-256-1428 by 12 noon on 21st January.

DATED this 5th day of January, 2021

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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

Happy New Year!

On behalf of Archbishop Greg and the staff at the Diocesan Office, we wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2021!

A Monthly Rosary - via Zoom

Second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm

The Rev. Jerrod McCormack will be offering a monthly rosary via Zoom, on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. These services usually run for 30 minutes. Time is taken to share intentions with one another and then to pray the rosary together. If you are interested you can contact Jerrod, and he will send you the link.

Kuriakos Camp Information Summer 2021

Even in the bleak mid-winter, we can believe in the life-changing power of camp, and it's needed now more than ever. Programs will proceed when we are confident that we can provide them safely, but we're planning for a great summer.

To find next summer's programs and to register online, [click here](#).

Missional Minute

Time is a funny thing. Sometimes it goes quickly and sometimes it drags on for what seems like forever. Time helps us mark important moments and remember the anniversaries of events that are important to us.

Time is also vital to Mission. The time we spend with someone can be valuable in learning what ways the Gospel might speak into their lives. Keeping on time can show others respect for their time. Remembering special times in others lives can show our love and care for them.

Time – important to Mission for a variety of reasons. Thanks for yours.

Our Ministries

Altar Guild: Liturgy begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. To care for the sacred vessels, the bread and the wine, the fair linens and hangings and the candles and torches used for worship in the Sanctuary is far more than a task, it is a true ministry. We are told that all things must be done "properly and in good order." It is the work of the



Altar Guild that makes it possible to do so. The contribution of each Altar Guild member is important; together those contributions are a devotion to the greater glory of God. The thanks of all the parish family of St. Paul's are given for the devotion and dedication of our Altar Guild.

Thank you to Robbie Collier for coordinating this ministry and all who volunteer each week to prepare the Altar.

January 17, Ministry Sunday – Choir, hand chimes, screens & sound boards, newcomers, outreach

Financial News

Our deficit to September 2020 is \$2,242. *THANK YOU, everyone, for a great finish to the year! Look for updated figures next week. 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

PWRDF

The turn of the year is a time to look back and to look forward. The year of COVID is one we'll be glad to leave behind. It has taken a terrible toll on the underprivileged communities that PWRDF and its partners work with. If you are wondering about making a New Year resolution, would you consider becoming a regular donor to PWRDF, either by direct debit (info at pwrdf.org) or by using the blue envelope in your church set. Help make 2021 a better year for everyone.

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

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 Christian Education, Outreach, Stewardship, and Youth contacts on Parish Council (for the Youth contact, we are looking for 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 (*postponed*)