



St. Paul's News Bulletin September 5, 2021



Parish Events

We give thanks for the gift of sharing together in-person! On September 3, responding to the fourth wave of COVID-19 and the pastoral concern for the risk of contracting COVID-19 for the unvaccinated, which includes children under 12, the Archbishop implemented new regulations for all Parishes in the Diocese. Once again, registration will be required, to ensure that numbers of in-person participants in worship are managed. Attendance is limited to the number of people we can safely space with 6 feet of distance between cohorts. To register, please go to our website and click on "Plan Your Visit," or phone the Parish Office. The deadline is Fri. 9 am. Information about how to register is included below. Mask-wearing is mandatory throughout the Diocese, as it was already here at St. Paul's. If you're over the age of 12, and haven't been fully vaccinated, we urge you to stay home, because of your increased risk of being infected with the delta variant of the virus and spreading it to others. If you have cold-like or flu-like symptoms, please also stay home. The Services are continuing to be live-streamed. In-person Sunday School is resuming later this month.

Parish Office Hours: Laura Anne will be on holidays from September 6 to 22, returning on Thursday, September 24. Please call the office ahead of coming to make sure that someone is present.

Services will be 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 am onward, 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 from the National Church resume on Sep. 12. These are posted weekly on our website. To access them, please type "Sunday School" in the search box, and click on "Sunday School".

Sunday Coffee Time: The other big change from the Archbishop's letter is, in the words of the letter, that, "Social functions, including coffee hours, both indoor and outdoor, are now suspended." This means, unfortunately, that once again, our Coffee Time can no longer be in-person. Happily, we do have the means of sharing our Coffee Time virtually, as we did before Aug. 15. So, our Virtual Coffee Time on Zoom at 11:30 will resume on Sep. 12, using the same Zoom link.

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

Our Men's Breakfast and Ladies' Luncheon are, also cancelled for the month of September, because of the new regulations in our Diocese in response to the fourth wave of COVID-19.

Midweek Video Prayer Services resume Thurs., Sep.

23. You can watch the most recent Service by clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/BTOOrWlej8I>. The easiest way to view the past Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (see the bottom of the page for the link).

We have resumed in-person Wed. Services of Holy Eucharist and Bible Studies on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am, respectively.

If you'd like to participate in an in-person Bible Study from 10:30 to 12 noon, please contact the Office or M'Laurel at astmst90@gmail.com.

Diocesan COVID-19 regulations are being followed in the Eucharist and Bible Study.

The 2nd Study in the "Discovery" Video Series from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, "A Journey of Faith," takes place via Zoom from 7:30 to 9 on Wed. evenings from Sep. 8-29. The 1st Study in this Series, "Anglican Worship," took place Jun. 2-16. Please let Fergus know if you'd like to participate.

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 Mon., Sept. 20, at 7:30 pm.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

We're looking for a way to celebrate our Birthdays. To join in, please see "Living Waters" for more info.

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.**

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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!

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

Fr. Jerrod McCormack has been offering the Rosary Gathering via Zoom on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, open to all who wish to participate. This will now be changed to Thursdays at 2:00 pm. For the Zoom link or more information, please email Fr Jerrod revjerrod@gmail.com

Companions of the Bishop Dinner

Save-the-Date! October 4, 2021

Now that we can gather together in person, we are excited to announce plans for our next "Companions of the Bishop" Dinner. This event raises funds for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, which covers expenses that the Bishop incurs that are not covered by the Diocesan budget, especially in supporting clergy of the Diocese. Please consider attending to support this worthy cause. We are excited to announce that this year's guest speaker will be our Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls. Information on ticket orders and donations will be forthcoming. Any questions can be directed to The Rev. Deacon Marcus Herrel.



Servers Ministry

Servers assist the Celebrant with the Holy Eucharist at both the 8:30 am and 10:00 am services. A Server's time commitment is approximately 1-2 times per month. Special services are held at Easter and Christmas that may require extra Servers. The schedule covers a four month period. If you are unable to make your scheduled time, it is up to the scheduled Server to find a replacement. We welcome both adults and children interested in becoming a Server. Training is available. If interested, please contact the Parish office.

Sidesperson Ministry: Being a Sidesperson is a very fulfilling and wonderful Ministry for each of us who has had the opportunity to greet people first thing on a Sunday morning. Parishioners come in looking forward to the messages and lessons they will hear. The children come in and we give them coloring books to occupy their time until Sunday school starts. Standing at the back of the Church and getting to meet people old and new, is a wonderful way to start the day. If you are interested in this Ministry please let me know after the 9:30 services, I will be available. Training is available so you will have assistance if you choose to partake in this Ministry. Look forward to chatting with you.

Stewardship Reflection for this Sunday

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.



<https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>

Financial News

Our deficit to July 31, 2021 is 17,550. We hope for a strong September to start to shrink this amount. 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's newest project is bringing light to moms and babies in Mozambique. For most parents-to-be, having light and electricity during their child's birth is not a second thought, but for many in rural Mozambique giving birth in the dark is a reality. That is where PWRDF comes in by installing 50 more solar suitcases in rural medical clinics.

A solar suitcase is a wall-mounted unit that opens like a suitcase and includes phone charging ports, a portable headlamp and a fetal Doppler to monitor baby's heartbeat that is connected to a roof mounted solar panel.

We are pleased to announce an anonymous donor has come forward with a 1:1 funding match, up to \$100,000. The match will apply to donations received between May 26 and September 30, 2021.

Having light before, during and after the birth can greatly reduce the danger to new moms and their babies and allow medical staff to quickly identify and treat any labour problems. The Doppler also helps to quickly identify the fetal heartbeat, which will keep the babies safe during the birth. The cost of running the solar suitcases is next to nothing because the lithium batteries last for years and are powered from the bright sunlight that Mozambique experiences year round.

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

Chemo Care Bag: 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 the third Wednesdays, of each month at 1 pm, resuming on September 15. 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 Hubert.

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, September 26 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the October 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)

- Sun.:** Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays (*postponed*)
EPIC (Encouraging People In Christ) Zoom Events (2 pm monthly, resuming in September)
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is September 20)
- Wed. :** **Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am (first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month)**
Bible Study: 10:30 am (first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month)
Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) September 15 (via Zoom)
Discovery Series: "A Journey of Faith": 7:30 pm (via Zoom) (weekly, September 8-29)
- Thurs.:** **Video Midweek Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is September 23)**
TOPS : 6:30 pm
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 (next is Sept. 18 at the church) (postponed)**
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is Sept. 18 on the church lawn) (postponed)