



St. Paul's News Bulletin November 28, 2021



Parish Events

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (THE SUNDAY OF HOPE) BEGINS THE NEW CHURCH YEAR!

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE RETURN OF OUR IN-PERSON SERVICES! Everyone is asked to register for our Sunday Services, through the website or calling the parish office by Friday noon. Mask-wearing is mandatory. Everyone is also asked to please maintain social distancing from those not in our family unit. If you're over the age of 12, and aren't fully vaccinated, please stay home, because of your increased risk of contracting and spreading the delta variant of the virus. If you have cold-like or flu-like symptoms, please also stay home. The Services are continuing to be live-streamed.

Services are posted live at 9:30 am on Sundays on our main Facebook page. A Facebook account isn't needed to watch. You just go to the link <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary> and click on the video. At around 11:30 am onward, 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 Sunday School at home from the National Church are posted weekly on our website. To access them, please type "Sunday School" in the search box, and click on "Sunday School". In-person Sunday School is resuming soon.

Sunday Coffee Time: At the Diocesan Council on Nov. 16, the Archbishop and Chair of the Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force reiterated that there is a Diocese-wide ban on "indoor social gatherings such as coffee hour, where food and beverages are served." So for now our Coffee Times will continue to be Virtual. Our Virtual Coffee Time takes place every Sunday on Zoom at 11:30. The Zoom link is on the Order of Services under the Sermon tab of our website.

Reserved Sacrament is available (in baggies) in the main entrance Monday-Friday from 9 am-noon.

SECRET FRIENDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, Thursday December 16th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. This year we will be making a Folded Fabric Christmas Ornament. It will be an evening of crafting and sharing. More info. can be found in *Living Waters*. Please RSVP to Julie by December 9th. All ladies of the Parish are welcome. 403 630-1533, jthompsonwilson@shaw.ca

We're hopeful that our Men's Breakfast and Ladies' Luncheon may be able to meet together in-person in December, following all Provincial and Diocesan restrictions. **Stay tuned!**

Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. On Oct. 28, we shared the BAS Home Prayer Service. You can watch it by clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/nza7Dg2KuYo>. The easiest way to view these Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (see the bottom of the page for the link). **The date for our next Service is this Thursday, Dec. 9.**

Our in-person Wednesday Service of Holy Eucharist are taking place at 9:30 am on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month. All Sunday safety protocols will

be in place. Our Wednesday morning Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings will resume in January.

OUR ADVENT STUDY this year is videos from "The Advent Mission" plus written material from the "Journeying the Way of Love Advent Curriculum" from the Episcopal Church. We're meeting from Nov. 24 to Dec. 15. ***The Study is on Wednesdays at 2 times: in-person at 10:30 a.m. and via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. So far, we have 6 meeting in the morning, and 11 meeting in the evening, and we would love to have more! If you would like to participate, please let Fergus know by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23.***

Prayer Group Ministry: This vital ministry's members lift up in daily prayer requests the Prayer Group receives, and gather on the 3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom. ***The next Zoom Meeting is Dec. 20, at 7:30 pm.*** To share a request, or join the Prayer Group, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

FINALLY, AFTER A YEAR WITH NO BOOKLETS, WE HAVE ADVENT BOOKLETS!! Advent booklets will be available at the front entrance of the church Monday to Friday from 9AM till noon ONLY and on Sunday at our in person service.

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). **If you'd like your 2021 Offering envelopes please contact Murray at murray.sykes@shaw.ca or 403-200-8869, to arrange for pick-up or delivery.**

Everyone is invited to fill out a 2022 pledge card located at Ministries/Stewardship/Annual Stewardship Campaign, and then place it in the Offering Plate at a Sunday Service, bring it to the office during office hours, turn it in to the church mailbox at the north door, mail it in, or email it to envsecretary@stpaulscalgary.ca.

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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

Calgary Meals on Wheels Cookie Factory Presented by Southcentre Mall

Do you enjoy being about children, having fun and embracing the Holiday Season? If so, we would love to have you join our Cookie Factory volunteer opportunity. Located near Santa's Enchanted Forest, you will provide a welcoming experience for guests and their children by greeting them, and providing them with a cookie kit that includes; cookies (pre-made), icing and decorations.

Cookie kit assembly, general tidying up and restocking will be needed throughout the day. Cookie kits are purchased with a suggested donation of \$2.00 each and all proceeds donated support Calgary Meals on Wheels programs.

Dates: November 12 – December 24, 2021

Shift Days: Monday - Sunday

Shift Hours: 9:45 am – 1:30 pm Morning Shift

1:15 pm – 5:00 pm Afternoon Shift

4:45 pm – 8:00 pm Evening Shift

**** Please note that you must be 18+ years to volunteer. You may volunteer if you are 14 years or over, as long as you are accompanied by a parent or guardian who must sign up as a volunteer as well on the same shift. ** Please Also Note: Southcentre Mall abides by AHS guidelines and therefore all Volunteers must wear a mask at all times.**

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

St. Edmund's Food Bank Appeal

We are once again appealing for help with stocking our Food Bank shelves. We currently find that we are running short on canned goods – especially canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, etc), vegetables, soups, beans, etc. as well as cereals, snack foods for kids, and jams. The Food Bank is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 for dropping off donations, or you can call Marilyn (our Food Bank Coordinator) at 403-288-6330 to arrange a time for drop-off outside of those hours (please leave a message and she will call you back). If you would like more information about our Food Bank and how you can help, please email us. Thank you for your support!

SOFCI (South of Fish Creek Interfaith)

SOFCI meets together for group discussion & planning service projects 1ce a month. If you're interested in joining Murray as a St. Paul's rep, please contact the Office.

Monthly Rosary - via Zoom

Fr. Jerrod McCormack has been offering the Rosary Gathering via Zoom on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, open to all who wish to participate. This will now be changed to Thursdays at 2:00 pm. For the Zoom link or more information, please email Fr Jerrod revjerrod@gmail.com

Simon Evans' New Book

Simon Evans, a dear departed member of our Parish family, finished his magnum opus, *A Geography of the Hutterites in North America*, just before his passing. This culmination 40 yrs of research provides fascinating reading. It can be ordered online: nebraskapress.unl.edu. Using the promotion code 6AF21 will give a 40% reduction (\$65.00 to \$39.00)!

For Such A Time As This

Many are fearful and anxious about their future as the pandemic lingers. A free eBook created by St. Luke, Calgary continues to circulate, bringing encouragement and Good News to more than 1,000 readers. To download and share, please click [here](#).



Coffee Time: The congregation has been grouped into Hospitality Teams. If it's your week, and if possible and you are willing, you're invited to help out at our "Coffee Time" before and/or after worship to help make people feel comfortable and at home by serving coffee, preparing some food, making people feel welcomed, and bringing a nice energy to the room. Have a special skill you'd like to offer? By all means, be creative! Not able? No problem! Bring yourself and we believe the rest will follow suit!

When it's your week, check the list by the kitchen for what can be done, come up with your own idea, or check with Angela Richardson or Robbie Collier (if you are uncertain about where you can help). Find something you love to do and take it from there. Too many people show up to help? Wander around and make some new friends. This may sound overwhelming, but no one is assigning jobs, and you don't have to sign up. Participation is NOT mandatory but encouraged – this is a great way to interact with our parish members whether you are a single or a couple – adult or child. It's all about being together and creating an experience and culture that leaves people feeling seen, appreciated, loved, and renewed!

Our Coffee Time Ministry is a blessing after our services. Thank you to all who help with this time of fellowship. It is a special gift of service to the whole congregation.

Stewardship Reflection for this Sunday

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)



We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

<https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Financial News

Our deficit to October 31, 2021 is 17,818.

We hope for a strong fall to shrink this amount substantially. 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 AIDS

Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day takes place on 1 Dec. each year. It's an opportunity for us all to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV (an estimated 38 million worldwide), and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.

Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, and there are laws to protect people living with HIV. Nevertheless, stigma and discrimination remain a reality for many with the condition. World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education. This is part of the work of PWRDF. Please support the effort, and wear a red ribbon to show solidarity with people living with HIV.

Mitten Basket: The Mitten Basket is now set-up in the entrance of the South door. Drop off time is Monday to Friday 9 am to noon. Thank you to Barbara-Jean for looking after this ministry again this year.



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.

Pastoral Care

Chemo Care Bag: 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.

If you would like to be part of the Caring Contact Ministry, please contact Deacon Betty Nadurak.

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

Opportunities to Serve

Prayer Shawl: We will meet on the third Wednesdays, of each month at 1 pm, next meeting on December 15 at St. Paul's. Contact Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca if you would like to join the group.

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 Hubert.

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, November 29 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the December 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.***

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 (2 pm monthly, resuming soon)
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is December 20)
- Wed. :** **Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am (next is December 1)**
Bible Study: 10:30 am (next is January 2022)
Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) (next is December 15)
Advent Study: 10:30 am in-person or 7:30 pm on Zoom (November 24 to December 15)
- Thurs.:** **Video Midweek Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is December 9)**
TOPS : 6:30 pm (weekly)
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—hopefully resuming in December)**
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (postponed—hopefully resuming in December)