



St. Paul's News Bulletin

May 16, 2021



Parish Events

The Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force has suspended all in-person Services in the Diocese for the immediate future.

This Sunday's Service is being posted live at 9:30 am on our main Facebook page. 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 May 16, 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>) or YouTube Channel.

Sunday School Resources for Sun. School at home are posted weekly on our website; please type "Sunday School" in the search box, & click 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.

Reserved Sacrament is available (in baggies) in the main entrance every Sat. from 2 to 2:45.

The May issue of "Living Waters" is now available from the "News" section of our website.

EPIC (standing for Encouraging People In Christ) Events are St. Paul's expression of "Messy Church." They're great for the whole family—and all ages, toddlers to grandparents, are WELCOME! Look for EPIC-9 to take place soon. To participate, please email Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Please spread the word, and invite family and friends! THANKS, Shannon, and all helping lead these!

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."

Our next Adult Ed. Study is "Anglican Worship," which runs 7:30 to 9 p.m. on 3 Weds. from June 2 to 16. This is the first topic in the "Discovery" Video Series from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. It's an AWESOME primer on all aspects of Sun. worship, ideal for everyone – and EVERYONE is invited!

Prayer Group Ministry: Members of this vital ministry 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 this Monday, May 17 at 7:30 pm.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted 2ce a month on Facebook & YouTube. To watch the May 6 Evensong Service, please click here: <https://youtu.be/UhlSKvpt1A>. The easiest way to view the Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page). **The next Midweek Video Service is planned for May 20 or 21.**

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Helpers contact the households on their lists ice a month, & share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you'd like to be a Helper, please contact Fergus.

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

We're looking for a way to celebrate our Birthdays. If you'd like to join in please see "Living Waters" for more info. or send your birthday month & day to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

We're also looking for fun pictures of our pets during COVID-19. If you have some pictures that others would enjoy, please send them in with a caption to office@stpaulscalgary.ca, and we will share them in the June "Living Waters"!

Let's share what we and our families are doing now that spring has arrived. This is a great way for us to all stay in touch. If you have a story to share about one of your adventures that would be wonderful, also. Send your pictures or stories to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

Our Spring Clean-up Day has been postponed due to the new COVID restrictions. Watch for more info. in the next few weeks. In the meantime, all individual help is being gratefully received. If you'd like guidance on the work that needs doing, please contact Kerry at mkerry2@telus.net.

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.**

We're now on Instagram! Check us out at [stpaulsanglican Calgary](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulsanglican Calgary).

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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

St. Edmund's Food Bank Appeal We are once again appealing for help with stocking our Food Bank shelves. We currently find that we are running short on canned goods – especially canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, etc), vegetables, soups, beans, etc. as well as cereals, snack foods for kids, and jams. The Food Bank is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 for dropping off donations, or you can call Marilyn (our Food Bank Coordinator) at 403-288-6330 to arrange a time for drop-off outside of those hours (please leave a message and she will call you back). If you would like more information about our Food Bank and how you can help, please email us. Thank you for your support!

The Diocesan Refugee Committee is looking for volunteers who have a desire to welcome Jesus in welcoming the stranger (Matt 25:35). Whatever experience you have or time that you can commit, we can find a role for you! If you have an interest in volunteering or would like more information about where you might fit in this ministry, please [email](#) us or see the May Living Waters.

Thy Kingdom Come May 13 to 23, 2021

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Christians from more than 170 countries and 65 denominations have taken part. Thy Kingdom Come runs between Ascension and Pentecost annually.

During the eleven days of prayer, participants are asked to pray for five friends or family members, that they might come to a living faith in Christ. Resources online include a video series for children and youth, prayer booklets and the TKC app. These and more information can be found [here](#).

SOFCI (South of Fish Creek Interfaith)

SOFCI 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.



The Midnapore Church of England Society (MCES) is a volunteer-run ministry of St. Paul's Anglican Church. MCES was formed in 1995 to ensure that the original St. Paul's Church (now referred to as the Historic Chapel) and the grounds are maintained and preserved in perpetuity through fundraising and volunteer service. The Chapel is a designated Provincial Historic Resource and MCES is fortunate to have guidance on preservation as well as financial assistance from Alberta Culture and its Historic Resources department. The Historic Chapel turns 136 years old this September.

You can find more information about MCES on our website at <http://historicstpaulsanglicanchurch.ca> or on our Facebook page.

Monday Evening Bible Study

The Monday evening Bible study group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and is facilitated by Rev. Cyril. The group consists of about 6 men and women who attend on a regular basis. You may bring your own Bible or use one from the church. All are welcome and no previous experience is needed. For more information, contact Father Cyril.

We look forward to meeting again once restrictions are lifted.

Stewardship Quote for Reflection

All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God's good and bounteous gifts. And once received, those gifts are not to be used solely for our own good. They must also be used for the benefit of others, and ultimately for the glory of God the giver. The steward needs an open hand to receive from God and then an active hand to give to God and to others."—Murray J. Harris



Financial News

Our deficit to April 30, 2021 is 4,789.46.

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

PWRDF is now accepting donations to support India as it struggles with the current COVID-19 outbreak. While Canada faces its own challenges and grief over COVID-19, the images and stories of mass deaths, blackmarket oxygen tanks and parking lot crematoria are shocking and heartbreaking.

Several fellow ACT members in the region – some former PWRDF partners – are working night and day to provide emergency services and relief, including the Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA).

Please keep the people of India in your prayers, and see the PWRDF website for ways to donate.

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 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, May 19 at 1 pm on Zoom. Contact Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca if you would like to join the group.

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, May 31 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the June 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.

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>)
<i>EPIC (Encouraging People In Christ) Zoom Events (next is 2 pm on a Sunday coming soon)</i> |
| Mon. : | Bible Study: 7:00 pm (<i>postponed</i>)
<i>Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is May 17)</i> |
| Wed. : | <i>Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month via Zoom) (next is May 19)</i>
<i>"Anglican Worship," 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays from June 2 to 16</i> |
| Thurs.: | <i>Video Midweek Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is May 20 or 21)</i>
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.: | <i>Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (look for something outside in June)</i>
<i>Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is June 19 on the church lawn)</i> |