



St. Paul's News Bulletin

May 10, 2020



Parish Events

Today's Video Service of the Word is being posted on our website at 10 a.m. (May 10). 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 in the same way on our website Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

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."

Virtual Writers Workshop: Thank you to Steve Colle for hosting this workshop.

"Way of Love" Study: Our 7 week Zoom Study, "Way of Love," is continuing via on Thursdays at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more details, please visit us on Facebook or Twitter. So far, we have 16 sharing this, and we'd love to have more! If you'd like to participate, please contact Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com; 403-256-1428.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: We're posting 30 min. video Services of Morning Prayer on Facebook and Twitter on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Everyone's invited to share these times of worship.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: If you'd like to participate in a Zoom Wednesday Morning Bible Study on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday, please contact M'Laurel Thompson at msthompson@xplornet.ca.

Face Masks or Scrub Bags: If anyone is interested in making face masks or scrub bags for nurses, please contact Laura Anne at 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.



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, 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, who are keeping in contact with the 232 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 in this time when we can't be together physically. Please take the time to connect with those you know to make sure they're managing, and ask permission to share any pastoral needs with Fergus.

Grocery Pick-up Ministry: Thank you to those who've volunteered to pick up groceries or prescriptions for those who can't get out. If you'd like 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 are suspended. Phone messages and emails are being checked and answered regularly.

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: Our continued Offerings, even when we are not able to be physically present at Services, are critical to helping us fulfill our Mission. Here are ways to offer this 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. Other options are mailing your Offering (perhaps post-dated cheques) via regular post; arranging for it to be picked up from our mailboxes; or setting up direct depositing (to download the form for this, please go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and then click on "Pre Authorized Donations.")

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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>.

Diocesan and Community Events

City Lights News: A monthly Christian Lifestyle/Community publication for southern and central Alberta. Now available online only at citylightnews.com

Noon-Hour Christian Meditation by FCJ Centre / Virtual Thursday, May 14 12:15pm - 12:50pm *Join the World Community for Christian Meditation* To communicate and nurture meditation as passed on through the teaching of Father John Main, OSB in the Christian tradition. To join the group, follow these easy steps: RSVP; You will receive an email with a link to the meditation as well as a phone number and PIN number if you prefer to dial-in; About 5 minutes before the group starts, click on the link or dial the phone number provided to enter the group. If you have any questions, please contact [Patricia Harasym](mailto:PatriciaHarasym). //FREEWILL offering greatly appreciated.

Education for Ministry Two Zoom Open Houses Looking for a way to deepen your understanding of the Christian faith and enhance the connection between what you believe and how you live your daily life? The Education for Ministry (EfM) program combines independent study and weekly small group discussions to provide a basic grounding in theology to Christian laypeople. In preparation for next year's courses which will run from September 2020 to May/June 2021, two Zoom Open Houses have been planned. For a Zoom invitation to the Daytime Open House (Thursday, May 21 at 1:00 pm), please contact Carol Tubman at ctubman@shaw.ca and for a Zoom invitation to the Evening Open House (tbd), please contact Jennifer Solem at efmststephens@shaw.ca.

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 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 or (403) 615-0651.

Missional Minute

by Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson

As human beings, we are creatures of habit; we thrive when things are normal, and when there's stability. When our habits are thrown off, we start to feel anxious, and we're not sure where changes and dangers are going to come. And the reality is that for many peo-

ple — there is great pain in all of this. People have lost jobs, people have lost incomes, people are worried about the future and “What will be next”? As a church community, we are currently in the midst of the Easter season. The first Easter season was actually a disrupting time for the disciples, in that their norms were disrupted. Yes, Good Friday and Holy Saturday were a terrible time for the followers of Jesus. The disciples suddenly discovered that Jesus, the Messiah, was not going to take over and bring in the kingdom the way they had thought. Instead, he was tortured and crucified, and he died. But Easter was also a time of disruption for the disciples because, after the experience of his death, Jesus suddenly appears to them, against all expectations, raised from the dead and declares that new life and a new way of life has come. For us now, in this time of great change to our normal way of life, we do know that our risen Lord is with us and is calling us into a new way of being and living. I pray that God will tune our hearts and minds to be able to receive what could be a gift. What might we learn by attending to the presence of the risen Christ in the midst of this time of disruption and upheaval? What new avenue of mission is God opening for us to walk in? Let us not focus on our disrupted habits, not on our lost things, not on our anxieties. Let us focus on the One who is the source of life and purpose and meaning and finding in Him a new source of refreshment and nourishment, a new source of strength and direction.

Our Ministries



Hospitality is an important part of our Parish. It is a way to reach out and to share our Parish house with all. A chance to share fellowship and meals with those in our Parish community as well as those in our community.

A special “thanks” goes to Steve Colle for his dedicated service of coordinating this ministry.

If you are interested in being a part of our Hospitality Ministry please contact Steve Colle or the Parish Office.

Sunday May 17 Ministry Sunday – Bible study, yard sale, Quilt and shawl ministry, grief support, and chemo care bags.

Financial News



Our 2020 deficit to Mar. 31 is \$12,738. With the disruption of our Sun. service attendance from COVID-19, we are in a highly vulnerable financial position. Ways to help 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

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. The next meeting will be September 9th at 1 pm. 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: Monday, June 1 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the June Edition. Please submit to 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)

Virtual Study, "Way of Love": 7:30 pm Apr. 23 to Jun. 4