



St. Paul's News Bulletin

November 1, 2020



Parish Events

Our in-person 9:30 am Services have begun! If you'd like to attend, it's necessary to register ahead of time. To do this, you can go to our website and click on "Plan Your Visit," or phone or email the Parish Office. The deadline is **Fri. 9 am.** For more registration information, please see **Fergus' Oct. 5 email on this.** Anyone planning to attend in-person Sun. Services must take Alberta Health Services' Self Assessment (available online at <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/Assessment.aspx>) before proceeding into the Sanctuary. We hope that all will do this at home before coming. Everyone will be asked if they've taken this self-assessment. If they haven't, they'll need to read the Assessment posted on the church door before they can participate.

This Sunday's Live Stream Service will be 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. (Facebook allows you to watch the most recent posting on a Facebook page without having an account.) After Nov. 1, if you don't have Facebook, by going to our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>), you'll be able to watch the Service by clicking on the link there. **PLEASE NOTE:** On Oct. 11, we experienced a loss of connection that prematurely ended the live streaming. If this ever happens again, please look for a new Facebook post to appear in a few seconds, as we'll be stopping and restarting the camera so that we can begin live streaming again.

Returning to In-person Services: Our "Plan to Reopen Safely for Public Worship" has been emailed or mailed to everyone on the Parish List. The Plan, Fergus' Covering Letter, and 3 Points of Clarification, are also all posted on our website under "About/Resources/Documents/COVID-19 Reopening Plan," and linked on Facebook and Twitter. If you've yet to do so, please read the Plan and give feedback via emails to the Office or Fergus, phone calls to the Office, or conversations with Ministry leaders or Caring Contact Helpers, to the 4 questions with it.

Sunday School: We're having a Zoom Meeting **THIS THURSDAY, Nov. 5,** for all who'd like to be part of our Sunday School Ministry. The only requirements are a love for God and children! We plan to do some brainstorming of fun activities we can do, via Zoom or outdoors, and fun ways we can help meet the spiritual needs of the precious children in our Parish and community. Look for a separate Meeting regarding youth to take place in the near future as well. Please remember, too, that resources for Sunday School at home, including material that can be printed and brought to Services, are posted each week on our website. Please type in "Sunday School" in the search box, and 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.

Prayer Group Ministry: Members of this ministry lift up prayer requests given to the Prayer Group in their daily prayers, and are now gathering together on the 3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom. The next Zoom Meeting is 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 16. If you have a prayer request, or would like to join this vital ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com, or Fergus.

Midweek Morning Prayer: Video Morning Prayer Services are posted on the 1st and 3rd **Thursdays** of the month on Facebook and YouTube, so look for the next Service to be posted Nov. 4 or 5. To watch the Oct. 22 Service, please click here: <https://youtu.be/jCpQSabgXUA>. The easiest way to view these on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel. The link is on the bottom of this page.

"Simply Christian" Zoom Study: YOU'RE INVITED to explore the core of Christianity with one of the world's leading Biblical scholars! Wednesdays from 7:30-9 pm, we watch a video presentation by Dr. Wright, and spend time in discussion, aided by questions in a Participant's Guide. This Study is ideal for seekers and new and seasoned Christians. Please contact Fergus to participate.

Caring Contact Ministry: Helpers in our Caring Contact Ministry contact the households on their lists once a month, and share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you'd like to join this Ministry, please let Fergus know.

Offerings: Thank you for continuing to give your Offering when so many of us are 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>). This is completely secure, with the highest level of PCI compliance. We can also mail our Offering (perhaps post-dated cheques) via regular post; drop it off in the Office mailbox (phoning 1st); arrange for it to be picked up from our mailboxes; or set up direct depositing (for the form, go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and click on "Pre Authorized Donations"). We can also now use e-transfers. Please use the email gift@stpaulscalgary.ca. No password is needed; to help our Envelope Secretary, please included your envelope number 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>.

Diocesan and Community Events

St. Edmund's Food Bank Has Reopened: We are in need of donations as the demand has already increased and we anticipate a sharp rise over the coming months with the unemployment rate and CoVid 19-related financial difficulties people are now facing. If you are able to assist with donations of non-perishable OR fresh OR frozen food items, please contact us: (403) 288 6330 or email@stedmundscalgary.org for a safe drop-off time. For monetary donations, please mail your cheques (payable to St. Edmund King & Martyr Anglican Church) to 8336 - 34 Avenue NW, Calgary, AB, T3B 1R2. If you would prefer to e-transfer, please contact Linda Anderson, Bishop's Warden at email@stedmundscalgary.org or (403) 615-0651.

A Request for Healing Testimonies

From St. Luke's Calgary

The Healing Conference planned for October this year was cancelled because of the pandemic. The folks at St. Luke's, Calgary are working hard to produce a FREE eBook containing testimonies of Divine Healing and inspiring stories of God's provision and goodness that will bless many during this time of uncertainty.

With all the pandemic restrictions being imposed and the need to reassure those who are struggling with fear... others who are feeling isolated... and many who are anxious about the future... the eBook will be a well-spring of encouragement! And can you imagine the joy of those who will hear for the first time that Jesus still heals today!

Would you consider sharing your testimony to bless someone? You are invited to send your testimony now. You will also be invited in October to download the eBook and share with others.

We are also asking for volunteers to transcribe written testimonies and to help with the formatting of the document.

For more info. please go to

<http://www.healingconference.info/testimonies.htm>

Deacon Keith Bird
St. Luke's

Our Ministries



Reader's Ministry is a very fulfilling Ministry for those who have had the opportunity to do the readings. This is an important ministry which requires many dedicated volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a reader please contact Robbie Collier at randrcoller@shaw.ca for the 10 am service and Laura Anne at the Parish Office for the 8:30 am service. We can always use more volunteers!

Thank you, to Robbie Collier who coordinates this ministry and to all our dedicated volunteers.

The Ride Ministry is an important ministry which helps to connect people who need rides to services, parish events, appointments or visiting loved ones and those who are able to give rides. There is a sign up sheet located on the Sign Up Bulletin Board located by the kitchen. If you need or can help provide rides for members please contact the office or sign up on the sheet. We all need help at times and asking is always hard. Please consider helping with this ministry and giving someone piece of mind and support.

Thank you, to those who offer to give rides to our Parish family.

November 15, Ministry Sunday –Greeters, lesson readers, counters, sacramental assistants, sides persons, servers, communications, St. Paul's Christmas Market, promoting Christmas dinner and pageant, Secret friends ministry

Financial News

Our deficit to September is \$6,255. 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: In our Parish family, we've been praying for comfort for the people of Lebanon after the terrible explosion in Beirut, and the chaos that's followed. Here's a way we can be part of the answer to our prayers, through PWRDF and the Government's Matching Fund. For info go to https://pwrdf.org/donations-for-lebanon-eligible-for-humanitarian-coalition-match-through-membership-in-foodgrains-bank/?fbclid=IwAR35ChVPiUHdB0ahLH_RCwn6uzB18VUyP35heCVTP8cfbskmtYdCZRgk

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

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. Training (courses from the Roman Catholic Diocese, which are paid for by the Parish) is available.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome!

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

Thank you to Kerry Peters for making "holding crosses" for our Pastoral Care Team to share with those they visit.

Opportunities to Serve

2020 Flower Chart still has a few spaces available. If you are interested in signing up for a date please let Laura Anne know at the Office. If 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: This **Monday, October 26** is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the October Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

Rides Assistance: If you need or can help provide rides for members who have a hard time getting to services, appointments or visiting their loved ones, please contact the office.

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.**

Altar Guild: *If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild please let Robbie know.*

Parish Council: We are looking for people to serve as **Deputy People's Warden and Youth contact on Parish Council (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)
- Wed. :** **Video Midweek Morning Prayer: 9:30 am (1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month)**
"Simply Christian" Video Study (via Zoom): 7:30 pm
- Thurs.:** Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month in new year) (*postponed*)
TOPS : 6:30 pm (*postponed*)
Choir practice (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois) (*postponed*)
- Sat.:** Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed*)
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (for location please contact the Parish Office)