

St. Paul's News Bulletin

January 17, 2021



Parish Events

The Diocese has suspended all in-person Services. The Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force will meet again in 2 weeks to evaluate the situation.

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. 17, 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>).

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.

Our annual "Len's Day" Men's Breakfast would usually have taken place yesterday to celebrate "Len's Day", remembering our dear brother Len Mountford. Kerry and Paul have shared the following announcement about how we can still honour Len this year:

We can remember Len fondly this weekend. Put on those football shirts & shorts, & watch Liverpool thrash Man United on Sunday. Spare a thought for Len's team (Stoke City) & have a really good breakfast - suggested menu would include kippers, black puddings, sausage, bacon, eggs, tomatoes, beans etc., & a little fruit for healthy appetites. Each year we take the proceeds from our January Men's Breakfast & send a donation to the Morales Orphanage in Mexico that Len & Linda actively supported. This year, we still plan to send a card to the orphanage people in Mexico. If you would like to continue your support to the orphanage as you have done in the past, you can make a donation to St. Paul's on our website, & indicate that your donation is in memory of Len Mountford. All donations in memory of Len will be sent to the orphanage. If you wish to donate click [here](#).

EPIC-4, our 4th EPIC Event, is taking place NEXT SUN., Jan. 24, from 2-3:30! Plan on spending a great time that's fun for the whole family in St. Paul's own expression of "Messy Church"! All ages from toddlers to teens, plus parents and grandparents, 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 who are helping lead these!

Simply Christian Zoom Study: This video Study takes place 7:30-9 pm on Weds., until Feb. 3. N. T. Wright leads us in exploring the topics of "Worship and Prayer," "Scripture," and "Church and New Creation." All are invited! To participate, please contact Fergus for the Zoom link and Study Guide.

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, this Mon., Jan. 18.** 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 and 3rd weeks of the month on Facebook and YouTube. To subscribe to our YouTube Channel, see the link at the bottom of this page. **The next Service will be posted in this coming week. It will celebrate the Confession of St. Peter, and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with material from the Canadian Council of Churches.**

Our Jan. 24 Service will celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; our Jan. 31 Service, our Patronal Feast, the Conversion of St. Paul.

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.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Parishioners will be held online on 31st day of January, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., at which time all Baptized persons who are of the full age of 16 years and regularly attend Services of worship in this Parish and receive Communion or otherwise regularly receive the administrations of the Clergy of this Parish are entitled to attend. In order to attend the Annual Meeting, Parishioners must complete the declaration sent out by email on 7th January and send it to the Office at office@stpaulscalgary.ca by 12 noon on 28th January. Once a Parishioner is pre-registered, Zoom login details will be provided. If you wish to attend the Annual Meeting, but do not have a device that would allow you to do so, please contact the Office at 403-256-1428 by 12 noon on 21st January.

DATED this 5th day of January, 2021

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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

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](#).



JANUARY MINISTRY SUNDAY

Choir: 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. Typically, our practices are held Thursday evening at the church at 7:30 pm. 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. During this time of COVID-19, each member is recording at home and Paul is using a program to combine all the voices. It is wonderful to hear our choir once again. Thanks to Paul and all the choir for their dedication.



Hand Chimes: St. Paul's has a 3-octave set of Suzuki Tone Chimes that needs a group of 11-15 people to make them ring. The 'Ding-a-Lings' play at special services as well as performed for fund raising events. First

time chimes will be given an orientation session before their first practice. No prior formal music training is required, although it is useful. Practices begin about 6 weeks prior to the event date. Thanks to Annette for organizing this group.



The Screen & Sound Ministry enhances the visual experience in worship through the use of the Sanctuary screens. The soundboard ministry supports the music and worship by ensuring appropriate volume levels and



minimizing feedback and other disruptions. The board is labeled to make this job easier and first timers will work with veterans during the service to become familiar with the board's operation. This ministry is not only required for Sunday services but also for other services such as weddings and funerals and special events like the Christmas pageant and annual general meetings. Thanks Paul for organizing this group.

Newcomers Ministry: Welcoming newcomers to St. Paul's is a multi-step process that we hope begins with a warm greeting from the parishioners they sit beside. Once they have filled out a newcomer's card, a personalized welcome letter is sent. The Rev. Fergus Tyson phones the person or family in the first week with a further word of welcome.



Outreach Ministry: Supporting peoples' basic need for food, shelter, clothing, and safety. This committee is charged with the responsibility of disbursing 10% of the annual church budget. If you are interested in vol-



unteering in this ministry please contact Loret McDonald.

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.

Opportunities to Serve

2021 Flower Chart is now available. If you are interested in signing up for a date please let Laura Anne know at the Office. 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: Monday, January 31 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.

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 Christian Education, Outreach, Stewardship, 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*)
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month) (next is Jan. 18)
- Wed. :** **Video Midweek Prayer Service: 9:30 am (1st and 3rd weeks of the month) (next is Jan. 21)**
"Simply Christian" Video Study (via Zoom): 7:30 pm (Jan. 20 to Feb. 3)
- 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—but see p. 1 about "Len's Day"*)
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed*)