

## St. Paul's News Bulletin February 26, 2023



## <u>Parish Events</u>

There are no in-person COVID restrictions. Masking, however, is strongly recommended by the Diocese and Parish Council, and physical distancing is still being maintained. If a person is wearing a mask, this means that they are concerned about a possible severe outcome from COVID for them or someone they care about. So please be sure to keep 2 metres' distance from them. Services continue to be live-streamed.

Sunday Services are posted live at 9:30 am on our main Facebook page. A Facebook account isn't needed to watch. You just go to the link <u>https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary</u> 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 (<u>https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/</u> media) or YouTube Channel. To ensure that all are able to share the whole Service online, we'll pause the Liturgy, if any problem arises, to give us time to address the issue.

**Sunday School:** We are using the Virtual Church School curriculum offered by the Anglican Church of Canada. The link is on our website. For more info., see *Living Waters*.

Confirmation preparation is under way, using the new Alpha Youth Series on video. We're now showing and discussing this twice a month, in our Jr. High Sunday School class on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Fergus' legs have worsened to the point where he may be having surgery right away. This isn't the outcome he was hoping for, but if the wounds can't be healed, he's so grateful that this surgical option is available.

Everyone's invited to our in-person Coffee Time after the Service. This week, it will be an opportunity to talk with Fergus and wish him well. Thank you, Murray and Annette, Ingrid, and LA, for organising it for us! We're looking for helpers in the Coffee Time Ministry. If you're able to help, please contact the Parish Office or sign up on the sheet by the kitchen door. We also have a Virtual Coffee Time on Sundays at 11:45. The Zoom link for it is in each Sunday's Order of Service.

Thank you, Norman, for offering to lead our Sunday Services from now up till and including Palm Sunday.

Midweek online Service: On Ash Wednesday, we posted on Facebook and YouTube a Service of Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes. Here's a link: <u>https:// youtu.be/jY2VJwEhRUw</u>. The easiest way to view these Service on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is in the right hand corner of the page).

Our in-person "Wednesdays with the Word" Bible Study on odd Wednesdays will resume April 19. The Wednesday in-person Services of Holy Eucharist have been temporarily discontinued.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Thank you, Barry and

Kerry, for organising this for us, everyone who helped, and the approximately 80-90 people who came to join us despite the weather! We raised \$255.00 for the Food Bank.

This year's Lenten Study begins Mar. 1. We're sharing the DVD and book Study "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine: in-person at 10:30 am and 7:30 pm via Zoom. Dr. Levine explores with us the Biblical texts surrounding the Passion story, showing us how we all are called to risk in our Christian experience. Thank you, Ingrid, for offering to lead the Zoom version of our Lenten Study! Any who can help lead the in-person version, are asked to please contact the Office. A Leaders' Study Guide is available.

Offerings: Thank you for giving your Offering. It provides critical help for us to fulfill our Mission. Here are ways we can do this. We can bring our Offering to Sunday Services. (For Offering envelopes, please use ones from previous years, or contact the Office.) We can donate to St. Paul's 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).

Tax Receipts are now available in the Hall. The remaining will be mailed out on Feb 27.

*World Day of Prayer 2023:* Hello everyone, St Bonaventure Parish would like to invite you to attend World Day of Prayer 2023. The 60-minute prayer service will begin at 11:00 am in the church followed by lunch and fellowship downstairs in the parish hall. The women of Taiwan have written this year's prayer service. The theme is "I Have Heard About Your Faith." This nondenominational prayer service is open to everyone. Please invite friends and family. We do ask that you RSVP to Lorraine at Imfclark@hotmail.com 403-510-5169 by February 24th to help with planning lunch. St Bonaventure Parish 1600 Acadia DR SE.

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## Youth Ministry

# Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference!

**Youth Sunday School** is on the first and third Sundays of each month during the Sunday Service. The first Sunday will be a self-directed discussion group. The third Sunday will be the Alpha Series Refresh. Any youth who are interested in confirmation are asked to please attend this Sunday.

Pioneers of Paul (POP) our youth volunteer group. March events: Fri. Mar 10: Bethany Care Centre

#### Future events:

Fri Apr 28: Inn From the Cold; Sat. May 13 The Calgary Food Bank.



Details are posted on the website use the QR Code for access. *POP is on Instagram, also, at <u>https://www.instagram.com/pioneersofpaul/</u>.* 

## Diocese and Community Events

#### All events through May are now posted, and people can sign up. There are maximum numbers for some events, so sign up early to avoid disappointment.

A Workshop on Spiritual Warfare "What?", "Why?", "How?"- Aim: To learn how to fight the enemies of God with His word and His power. "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms". (Eph. 6:12 NIV) - Led by Rev. Martyn Alvey Honorary Associate, Meota Parish March 18th 9:30am – 3.30pm at St. Benedict's Anglican Church 602 -3rd Street S.W. High River, AB. 403-652-2271. Bring your own lunch. Muffins and drinks provided. No cost – but there will be a freewill offering to help cover costs. Please register by email: stbenedicts@telus.net



### Parish Council Positions to be Filled

#### **Maintenance Coordinator**

Church council is looking to fill the position of Maintenance Coordinator. The purpose of this position is to *coordinate* (not necessarily perform) the work needed to maintain the church building. Typical activities include:

- Maintain a list of maintenance work items and find volunteers and/or engage repair persons to do the work
- Attend the monthly council meeting (currently via Zoom) and report on the building maintenance status
- Organize the fall and spring clean-ups (i.e. pick a date, 'advertise' for volunteers and arrange for some pizza)
- Arrange for the blowing out the underground watering system in the fall
- Renew the snow removal contract

• Arrange for plumbers, locksmiths and other trades if required for repairs

There are a few congregational members who typically provide help for this position. However, a coordinator is required. Since this is a coordinating position, actual building maintenance experience is not a requirement.

#### New Members Coordinator

We are looking for someone to fill the position of New Members Coordinator. The role of the New Members Ministry position on Parish Council is to formerly Welcome all new members to St. Paul's and provide them with support and information about



St. Paul's and its many ministries. For more information please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

#### **Deputy People's Warden**

We are looking for a deputy People's Warden. This is a position which will prepare you to be the People's Warden next year. The term for this position is 1 year and then 2 years as the People's Warden. You will assist the People's Warden by being an avenue for members of the parish to bring concerns and also compliments.

#### Youth Representative

We are looking for a youth member to represent the youth of our parish on Parish Council. The responsibility of this position would be to attend Parish Council meetings and to give a youth perspective.

Stewardship Reflection: Lent 1 "It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10



Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

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

#### **Financial News**

Our 2022 Net Income at the end of January was 4,590. Thank you, everyone for helping support our Mission financially in 2023. Ways to do this are listed on the front page of this News Bulletin.



### <u>Outreach</u>

In Epiphany, as we hear the story of Mary and Joseph having to flee to Egypt to keep their baby

reverse safe, it seems an appropriate time to remember the record numbers of refugees in the world today. Protection, caring for, and resettling refugees is a large part of the work of PWRDF.

### **Pastoral Care**

If you'd like to be part of our **Pastoral Care Team**, please contact Fergus or Nicola Peden.

**Chemo Care Bag:** If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemo treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag please contact the Parish Office

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.

**Prayer Shawl**: We meet on the third Wednesdays, of each month at 1 pm, next meeting Wednesday, March 15, *in person and via Zoom.* Contact Laura Anne <u>here</u> if you would like to join the group.

Hunger for Healing, a Christian Twelve Step Programme, is meeting every Wednesday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to have you join us to find out what the programme is all about, and see if it's for you. There is no leader, as we all take part in leading the pro-

gramme. If you wish more information, please contact the Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak at 403 818 9879.

## **Opportunities to Serve**

2023 Flower Chart is now up on the bulletin board by the kitchen: We are returning to having fresh flowers every week. Please see the flower chart in the Hall by the kitchen. 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, February 27** 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.* 

## **Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:**

Sun.: Alpha Youth Series (Confirmation Preparation, Part 1): 9:30 am—1st and 3rd Sundays (the next is March 1) Pioneers of Paul (POP): 11:45 am—Sunday meetings to plan mid-week serving events (no Sunday meetings until June; next service activity is March 10)
Mon.: Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is February 27 please note change of date)
Wed.: Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am (1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month) (temporarily discontinued) Bible Study: 10:30 am (1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month) (next is April 19) Hunger for Healing: 11:30 am (in the Chapel Room) Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) (next is March 15 in person and Zoom) "Entering The Passion of Jesus" Lenten Study: 10:30 am in person & 7:30 pm on Zoom (March 1 to 29)

Thurs.: Video Prayer Service (twice a month)
 TOPS (Taking off Pounds Sensibly): 6:30 pm
 Choir Practice: 7:30 pm (If you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois at pbourgeois@shaw.ca.)

Sat.: Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is March 18) Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is March 18)