



# St. Paul's News Bulletin December 12, 2021



## Parish Events

**OUTREACH:** Thank you to everyone who supported our outreach event. The boxes will be out until Dec. 17.

**THIS YEAR, WE'RE HAVING IN-PERSON 5:00, 7:30, AND 10:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES.** *To sign up for them, please email or call the Parish Office and leave your name, phone number, email, and number attending. Online registration will be available at a later date. Due to COVID-19 regulations, we're limited to 67 people per Service. PRE-REGISTRATION IS THE ONLY WAY TO GUARANTEE A SPACE! Once we reach 67, we won't be able to let anyone else in, no matter what the circumstances, and how much we want to do so! The 5 pm and 7:30 pm Services will be live streamed.*

**WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE RETURN OF OUR IN-PERSON SERVICES!** Everyone is asked to register for our Sunday Services, through the website or calling the parish office by Friday noon. Mask-wearing is mandatory. Everyone is also asked to please maintain social distancing from those not in our family unit. If you're over the age of 12, and aren't fully vaccinated, please stay home, because of your increased risk of contracting and spreading the delta variant of the virus. If you have cold-like or flu-like symptoms, please also stay home. The Services are continuing to be live-streamed.

**Services are posted live at 9:30 am on Sundays on our main Facebook page.** A Facebook account isn't needed to watch. You just 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 Sunday School at home from the National Church are posted weekly on our website.** To access them, please type "Sunday School" in the search box, and click on "Sunday School". In-person Sunday School is resuming soon.

**Sunday Coffee Time:** For now our Coffee Times are continuing to be Virtual. Our Virtual Coffee Time takes place every Sunday on Zoom at 11:30. The Zoom link is on the Order of Services under the Sermon tab of our website.

**Reserved Sacrament is available (in baggies) in the main entrance Monday-Friday from 9 am-noon.**

**SECRET FRIENDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, THIS Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 PM via Zoom.** *This year we will be making a Folded Fabric Christmas Ornament. It will be an evening of crafting and sharing. More info. can be found in Living Waters. Please RSVP to Julie by the end of today. 403 630-1533, [jthompsonwilson@shaw.ca](mailto:jthompsonwilson@shaw.ca). All ladies of the Parish are welcome.*

**We hope that our Men's Breakfast and Ladies' Luncheon will resume meeting together in-person in January,** following Provincial and Diocesan restrictions. **Stay tuned!**

**Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Last Thursday, we shared a Service of Solace. You can watch it by clicking on this link: [https://youtu.be/5Aaz\\_EVzq48](https://youtu.be/5Aaz_EVzq48).** The easiest way to

view these Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (see the bottom of the page for the link). **The date for our next Service is Thursday, January 13.**

**Our in-person Wednesday Service of Holy Eucharist is taking place at 9:30 am on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month.** All Sunday safety protocols are in place. Our Wednesday morning Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings will resume in January.

**OUR ADVENT STUDY** this year is videos from "The Advent Mission" plus written material from the "Journeying the Way of Love Advent Curriculum" from the Episcopal Church. **The final session is this Wednesday, Dec 15: in-person at 10:30 a.m. and via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to participate, please let Fergus know by 4 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 14.**

**Prayer Group Ministry:** This vital ministry's members lift up in daily prayer requests the Prayer Group receives, and gather on the 3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom. **The next Zoom Meeting is 7:30 pm THIS MONDAY, Dec. 13 (note date change).** To share a request, or join the Prayer Group, please email Dinah at [breu.dinah@gmail.com](mailto:breu.dinah@gmail.com).

**Advent booklets are available** at the front entrance of the church Monday to Friday from 9AM till noon ONLY and on Sunday at our in person service.

**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; put your envelope no. in the "message" spot). **If you'd like your 2021 Offering envelopes please contact Murray at [murray.sykes@shaw.ca](mailto:murray.sykes@shaw.ca) or 403-200-8869, to arrange for pick-up or delivery.**

**Christmas Eve Services:** Friday, December 24: 5 pm: Family Service of Holy Eucharist and electric candles; 7:30 & 10:30 Services of Holy Eucharist and candlelight.

**St. Paul's Anglican Church**  
7 Sunmills Green SE T2X 3P6  
Phone: 403 256-1428 Fax: 403 256-1554  
E-mail: [office@stpaulscalgary.ca](mailto:office@stpaulscalgary.ca)  
Website: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca>

**Incumbent:** The Rev'd Fergus Tyson  
**Assistants:** The Rev'd Cyril Haynes  
The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles  
The Rev'd Dr. Bob Mummery  
The Rev'd Betty Nadurak  
**Wardens:** Cam Cline & Ingrid Bolton  
**Facebook Page:** [stpaulscalgary](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary)  
**Twitter:** @stpaulscalgary & @Pastor\_Fergus  
**Instagram:** [stpaulsanglican Calgary](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulsanglican Calgary)  
**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCldxfHv5pFYST-j8asiGVg>  
**Pastor's Postings:** [pastorfergus.wordpress.com/](https://pastorfergus.wordpress.com/)

## 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

### Calgary Meals on Wheels Cookie Factory Presented by Southcentre Mall

Do you enjoy being about children, having fun and embracing the Holiday Season? If so, we would love to have you join our Cookie Factory volunteer opportunity. Located near Santa's Enchanted Forest, you will provide a welcoming experience for guests and their children by greeting them, and providing them with a cookie kit that includes; cookies (pre-made), icing and decorations.

Cookie kit assembly, general tidying up and restocking will be needed throughout the day. Cookie kits are purchased with a suggested donation of \$2.00 each and all proceeds donated support Calgary Meals on Wheels programs.

Dates: November 12 – December 24, 2021

Shift Days: Monday - Sunday

Shift Hours: 9:45 am – 1:30 pm Morning Shift

1:15 pm – 5:00 pm Afternoon Shift

4:45 pm – 8:00 pm Evening Shift

\*\* Please note that you must be 18+ years to volunteer. You may volunteer if you are 14 years or over, as long as you are accompanied by a parent or guardian who must sign up as a volunteer as well on the same shift. \*\* Please Also Note: Southcentre Mall abides by AHS guidelines and therefore all Volunteers must wear a mask at all times.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

### 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 & planning service projects 1ce a month. If you're interested in joining Murray as a St. Paul's rep, 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](mailto:revjerrod@gmail.com)

### Simon Evans' New Book

Simon Evans, a dear departed member of our Parish family, finished his magnum opus, *A Geography of the Hutterites in North America*, just before his passing. This culmination 40 yrs of research provides fascinating reading. It can be ordered online: [nebraskapress.unl.edu](http://nebraskapress.unl.edu). Using the promotion code 6AF21 will give a 40% reduction (\$65.00 to \$39.00)!

### For Such A Time As This

Many are fearful and anxious about their future as the pandemic lingers. A free eBook created by St. Luke, Calgary continues to circulate, bringing encouragement and Good News to more than 1,000 readers. To download and share, please click [here](#).



**Community Connection:** At St. Paul's, we connect with our community through inviting our friends and neighbours to participate in fun activities such as our Stampede BBQ; and special events like our Christmas Pageant and Dinner. The End of Summer BBQ was also a great way to connect with the community. We make these invitations one-on-one, and through advertisements in community papers; our sign, website, and Facebook page; Fergus' blog; and Shine FM events calendar. We also connect with our community via our hospitality to groups desiring to use our building. And we connect through our outreach, in person, through activities like our sing-alongs at Father Lacombe, and through the activity of our Outreach Committee. Our greatest community connection is from the members of our Parish family sharing the love of Jesus in our daily life and work as his disciples.

Connecting with our community is a crucial part of our calling as a Parish, and we hope to continue to explore new and exciting ways to do this in the months to come.

Thank you to Muiyi for coordinating the Community Connection Ministry. **Please contact** Muiyi if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

### Stewardship Reflection for this Sunday

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

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



## Financial News

**Our deficit to November 30, 2021 is 13,183. 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 supports Displaced Families in Iraq**

In the Iraqi city of Sinjar, displaced families returning to their homes are already faced with public health risks associated with disease outbreaks. The situation is worsened by COVID-19.

PWRDF is contributing \$30,000 to a Lutheran World Federation Iraq project that is providing hygiene equipment, improving access to clean water and raising awareness about COVID-19 prevention. The total budget is approximately \$80,000 and the project will continue through December.

**Mitten Basket:** The Mitten Basket is now set-up in the entrance of the South door. Drop off time is Monday to Friday 9 am to noon. Thank you to Barbara- Jean for looking after this ministry again this year.



**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.

If you would like to be part of the Caring Contact Ministry, please contact Deacon Betty Nadurak.

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, next meeting on December 15 at St. Paul's. Contact Laura Anne at [office@stpaulscalgary.ca](mailto:office@stpaulscalgary.ca) if you would like to join the group.

## Opportunities to Serve

**2022 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](mailto: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, January 31** is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the February Edition. Please submit to [office@stpaulscalgary.ca](mailto: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 soon)

**Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)

**Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is December 13 please note change to second Monday)**

**Wed. :** Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am (next is December 15)

**Bible Study: 10:30 am (next is January 2022)**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) (next is December 15)**

**Advent Study: 10:30 am in-person or 7:30 pm on Zoom (November 24 to December 15)**

**Thurs.:** Video Midweek Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is January 13)

**TOPS : 6:30 pm (weekly)**

**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*—hopefully resuming in January)

**Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed*—hopefully resuming in January)**