



St. Paul's News Bulletin

March 21, 2021



Parish Events

We're following the urging of the Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force and continuing to suspend all in-person Services for the immediate future, because of the increased contagiousness of new COVID-19 variants.

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 11:30 onward on Mar. 21, if you don't have a Facebook account, you'll be able to watch the Service by going to our website or YouTube Channel.

Sunday School Resources for Sunday School at home are posted each week on our website, by typing "Sunday School" in the search box, & clicking 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.

Our Mar. issue of "Living Waters" is posted on our website in the "News" section.

Today is our Triple C Service a week early, with a Celtic Liturgy to honour St. David's & St. Patrick's Days.

Tosan, our Christian Education Contact on Parish Council, is creating posts for our Facebook pages roughly once a week about "Saint days, Doctrine tidbits, memorable church dates."

Three EPIC Events (Epic 7 to 9) are happening in the next 3 weeks! EPIC-8 (Mar. 28, Palm Sunday) is making palm crosses and decorating Easter eggs. And EPIC-9 (starting Apr. 2, Good Friday, and continuing Apr. 4, Easter Day) is making Resurrection Buns and (on the 4th) sharing an Easter egg scavenger hunt! The time for Mar. 14 and 28 and Apr. 4 is 2 pm. The time for Apr. 2 is 3 pm, respecting our Lord's Vigil on the Cross, which he endured from 9 am to 3 pm! These Events, St. Paul's expression of "Messy Church," are always great and fun for the whole family! All ages, toddlers to teens, parents and grandparents, are WELCOME! To join in, please email Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com. Please spread the word, and invite family and friends! THANKS, Shannon, and all helping lead these!

Next Sun., Mar. 28, is Palm Sunday! Palm crosses will be available for pick up from a basket on the bench by the main entrance from Mar. 26 pm to Easter Day.

Here are our Holy Week and Easter Services this year:
a. Mar. 28, Palm Sun.: 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Communion (including the Presentation of the Passion).
b. Apr. 1, Maundy Thurs.: 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Communion (live streamed), with Norman officiating.
c. Apr. 2, Good Fri.: 9 a.m. Stations of the Cross posted on Facebook and YouTube.

d. Apr. 4, Easter Day: 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Communion. Reserved Sacrament available in the main entrance from 2 to 2:45.

Our Lenten Study, "The 7 Last Words of Jesus," has 2 more Wed. Sessions. To join, please contact Fergus.

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., Apr. 19.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted 2 or more times a month on Facebook & YouTube. A Celtic Prayer Service in honour of St. David's & St. Patrick's Days was posted on Mar. 4. You can watch it by clicking [here](#). The easiest way to view the Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page). **Fergus is participating in a Deanery Live Streamed Service on Mar. 25 at 7:30 pm. To watch, please click [here](#) at 7:30 or later.**

Caring Contact Ministry: Caring Contact Ministry Helpers contact the households on their lists once a month, & share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you'd like to become a Helper, please contact Fergus.

Pastoral Visits: Please contact Fergus for phone, email, or Zoom visits; & emergency visits in-person.

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.**

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YouTube:	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClclfHv5pFYST-j8as1GVg
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.](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth)

Diocese and Community

From the Diocese: We ask that on Friday, March 26, the people of the Diocese of Calgary take time to fast and pray – an hour or many hours; alone, with a spouse or family, via Zoom or whatever means that inspires you, in honest, heartfelt communication with our Lord, in looking into His word, in meditating upon Him and slowing down to listen to Him. Archbishop Greg has set up a **Zoom link for prayer from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** and will have AFP members standing by to pray in breakoff rooms for those who wish to pray with someone. Please request the link [here](#).

SOFCI (South of Fish Creek Interfaith) meets together for group discussion and planning service projects once a month. If you are interested in joining Murray as a rep for St. Paul's, please contact the Office.

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.

Earth Day Events: To support global action on climate change, Calgarians reduce their energy consumption every year for Earth Hour, including landmarks such as the Calgary Tower and Saddledome along with City of Calgary buildings, shopping malls, coffee shops, microbreweries and stores. Calgary's Earth Hour has included Facebook posts reaching 46,000 people and event day having 14,000 social media views along with tv, print, and radio coverage. Events take place the week leading up to Earth Hour Saturday March 27th, 8:30-9:30pm. Contact animate@openstreetscalgary.com or call 403-270-3200 for info.

Labyrinth webinars/workshops. 17th April/21 is a Free webinar 17.00 - 18.00hrs. Temporary Labyrinths. Classical

24th April/21 - 01 May/21 - More detailed one about building a labyrinth includes both the Classical and Medieval Chartres style.

Both these are run by Lars Howlett, Master Builder of Labyrinths. He is an excellent teacher and very approachable.

Please find more details in the March Living Waters and or by visiting Veriditas.org



Facebook Pages

At St. Paul's we have two Facebook pages, one for activities for the whole Parish (<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary>), and one specifically focussed on youth (<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth>).

Anyone can visit these sites, regardless of if you're on Facebook yourself or not. They're great ways to stay aware of what's happening at St. Paul's. They're also great ways to grow closer together. For example, there are photos of different events that have taken place; and many encouraging pictures, stories, or video clips that members of our Parish have shared. But we'd love to have even more!

There is also a facebook page for our Historic Chapel: [historicstpaulschurch](#)

If you'd like to add something to our Facebook pages, please email what you'd like to be posted to Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com, or the Office at office@stpaulscalgary.ca. And when you visit our Facebook pages, please "like" us!

Stewardship Quotes for Reflection

"Abundance isn't God's provision for me to live in luxury. It's his provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with his money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven." – Randy Alcorn



Financial News

Our deficit to February 28, 2021 is \$6,681.43.

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

Thinking of "fasting", or "giving up something" for Lent is a luxury beyond the hope of many people around the world who go to bed hungry every night and who own only the most meager possessions. A new UN report says almost 690 million people in the world were undernourished in 2019 – that's 8.9% of the world population. This figure could exceed 840 million by 2030, if current trends continue. Through partnership in many countries and its membership in the Canadian Food Grains Bank , PWRDF seeks to bring sustainable food supplies to those who are hungry.

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 Gloria.

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.

Prayer Shawl: We will meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 1 pm on Zoom. Contact Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca if you would like to join the

group. More info can be found in the March Living Waters.

Opportunities to Serve

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 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, March 29** is the deadline for Living Waters submissions for the April 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 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)

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| Sun.: | Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays (<i>postponed</i>)
EPIC (Encouraging People In Christ) Zoom Events (next is 2 pm, Palm Sun., Mar. 28) |
| Mon. : | Bible Study: 7:00 pm (<i>postponed</i>)
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month) (next is Apr. 19) |
| Wed. : | "Seven Last Words" Lenten Video Study (via Zoom): 10:30 am & 7:30 pm (to Mar. 31)
Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm Wed. April 21 on Zoom (3rd Wednesday each Month) |
| Thurs.: | Video Midweek Prayer Service (1st and 3rd weeks of the month) (next is Mar. 25)
TOPS : 6:30 pm (<i>postponed</i>)
Choir practice (<i>postponed</i>) (<i>The Choir is now recording music via Zoom. If you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois</i>) |
| Sat.: | Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (<i>postponed</i>)
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (<i>postponed</i>) |