



# St. Paul's News Bulletin

## May 31, 2020



### Parish Events

**Today's Video Service of Spiritual Communion is being posted on our website at 10 am on May 31. You can watch and share it via this link: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>.**

**All our Sunday Services are being videoed** and can be shared the same way on our website Sundays at 10 am.

**Sunday Coffee Time: Everybody's invited to share Coffee Time after the Service at 11:00 am via Zoom.** Fergus sent out the details you'll need to join in his May 31 email to the Parish. We had 26 people participate last week. **This week, we're going to add "breakout rooms" for some of our time together, to allow deeper conversations in small groups to take place.** It's a great way to touch base with our Parish family.

**Sunday School Resources** for Sunday School at Home, from the National Church, are posted on our website. To find them, please type in "Sunday School" in the search box, and then click on "Sunday School."

**"Way of Love" Study:** Our "Way of Love" Zoom Study occurs Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 7:30 pm. For details, please visit us on Facebook or Twitter. To participate, please contact Fergus at [pastorfergus@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfergus@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Morning Prayer:** We're posting video Morning Prayer Services on Facebook and our new YouTube Channel Wednesdays at 9:30 am. **The easiest way to view these on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel. The link is on our lower right corner.** All are invited to share these times of worship.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** If you'd like to join this Zoom Study on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday, please email M'Laurel at [msthompson@xplornet.ca](mailto:msthompson@xplornet.ca).

**Open Mic Night: Coming via Zoom June 6 at 7 pm!** Join us from your computer screens - and hand-held devices - for an incredible evening of music & song, spoken word & readings, and jokes & riddles! If you have any questions, please contact Steve Colle by phone at 403-816-5474 or at [steve.colle68@gmail.com](mailto:steve.colle68@gmail.com)

**Face Masks or Scrub Bags:** If you're interested in making face masks or scrub bags for nurses, please contact Laura Anne at [office@stpaulscalgary.ca](mailto:office@stpaulscalgary.ca) for patterns. We've some available at the church. There are 2 styles: one is form fitted with elastic to go around the ears; the second has a filter pocket and ties up behind your head. If you'd like one, please phone the Office to arrange for a time for you to pick it up, or have it delivered to you. **Thank you, Laura Anne and Trish, for making these!**

**Prayer Group Ministry** If you have a prayer request, or would like to join this vital ministry, please contact Dinah at [breu.dinah@gmail.com](mailto:breu.dinah@gmail.com), or Fergus.

All of us are invited to unite in prayer together as never before—especially for all in our Parish and community

who are the most vulnerable physically (including health care workers) or particularly struggling.

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

All of us have a vital role to play in staying connected with one another especially at this time. Please take the time to connect with those you know, and ask permission to share any pastoral needs with Fergus.

**Grocery Pick-up Ministry:** Thank you to all who have volunteered to pick up items for those who can't get out. To join this Ministry, please contact the Office.

**Book Borrowing:** If you'd like to borrow books from our Parish Library or Fergus' Book Nook, please contact the Office. Fergus can put books in the church mailbox, using gloves. No book has been touched since Mar. 7.

**In-person Gatherings:** All in-person Worship Services and other gatherings continue to be suspended. Phone messages and emails are being answered regularly. **The Diocese has set up a Task Force to establish phased protocols for Parishes. These will be circulated once it's approved by Diocesan Council.**

**Pastoral Visits:** Fergus is available for regular visits via phone or email; and responding to all pastoral emergencies. **Please don't hesitate to contact him if you need someone to talk and pray with in these difficult times.**

**Offerings:** Thank you, everyone, 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 offer our support. One easy option is to 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 first);** arrange for it to be picked up from our mailboxes; or set up direct depositing (to download the form for this, please go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and click on "Pre Authorized Donations.")

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**Twitter:** @stpaulscalgary & @Pastor\_Fergus

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCldxHv5pFYST-i8as1GVg>

**Pastor's Postings:** [pastorfergus.wordpress.com/](https://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>.

## Diocesan and Community Events

**Education for Ministry Zoom Open House:** Education for Ministry is an adult study program for laypeople interested in deepening and reflecting on their understanding of Scripture, Church history, and theology in a small group format. In preparation for Fall 2020 enrollment (daytime or evening seminars) there is an EfM Open House Information Session being offered via the online platform "Zoom" on Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30 pm. This is an opportunity for inquirers about the EfM program to hear a general overview of the course, ask questions of current students and mentors, and experience a taste of EfM-style discussion and reflection. Please contact Jennifer Solem ([efmststephens@shaw.ca](mailto:efmststephens@shaw.ca) or 403-804-2768) if you have any question or are interested in attending.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:email@stedmundscalgary.org) or (403) 615-0651.

**Missional Minute (Archbishop Greg):** Greetings on this the sixth week of the Easter season as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and what it means for us in our lives.

We have also begun the gardening season here in Alberta. And this has led me to reflect on how we are growing our spiritual communities as we hopefully come out of this winter of isolation during the pandemic.

What is it that we're trying to produce? How are we working together as a community of faith to help the fruit of God's Spirit to grow in the lives of individual Christians and also in our community as a whole?

Are we growing with a deeper gratitude for all that God has given us in our life of prayer and worship? Are we growing with a deeper exploration of the Scriptures? Are we growing with a deeper knowledge and understanding of what God has said to us? Are we growing with a deeper love and appreciation for one another as brothers and sisters in our community of faith?

Are we reaching out to our friends and our neighbours

and family to extend an expression of God's love? Are we ready to share the good news of Jesus with others around us? Are we growing more strong in the expression of our faith, through action in the world, in our neighbourhoods in our communities, to help to relieve stress and pain and poverty? Are we doing more to enact that love and mercy and justice that we see in Jesus Christ?

In our Gospel reading for this past Sunday Jesus says to His disciples, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus on a number of occasions talked about bearing good fruit for God. St. Paul talks about the fruits of the Spirit being love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

These are some ideas about what it is that God intends for us in the outward expression of our faith, and, being transformed by the renewal of our minds. As we celebrate the Easter season of resurrection, let us be reminded that resurrection is all about a new creation and about making us new.



**Parish Library:** The library is one of St. Paul's most underused resources. There are some good books on those shelves, folks, although, admittedly, not easy to see/reach. Looking after the library corner in terms of reshelfing books and filing cards is very easy since it is so little used, but we have a problem in that we've been given more books than we have room for. If anyone feels the inclination to help expand the library space and catalogue some new books that would be wonderful. In the meantime, check out the books we have there. Really, I mean check them out and read, read, read. Doreen and Kerry Peters

**Please see page 1 for how to borrow books during this pandemic.**

Thank you Kerry and Doreen for looking after this ministry.

**Sunday June 21 Ministry Sunday – Sunday School picnic and Stampede lunch.**

## Financial News

**Our 2020 income to Apr. 30 is 13% less than in 2019. Our Apportionment has been reduced to \$1,000 a month, enabling us to keep our deficit to \$11,424. Thank you to everyone who is helping support our Mission financially in this time when we are not able 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:** Despite the COVID 19 pandemic, PWRDF's work continues, and still needs your support. Indeed, it may now be more vital than ever to help those least able to help themselves. For info, go to [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org)



**Pregnancy Care Centre Baby Bottle Campaign from May 10 to June 21:** *Since we are unable to do the Baby Bottle Campaign with the actual bottles, they have provided a link so that you can still donate to the campaign if you so desire.* Here is the link: <https://pregcare.akaraisin.com/ui/bb2020>

**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** we will still be acknowledging in the Order of Service those who signed up for flowers each Sunday.

**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, Jun. 1** is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the June Edition. Please submit to [office@stpaulscalgary.ca](mailto: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 cancelled until further notice)

**Sun.:** Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays

**Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Prayer Group : 7:30 pm

**Wed. :** **Video Morning Prayer: 9:30 am**

**Thurs.:** **Virtual Study, "Way of Love": 11:00 am Apr. 23 to Jun. 4**

Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month beginning again in the Fall)

TOPS : 6:30 pm

Choir practice (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois)

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