



St. Paul's News Bulletin December 19, 2021



Parish Events

THIS YEAR, WE'RE PLANNING TO HAVE 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 on Monday, Dec 20. Due to COVID-19 regulations, we're limited to 67 people per Service. REGISTERING BEFOREHAND AND ARRIVING ON TIME IS THE ONLY WAY TO GUARANTEE A SPACE! Once it's 5, 7:30, and 10:30, all those who aren't registered will be let in. Once we reach 67, we won't be able to add to this number, 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 ABILITY TO HAVE IN-PERSON SUNDAY 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.

OUTREACH: THANK YOU, EVERYONE, for the great response to our Drop-off for the Veterans' Food Bank and Pregnancy Care Centre! Thank you, John, our Outreach Coordinator, for organizing this! You can check out photos on our social media platforms.

Our Secret Friends Annual Christmas Party was a huge success! The turn-out (via Zoom) was great, and everyone had a great time! Thank you, Julie, for all your work to make this so much fun!

We hope that our Men's Breakfast and Ladies' Luncheon will resume meeting together in-person on Jan. 15 following Provincial and Diocesan restrictions. **Stay tuned!**

Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. On Dec. 9, we shared a

Service of Solace. You can watch it by clicking on this link: 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, Jan. 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 next Wednesday Holy Eucharist is scheduled for Jan. 19.**

Wednesday morning Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday Readings will resume Jan. 19.

Our Advent Study had 20 people participate in-person in the morning or online in the evening!

The fourth Study in the "Discovery" Video Series from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, "Our Spiritual Gifts," takes place via Zoom from 7:30 to 9 on the Wednesday evenings of Jan. 19 and 26. We'll be exploring identifying and developing the gifts God has given us for Ministry. **If you'd like to participate, please let Fergus know.**

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).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Friday, Dec. 24: 5 pm: Family Service of Holy Eucharist & electric candles; 7:30 & 10:30 Services of Holy Eucharist & candlelight. **Incense at 10:30.**

There is no Christmas Day Service this year.

Our Service on Dec. 26 is the only Sunday after Christmas we're celebrating at St. Paul's in the 12 day Christmas Season. (On Jan. 2, we're celebrating the Feast of Epiphany.)

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Pastor's Postings: 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

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

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. 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](#).



Sunday Offering Counters:

This job entails counting the collection from the two services and recording the envelope numbers and amounts. Also we night deposit the funds into the bank, which requires you to do a bank deposit slip. There are two counts for each Sunday. The time commitment is about an hour after the 10:00 service. Two people are required to do each count as we need to balance the offering to the Bank

deposit statement. Training will be provided. A schedule is set up for 6 months at a time.

Contact: Roxie Hall 403 201-4183

Parish Council Position to be filled:

We are looking for someone to fill the position of New Members Coordinator.

The role of the New Members Ministry position on Parish Council is to formerly Welcome all new members to St. Paul's and provide them with support and information about St. Paul's and its many ministries.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Welcome each New Member with a personalized welcome email or letter.
- Provide a personalized Welcome gift package containing welcome gifts and information about St. Pauls.
- Be available to New Members to answer any questions and help them to feel welcome and apart of our Church family.
- Communicate with office and Ministers to make sure no new members are missed and bring any needs of a new member to a Minister of the Church.
- Organize an annual New Members Celebration.
- Be up to date on all Church happenings and events.
- Provide an Annual Report and Budget for the New Members Ministry to Parish Council.

For more information, please contact Julie via the Church Office.

If you would like to offer to serve in this Ministry, please let Fergus or one of the Wardens know.

Stewardship Reflection for this Sunday

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

<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 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. 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.

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 not listed here 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 2022**)

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

Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is January 17)

Wed. : Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am (next is January 19)

Bible Study: 10:30 am (next is January 19)

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) (next is January 19)

Discovery Series Study 4: Our Spiritual Gifts: 7:30 pm (January 19 and 26 via Zoom)

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 January 15)

Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (postponed—hopefully resuming January 15)