



St. Paul's News Bulletin

February 7, 2021



Parish Events

The Diocese has suspended all in-person Services. Because of the number of COVID-19 cases, & the increased contagiousness of new variants, the Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force is continuing this suspension for the immediate future. It is scheduled to revisit this suspension in another 2 weeks.

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. 24, 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>) or YouTube Channel.

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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our AMP, & to all who lifted the Meeting up in prayer. In it, we offered our heartfelt thanks to those stepping down from Ministries in which they'd faithfully served our Parish: Murray (Incumbent's Warden & Christian Ed. Contact on Parish Council), Karen (Parish Treasurer), Dan (MCES Treasurer), Gloria (Children's & Youth Ministry Council Contact), Kerry (Stewardship Council Contact), & Loret (Outreach Council Contact). We also offered our deepest thanks to those who have stepped forward to fill their big shoes: Ingrid (Incumbent's Warden, Parish Treasurer, & MCES Treasurer), Shannon (Children's & Youth Ministry Council Contact), Tosan (Christian Education Council Contact), & Laura Anne (Stewardship Council Contact). At the start of the year, Shannon also took over the Ministry of Sunday School Coordinator from Gloria. And after the Meeting, John L. volunteered to serve as Council Outreach Contact. We thank the Lord for the blessing we've experienced through those serving in these Ministries, & we pray for all those who've stepped forward to begin serving in them: May God equip you by the power of the Holy Spirit, to bless you, and others through you! Amen.

Look for our Feb. issue of "Living Waters" to be posted on our website in the "News" section on Sun., Feb. 7.

Ash Wed. Service: At 9:30 am on Feb. 17, a Video Service of the Imposition of Ashes will be posted on Facebook and YouTube. We're putting blessed ashes into little bags, for households to pick up, so that we can all place the ashes on each other's brows when that part of the Service is reached. Please see "Living Waters" for details. Thanks, Robbie, for putting these bags together for us.

Our Lenten Study this year is "The 7 Last Words of Jesus." We'll reflect on Our Lord's words on the Cross, & the profound insights they give into the heart of existence. Ash Wed., Feb. 17, to Mar. 31, 10:30-12 noon

& 7:30-9 pm. To participate, please contact Fergus.

EPIC-5 is coming soon with a Lent theme! Plan on spending a great time that's fun for the whole family in St. Paul's own expression of "Messy Church"! **All ages 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 leading these!

Prayer Group Ministry: Members of this vital ministry lift up requests given to the Prayer Group in their daily prayers, and gather on the 2nd or 3rd Mons. of the month via Zoom. **The next Zoom Meeting is 7:30 pm, Mon., Feb. 8.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Video Prayer Services are posted midweek in the 1st & 3rd weeks of the month on Facebook & YouTube. **The most recent was a Candlemas Service of the Word for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord posted Feb. 4. You can watch it by clicking [here](#). The easiest way to view these Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page).**

Caring Contact Ministry: Caring Contact Ministry Helpers contact the households on their lists *ice a month, & share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you'd like to become a Helper, please contact Fergus.*

Pastoral Visits: Fergus is available for regular visits via phone, email, or Zoom. He's also available for in-person visits in pastoral emergencies. Please contact him if you'd someone with whom to talk and pray.

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; 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

Education Spotlight: Trinity Christian School is hosting a Virtual Open House on February 9th. We hope you can join us from the comfort of your own home. It is easy to register. Just click here: www.tcskids.com/apply-now/tcs-virtual-open-house-rsvp

World Day Of Prayer is on March 5th 2021. The country for World Day of Prayer 2021 is Vanuatu. Vanuatu, a chain of islands to the east of Australia has prepared the prayer service for this year. We will celebrate the theme : "Build on a Firm Foundation" Please see Living Waters for more information.

Coldest Night of the Year

Calgary Downtown - Hosted by HomeSpace Society - KAIROS Calgary and Feed the Hungry

It's cold out there. The Coldest Night of the Year is a covid-safe, family-friendly walk to raise money for charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. Walk with us (virtually) on February 20, 2021 - there's a place for everyone!

Virtual CNOY Day

This is your own self-organized micro-walk! Virtual CNOY Day should feel pretty familiar once you get walking - here are some key things you'll need to do on February 20 (or whatever day in February you decide to walk):

1. Gather with your covid-safe bubble (or on your own)
2. Map out a safe 2-5 km route
3. Let someone know where you are
4. Bring a cell phone in case of emergency
5. Add pledged funds in your Fundhub
6. Share online as you go! #cnoy21
7. Keep fundraising (half of all fundraising happens in the last week!)
8. Be safe and have fun!

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](#).

Light Magazine, Alberta (formerly City Light News):

A Monthly Christian Lifestyle/Community publication for Alberta. Only available online at alberta.lightmagazine.ca

Our Ministries



St Paul's Choir

Purpose: To provide music and music leadership for our worship services. We lead the music through-out the year at the 10:00 am Sunday service as well as other special seasonal services (e.g. Christmas, Holy Week) and we take a 4-6 week summer break.

Practice: Typically, our practices are held Thursday evening at the church at 7:30 pm. Our practice sessions are normally about one and a half hours long.

Materials: All we ask is that you bring your voice and enthusiasm. (There is a brief audition) The ability to read music would be an asset but is certainly not required. The music is provided and Sunday selections are e-mailed to the group a few days before practice.

During COVID-19 restrictions the choir members who are able are recording at home and then Paul is combining all the voices.

Thanks to the choir and Paul for all their hard work and dedication

Financial News

THANK YOU, everyone, for a great finish to the year! With the generous giving of so many, help from the Government, reduced Apportionment, and reduced Outreach, we ended 2020 \$15,990 ahead of our expenses! Thank you to everyone who is helping support our Mission financially in this time when we are unable to worship together physically. Ways to do this are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please continue to pray for our Parish's finances as we face these challenging times together.



Outreach

PWRDF

All Mothers and Children Count COVID-19 has had disastrous effects on maternal health care, already in dire straits, in many developing countries. An article in the medical journal, The Lancet, predicts a rising number of maternal deaths in 2021 due directly or indirectly to COVID, with a worst-case number of 113,400 globally. This only emphasizes the need for PWRDF's Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health Programme, and the clinics and outreach initiatives that it supports.

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.

Grief Support & Prayer Shawl: Laura Anne is looking at having a ZOOM meeting for both of these Ministries. If you are interested in either one please let her

know at office@stpaulscalgary.ca. See Living Waters for more details.

Opportunities to Serve

2021 Flower Chart is now available. We are still taking dedication requests for flowers, if you would like to make a dedication please send it to **Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca**.

The cost for flowers is \$30.00.

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, March 1 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the March 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 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*)
EPIC (Encouraging People In Christ) Zoom Events (next is in Feb.)
- Mon.:** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month) (next is Feb. 8)
- Wed.:** *Video Midweek Prayer Service (1st and 3rd weeks of the month) (next is Feb. 17 @ 9:30 am)*
"Seven Last Words" Lenten Video Study (via Zoom): 10:30 am & 7:30 pm (begins Feb. 17)
- 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*)