



# St. Paul's News Bulletin

## December 27, 2020



### Parish Events

**The Diocese has suspended all in-person Services.** We don't know how long the break will be, as it will depend on the number of COVID-19 cases.

**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. After Dec. 20, 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>), and clicking on the link there.

**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.

**Thank you, everyone who has helped make our Advent and Christmas worship so wonderful!** If you've missed please remember that you can check out our website for our Sunday and Christmas Eve Services, and our YouTube Channel for these Services and our midweek worship, such as our Service of Solace or "O Antiphons" Advent Evening Prayer.

**EPIC-3, our third EPIC Event on Dec. 20, was another AWESOME time!** (EPIC stands for Encouraging People In Christ.) Look for photos to be posted soon on Facebook and Twitter; and for EPIC-4 to take place in January! All ages from toddlers to teens, plus parents and grandparents, are WELCOME! To participate, just email Fergus at [pastorfergus@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfergus@gmail.com), so that he can send you the Zoom information. Please spread the word, and invite family and friends to join us! THANK YOU, Shannon, and all who are helping lead these!

**Church Calendars are Almost Sold out:** Please call the Parish Office to arrange a pickup time. The cost is still \$5.00. Only 2 Calendars are left. Our beautiful Chapel is featured for April!

**Simply Christian Zoom Study: takes place Weds. From 7:30-9 pm from Jan. 6 to Feb. 3.** In this video Study, world-renowned New Testament scholar N. T. Wright leads us in exploring the core of Christianity. The 5 sessions' topics are "Jesus," "the Holy Spirit," "Worship and Prayer," "Scripture," and "Church and New Creation." Everyone is invited! If you would like to participate, please contact Fergus, to receive the Zoom link and pdf Study Guide.

**Prayer Group Ministry:** Members of this vital minis-

try 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, Jan. 18.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please contact Dinah at [breu.dinah@gmail.com](mailto:breu.dinah@gmail.com).

**Ministry Reports for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP):** All ministry leaders are asked to submit a year-end report for the AMP. Please have reports in by Monday, January 11. The AMP is on Sunday, January 31 at 11:30 am via ZOOM.

**Video Prayer Services** are posted on a weekday (usually Thursday) in the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month on Facebook and YouTube. 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 in the 3rd week of Jan.**

**Mitten Basket:** We had a great response to our Mitten Basket this year! Huge thanks to everyone who reached out to keep others warm - with the warmth of Jesus' love - in this way; and to Barbara Jean for getting the mittens and hats to CUPS!

**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](mailto:gift@stpaulscalgary.ca); no password is needed; please put your envelope no. in the "message" spot.)

**Thank you, everyone, for facing the challenges of 2020 together with Our Lord and each other! We journey forth into 2021, filled with hope, because God is with us, and we shall continue to be there for one another.**

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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

### A 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](#).



### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is a group who get together to set aside some time to read and to share our thoughts about scripture. I should emphasize that we are not experts or Biblical scholars. What we do is to take time to reflect on passages and view them in the light of our own life experiences. There are no particular expectations – some like to read, others less so... some like to contribute, others to ruminate! What we are trying to do is build an accepting and non-threatening atmosphere.

“Drop-ins” from busy lives are always welcome. Several of us attend Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am., but others prefer to join us for coffee at about 10:15. We start each meeting with a brief time of prayer.

At this time we are studying the readings for the upcoming Sunday. During Advent and Lent we have special studies Wednesday mornings and also evenings. We do hope that some of you will join us; you are assured of a warm welcome!

### The Youth Group

The Youth of our church are our future. Is this a correct statement? Please think carefully before you answer! If you answered No, then you are correct because we are NOT simply committed to keeping the church doors open but rather we must be committed to living a Christ centered life and spreading the good news of the Gospel. On the other hand if you answered yes, of course you are also right, for without young people who are committed believers, ready and willing to step into the shoes of the generations who have built and maintained the church we will have no church.

So the next Question is how do we inspire our youth when the world presents such a shiny and entertaining lure. I believe that the answer lies in the Bible and with Christ Himself. Every Sundays during the 10 o'clock service we will review how the Bible is relevant to our lives. Then as God commands Us to be doers of the word we will go forth into our community to serve the needy and less fortunate. We also intend to have some fun along the way! If you are a young person between the ages of 12-18 please come to join us!

**January 17, Ministry Sunday** – Choir, hand chimes, screens & sound boards, newcomers, outreach

## Financial News

***Our deficit to September is \$2,242. 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**

The turn of the year is a time to look back and to look forward. The year of COVID is one we'll be glad to leave behind. It has taken a terrible toll on the underprivileged communities that PWRDF and its partners work with. If you are wondering about making a New Year resolution, would you consider becoming a regular donor to PWRDF, either by direct debit (info at pwrdf.org) or by using the blue envelope in your church set. Help make 2021 a better year for everyone.

## 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 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) (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. 6 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*)  
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed*)