



St. Paul's News Bulletin

May 2, 2021



Parish Events

The Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force has suspended all in-person Services in the Diocese for the immediate future.

This Sunday's Service is being posted live at 9:30 am on our main Facebook page. 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 11:30 onward on May 2, 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 School Resources for Sun. School at home are posted weekly on our website; please type "Sunday School" in the search box, & click on "Sunday School."

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.

Reserved Sacrament is available (in baggies) in the main entrance every Sat. from 2 to 2:45.

The May issue of "Living Waters" is now available from the "News" section of our website.

EPIC-7 and 8 were lots of fun! We made paper palm crosses, decorated Easter eggs, baked Resurrection buns, and had an Easter scavenger hunt! EPIC (standing for Encouraging People In Christ) Events are St. Paul's expression of "Messy Church." They're great for the whole family—and all ages, toddlers to teens, parents and grandparents, are WELCOME! Look for EPIC-9 to take place soon. To get the Zoom link to participate, please email Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com. Please spread the word, and invite family and friends! THANKS, Shannon, and all helping lead these!

Tosan, our Christian Education Contact on Parish Council, is creating posts for our Facebook pages roughly once a week about "Saint days, Doctrine tidbits, memorable church dates."

Taking place at St. Paul's: "Written on the Heart: The Bible for Anglicans in the 21st Cent.," a 4 week Video Study from the National Church to deepen our experience of the Bible as the Word of God. On Weds. till May 12, from 7:30-9 pm. we're meeting to explore how we can be open to all God wants the mysterious & wonderful gift of the Bible to be in our lives! So far, 13 are participating, & we'd love to have more! ALL ARE INVITED! To participate, please contact Fergus for the Zoom link.

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, May 17.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted 2 times a month on Facebook & YouTube. To watch the **Apr. 23 Service of Morning Prayer**, please click [here](#). The easiest way to view the Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page). **The next Midweek Video Service is planned for around May 6.**

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 be a Helper, please contact Fergus.**

Pastoral Visits: Please contact Fergus for phone, email, or Zoom visits; & emergency visits in-person.

We're looking for a way to celebrate our Birthdays. If you'd like to join in please see "Living Waters" for more info. or send your birthday month & day to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

We're also looking for fun pictures of our pets during COVID-19. *If you have some pictures that others would enjoy, please send them in with a caption to office@stpaulscalgary.ca, and we will share them in the June "Living Waters"!*

Let's share what we and our families are doing now that spring has arrived. This is a great way for us to all stay in touch. If you have a story to share about one of your adventures that would be wonderful, also. Send your pictures or stories to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

Our Spring Clean-up Day is May 15, from 9 to 3. Due to COVID restrictions, we're limiting our actions to outside work only. To help, please bring rakes, etc.

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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Pastor's Postings: 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

The Diocesan Refugee Committee is looking for volunteers who have a desire to welcome Jesus in welcoming the stranger (Matt 25:35). Whatever experience you have or time that you can commit, we can find a role for you! If you have an interest in volunteering or would like more information about where you might fit in this ministry, please [email](#) us or see the May Living Waters.

Thy Kingdom Come May 13 to 23, 2021

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Christians from more than 170 countries and 65 denominations have taken part. Thy Kingdom Come runs between Ascension and Pentecost annually.

During the eleven days of prayer, participants are asked to pray for five friends or family members, that they might come to a living faith in Christ. Resources online include a video series for children and youth, prayer booklets and the TKC app. These and more information can be found [here](#).

SOFCI (South of Fish Creek Interfaith)

SOFCI meets together for group discussion and planning service projects once a month. If you are interested in joining Murray as a rep for St. Paul's, please contact the Office.

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.



Ladies Potluck Luncheon

The St. Paul's Ladies Lunch group may look like a few ladies getting together to share some tasty treats in the form of a potluck lunch once a month. But it is actually so much more. It is common for parishioners to only get to know others who attend the same St. Paul's services or groups as themselves.

But the Ladies Lunch group brings all ladies

together the third Saturday of each month in a fun, casual setting. Inevitably the lively discussion shared by this diverse group lets us learn more about each other, our families and our extended church family.

A few members have established a reputation for providing something delicious each month. But the culinary-challenged and/or those with store-bought offerings are cheerfully embraced as well.

Mostly it is a chance to get to know each other, and care about each other, and support each other. The result is our simple lunch becomes a feast and former strangers become our friends

We hope to be able to restart our picnics, which did in the Summer and Fall during COVID, on the Church lawn soon.

Maintenance Ministry

Church maintenance is as you would expect very important. We have an attractive and well used building so we look after it properly. Most of the maintenance is routine and simply requires doing work regularly, keeping an eye open for problems and fixing things promptly. Some jobs are more involved and need outside contractors to complete. We develop a list of things which need to be done, establish a priority list and then complete them There are a number of people who help out fondly known as the Big Heads and we meet over coffee at Starbucks to sort out strategy etc. If anyone wishes to help us please do. A list of the jobs we intend to finish in 2015 will be posted and you are welcome to pick a job and help on something that suits your talents. Contact Gerald for more information or if you would like to help out.

Stewardship Bible Verses for Reflection

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need
Acts 2:44-45

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12:6-8



Financial News

Our deficit to March 31, 2021 is 5,622.72

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 Gloria.

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.

Prayer Shawl: We will meet on Wednesday, May 19 at 1 pm on Zoom. Contact Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca if you would like to join the group.

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, May 31 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the June 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 2 pm on a Sun. coming soon)
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is May 17)
- Wed. :** **Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month via Zoom) (next is May 19)**
"Written on the Heart" Video Study via Zoom: 7:30 pm (Apr. 21 to May 12)
- Thurs.:** **Video Midweek Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is May 6)**
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*)