

St. Paul's News Bulletin

January 24, 2021



Parish Events

The Diocese has suspended all in-person Services. *The number of active cases in the Diocese, including our area of Calgary, is decreasing, but still higher than when Services were suspended (in our part of the city, there were 549 active cases on Nov. 13; on Jan. 22, there were 768). The Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force will meet again next week 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. 24, 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 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 Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Morales Orphanage in Mexico that Len & Linda actively supported. A card will be sent to the orphanage people in Mexico. If you would like to offer financial support for the orphanage, you can make a donation to St. Paul's on our website, and 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 TODAY, Jan. 24, from 2-3:30! Plan on spending a great time that's fun for the whole family in St. Paul's 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 by 12:30 pm 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: The last 2 Sessions of this video Study are 7:30-9 pm on Jan. 27 & Feb. 3. N. T. Wright leads us in exploring "Scripture," & "Church & New Creation." All are invited! 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 2nd or 3rd Mons. of the month via Zoom. ***The next Zoom Meeting is 7:30 pm, Mon., Feb. 8.*** 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. ***The most recent of these was a Service utilizing resources from the World Council of Churches to celebrate the Confession of St. Peter & Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which was posted on Facebook and YouTube on Jan. 21. You can watch it by clicking on this link:***

<https://youtu.be/V4swI-HYGxo>. The easiest way to view these Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page). ***The next Service will be posted around Feb. 4.***

Our Jan. 31 Service, next week will be our Patronal Festival, the Conversion of St. Paul.

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

Pastoral Visits: *Fergus is available for regular visits via phone, email, or Zoom. He's also available for in-person visits for all pastoral emergencies. Please contact him if you need someone to talk and pray with in these challenging times.*

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.

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

Education Spotlight: Trinity Christian School is hosting a Virtual Open House on February 9th. We hope you can join us from the comfort of your own home. It is easy to register. Just click here: www.tcskids.com/apply-now/tcs-virtual-open-house-rsvp

United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week: Theme Harmonious Connections All events are virtual events.

Opening Ceremony: Monday, February 1st at 7:00 – 8:00 pm Mayor Nenshi—Proclamation/Presentation; Interfaith reflections on Harmony; Musical presentations from Sikh, Hindu, and Jewish Communities.

Community Reflections and Q & A (30 minutes) Hosted by Diverse Faith Communities Tues. Feb. 2nd—Fri. Feb 5th, 9:00 am, 12 noon, 7:00 pm (every day) Sat. Feb. 6th 10:00 am, 12 noon, & 7:00 pm.

Closing Banquet: Sunday, February 7th 3:00 –4:00 pm Learn to cook Noah's pudding. Break out Rooms: Share your favourite food around a faith tradition. (3min. Each) Feature Speaker Julie Van Rosendaal (CBC Food Critic)

Please register by January 30 for the Opening Ceremony and by February 5th for the Closing Banquet at this link <https://zoom.us/j/99324553175#success> or email: daltonharding@gmail.com.

Coldest Night of the Year

Calgary Downtown - Hosted by HomeSpace Society - KAIROS Calgary and Feed the Hungry
It's cold out there. The Coldest Night of the Year is a covid-safe, family-friendly walk to raise money for charities serving people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. Walk with us (virtually) on February 20, 2021 – there's a place for everyone!

Virtual CNOY Day

This is your own self-organized micro-walk! Virtual CNOY Day should feel pretty familiar once you get walking - here are some key things you'll need to do on February 20 (or whatever day in February you decide to walk):

1. Gather with your covid-safe bubble (or on your own)
2. Map out a safe 2-5 km route
3. Let someone know where you are
4. Bring a cell phone in case of emergency
5. Add pledged funds in your Fundhub
6. Share online as you go! #cnoy21
7. Keep fundraising (half of all fundraising happens in

the last week!)

8. Be safe and have fun!

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](#).

Light Magazine, Alberta (formerly City Light News):

A Monthly Christian Lifestyle/Community publication for Alberta. Only available online at alberta.lightmagazine.ca



Casserole Ministry

This ministry provides casseroles to families or individuals who are in need of support during an illness or crises in their lives. A group of volunteers provide casseroles, which are frozen until they are needed. If you are interested in helping make casseroles or if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry please contact Linda Hubert or the Parish office.



Thank you to Linda for coordinating this ministry.

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 Collier.

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 Feb. 8)
- Wed. :** **Video Midweek Prayer Service: 9:30 am (1st and 3rd weeks of the month) (next is Feb. 4)**
"Simply Christian" Video Study (via Zoom): 7:30 pm (Jan. 27 & 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*)