



St. Paul's News Bulletin

April 5, 2020



Parish Events

All in-person gatherings for Worship Services have been cancelled until further notice. Please watch for emails or check our website or other social media sources for updates.

All other in-building get-togethers have been cancelled or postponed.

Today's Palm Sunday Service has been videoed, and is being posted on our website at 10 a.m. You can watch and participate in it by going to our website, and clicking on the "Sermon" tab in the upper right of the homepage; or by clicking on this link: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>.

Sunday School Resources for Sunday School at Home, from the National Church, are posted on our website. Just type in "Sunday School" in the search box, and then click on "Sunday School" and you'll be taken to the right location.

Holy Week and Easter Services Online:

Palm Sunday: See above.

Monday in Holy Week to Spy Wednesday: Services from various sources will be posted on our Facebook pages and Twitter account. (The lower right hand side of this page shows how to access these.)

Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday: Services from our Diocese, with Archbishop Greg officiating, on these same platforms.

Good Friday: St. Paul's Video Service of the Stations of the Cross, posted on our website at 11 a.m. (via this link: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>)

The Day of Resurrection, Easter Sunday: St. Paul's Video Easter Celebration Service, in which we'll share the ancient practice of "Spiritual Communion" together, posted on our website at 10 a.m. (via this link: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>)

Our Prayer Group, though not meeting together physically, is still fully operational—in fact, now more than ever, as we face the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic together! If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to join this vital ministry, please let Dinah Breu know at breu.dinah@gmail.com, or contact Fergus.

All of us are invited to unite in prayer together as never before! Please especially lift up all members of our Parish family who are the most vulnerable physically (including health care workers) or economically at this time.

Caring Contact Ministry: The present COVID-19 situation has heightened the need for our new Caring Contact Ministry. Thanks to a great response, we have 28 people Helpers in this Ministry, who are covering 232 households! **This Ministry is**



now fully operational. Helpers are keeping in contact with the households on their list once a month, via email, texting, phone calls, or (after the COVID-19 crisis) in-person conversations; and sharing any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you can help in this Ministry, please let Fergus know.

Whether or not we're formally a Caring Contact Helper, 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 the 4 households who have volunteered to pick up groceries or prescriptions for those who can't get out. If anyone else would like to join this Ministry, please contact the Office at 403-256-1428; office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

The Office: Following Provincial and Diocesan regulations, both our buildings are closed to all visitors. Phone messages and emails will continue to be checked and answered regularly.

Pastoral Visits: Fergus is available for regular visits via phone or email. He will also continue to respond to all pastoral emergencies.

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 different ways to continue to support St. Paul's financially. 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 offerings (perhaps post-dated cheques) via regular post; arranging for offerings to be picked up from our mailboxes; or setting up direct depositing (to download the form for this, please go to our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/>), 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:

www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth.

Diocese and Community Events

78th Convention of Synod: Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson along with the Diocesan Council has announced that the **78th Convention of Synod** has been called for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 5, 6 and 7, 2020. Clergy will have received basic information and an announcement. A formal invitation will be coming soon.

Registration has been suspended for CLAY until further notice: CLAY (Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth):

Registration for #ENROUTE (the 2020 CLAY gathering occurring this year in Calgary) is NOW OPEN! If you're age 14-19 and would like to go, please contact the Office. The cost is \$515 before Apr. 1. Subsidies are available. For details, please click on the following link: <http://claygathering.ca> . See Living Waters for more info.



Greeters Ministry

A welcoming environment is one of the most special things about St. Paul's. Our faithful Greeters play a major role in creating that environment. We strive to make sure each person attending worship is greeted with a kind word and a warm smile upon arrival. We would like to say "Thank You" to those who serve in this capacity and to those who fill in on special occasions. Being a greeter is an important but simple commitment-extending love and welcome to all people.

A special "thanks" goes to Roxie Hall for her dedicated service of coordinating this ministry.

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 \$2,000 with \$5,500 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 Collier.

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 February 12 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.

Sunday, April 19, Ministry Sunday – Stewardship, fall and spring clean up days, grass cutting, library, book nook, and maintenance group

Financial News



Our 2020 deficit to February 29 is \$7,951. With the disruption now taking place to our Sunday 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.

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 Hubert.

Cards Ministry: Gail Munro will send greetings on behalf of our parish to anyone in the parish who is ill, etc.

Living Waters: Sunday, April 26 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the May 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.**

Monthly Cleaning Volunteers If you would like more info. please contact Laura Anne at the Parish Office.

Altar Guild: If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild please let Robbie know.

Parish Council: We are looking for volunteers for the following positions: **Deputy Warden and Youth contact on Parish Council (a teen age 16 or older).** If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

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Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

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

Mon. : Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Prayer Group : 7:30 pm

Tues.: Young at Heart will be taking a break from meeting for the next little while

Wed. : Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am

(Grey Booklet 1st to 3rd, BCP 4th, and Celtic 5th Wednesdays.)

Bible Study: 10:30 am (studying the readings for the upcoming Sunday)

Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month)

Thurs.: TOPS : 6:30 pm

Après EFM : 7:00 pm (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Choir practice 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois)