



St. Paul's News Bulletin February 20, 2022



Parish Events

Unless the trending COVID-19 situation reverses radically in the next week, we plan once again to have the option of meeting together in-person for our Sunday worship NEXT SUNDAY, Feb. 27! The Province and Diocese have lifted restrictions on gathering size, all need for registering, and all restrictions on congregational singing. So all these restrictions will be lifted at St. Paul's. Services will continue to be live-streamed.

For Feb. 27, mask-wearing is still mandatory, and there 's no in-person Coffee Time, but these and all matters concerning how to move into the "new normal" will be discussed at a special Parish Council Meeting this week.

Please pray for Parish Council to be guided by the Holy Spirit in this Meeting. If you'd like your opinions about actions to do with the "reopening" process to be shared at the Meeting, please express them with your name attached to Fergus or one of the Wardens, a Parish Council member, or the Church Office. To give a fair weighting to everyone (one "vote" per person on a matter, not the possibility of several), anonymous opinions will not be considered.

Sunday Services are posted live at 9:30 am 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". **A 4 question Survey about Sun. School has been sent out to households with Sunday School-age children. Everyone's asked to please complete and email it back by Feb. 27. If you've children/grandchildren who might come to Sunday School, and you haven't received a Survey, please contact the Office.**

Sunday Coffee Time: For at least these next 2 Sundays, our Coffee Times are continuing to be online. 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.

There will be a Funeral Service of Holy Eucharist in loving memory of Ian Robinson at St. Paul's on Monday February 28 at 1 pm. Everyone can share this Service in-person or online via live-streaming.

Parish Office hours are Monday to Friday, from 9 till noon.

Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. **On Feb. 10, we shared Night Prayer together. You can watch it by clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/fKaD1XN1QUI>.** 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 fifth and final in our Wednesday evening Discovery Series is taking place via Zoom on 3 Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 pm, Feb. 9-23. We're exploring together "The

Great Commission," and the 5 Marks of Mission. If you'd like to participate, please let Fergus know by 5 p.m. on Feb. 15, so that he can email you the Zoom link and weekly Discussion Guides.

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 Mondays of the month via Zoom. **The next Zoom Meeting is Monday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 pm.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Our in-person Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Bible Study take place at 9:30 and 10:30 am, respectively, on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month. **The next in-person Wednesday Holy Eucharist will be 9:30 on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 2.**

On Ash Wednesday, we plan to have 9:30 am and 7 pm in-person Services of Holy Eucharist. The 7 pm Service will be live streamed. After both Services, we'll have the opportunity to watch and discuss Ash Wednesday Reflections—in-person at 10:30, and via Zoom at 8:15.

Our Lenten Study begins on Mar. 9, at 10:30 in-person and 7:30 via Zoom. It has 2 components: "Grow Good" from the Church of England, and "Living Hope" from the worldwide Anglican Communion. For more information, please check out this month's issue of "Living Waters."

The February issue of "Living Waters" is on our website in the "News" section.

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).

Income Tax Receipts are now available at the church. Please pick them up during regular Office hours. Those not picked up by Feb. 27 will be mailed out.

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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 Bonaventure parish is hosting World Day Of Prayer 2022 on March 4th at 11:00 am. (in person)

We are inviting you to participate in WDOP in person this year. We will show the one-hour video which includes the service and songs. We of course cannot serve any food, but we hope you will still be able to join us in person to pray together. Please spread the word and invite fellow parishioners, family, and friends. This year women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland have prepared the worship service and the theme is: "I Know the Plans I have for You" I invite you to go to wicc.org to learn more about WDOP 2022.

Ash Wednesday

Day of Prayer and Meditation - Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer in the Diocese of Calgary invites you to join us in prayer and meditation as we begin our Lenten journey.

8:30 am - Morning Prayer; Noon - Mid-day Prayer;

4:30 pm - Evening Prayer; 8:30 pm - Compline

There will be opportunities for break out groups, discussion, and prayer. Personal prayer times throughout the day will also be made available.

Register here to receive a Zoom link.



Ladies Potluck Luncheon

The St. Paul's Ladies Lunch group may look like a few ladies getting together to share some tasty treats in the form of a potluck lunch once a month. But it is actually so much more. It is common for parishioners to only get to know others who attend the same St. Paul's services or groups as themselves.

But the Ladies Lunch group brings all ladies together the third Saturday of each month in a fun, casual setting. Inevitably the lively discussion shared by this diverse group lets us learn more about each other, our families and our extended church family.

A few members have established a reputation for providing something delicious each month. But the culinary-challenged and/or those with store-bought offerings are cheerfully embraced as well.

Mostly it is a chance to get to know each other, and care about each other, and support each other.

The result is our simple lunch becomes a feast and former strangers become our friends

We hope to be able to resume meeting in March.

We have a new MCES webpage: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/ministries/midnapore-church-of-england-society> (the "Ministry" section of our website). Everyone is invited to check it out! Big thanks to Paul Bourgeois for your work on this!



Parish Council Positions to be filled:

We are looking for someone to fill the position of **New Members Coordinator and Community Connection.**

HELP WANTED!



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.

Community Connection:

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.

The role of the Community Connection coordinator is to head up a committee which finds ways to connect with our community. In the past we have had several events such as square dancing and our annual community BBQ.

Please contact Fergus or one of the wardens if you're interested in either of these positions

Stewardship Reflection for this Sunday

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.



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

Financial News

Our 2022 deficit after our traditionally slow January is \$5,767. We pray for a better February, to keep this deficit from becoming too high. Thank you to everyone for helping support our Mission financially in these challenging times. Ways to do this are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please pray for our Parish's finances as we continue to reach out with God's love in word and deed as a Parish family.



Outreach

PWRDF helping First Nations cope with Covid

Last Friday, a long-anticipated shipment of PPE arrived in Kingfisher Lake First Nation via airplane. It was the end of a busy seven days for the parish of St. Paul's, Thunder Bay who stepped up to get emergency supplies to Bearskin Lake and Kingfisher Lake First Nations on behalf of PWRDF. PWRDF gave \$15,000 to the Diocese of Algoma to support a COVID response in the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh in the far north of Ontario. The Omicron variant has had a devastating impact on the community. This \$15,000 is part of a larger response to support Indigenous communities in Northern Ontario and Manitoba coping with the pandemic. [PWRDF has allocated \\$50,000 to Indigenous People's Alliance of Manitoba-North \(IPAM-N\)](#)

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 meet on the third Wednesdays, of each month at 1 pm, next meeting Wednesday, Feb. 16, *via Zoom*. 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) (*postponed—resuming in 2022*)
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is February 21)
- Wed. :** Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am (returning Ash Wednesday, March 2—in-person and online)
Bible Study: 10:30 am (returning with Ash Wednesday Reflections on Ash Wednesday, March 2)
Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) (next is February 16 via Zoom)
Discovery 5: "The Great Commission": 7:30 pm via Zoom (February 9 to 23) (Lenten Study begins March 9)
- Thurs.:** Video Midweek Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is February 24)
TOPS : 6:30 pm (postponed—returning March 3)
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—resuming March 19*)
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed—resuming March 19*)