



St. Paul's News Bulletin March 13, 2022



Parish Events

WE'RE DELIGHTED ONCE AGAIN TO HAVE THE OPTION OF MEETING TOGETHER IN-PERSON FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP! The Province and Diocese have lifted restrictions on gathering size, all need for registering, and all restrictions on congregational singing. Masking is still strongly recommended by the Diocese and Parish Council. Physical distancing is still being maintained. Services will continue to be live-streamed.

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 ASAP. If you've children/grandchildren who might come to Sunday School, and you haven't received a Survey, please let Fergus know.**

Sunday Coffee Time: ***Our in-person post-Service Coffee Time has resumed! We're sticking to coffee, tea and juice only during Lent.*** If you're able to help with our Coffee Time, please contact the Parish Office.

Our Virtual Coffee Time is continuing on Sundays via Zoom, but has been moved 15 min. later to 11:45. The Zoom link, which is unchanged, is in the Order of Service, under the Sermon tab of our website.

The March issue of "Living Waters" is available online from the "News" section of our website. Print copies are also available inside the main entrance.

Daily Devotional Booklets for Lent are available just inside the main entrance. Please help yourself.

Our Lenten Study is on Wednesdays, 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 info., please check out this month's issue of "Living Waters." So far, we have 19 participants, and we'd love to have more! ***If you'd like to share the evening Study, please tell Fergus.***

Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. ***On Mar. 10, we shared a Service of Celtic Evening Prayer, in honour of St. David's and St. Patrick's Days (Mar. 1 and 17, respectively). You can watch it by clicking here: <https://youtu.be/oilLic29HvY>.*** 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 next will be posted on Mar. 24.***

Our in-person Wednesday Services of Holy Eucharist take place at 9:30 am, on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month. ***The next one is THIS WEDNESDAY, Mar. 16.***

Men's Breakfast: THIS SATURDAY, Mar. 19 at 8:30 am.

We'll honour our former member Len Mountford, who passed away in 2011. In honour of Len, an avid soccer fan, we wear shorts and our favourite sports jersey at this breakfast. So put on your favourite colours and join us for breakfast. Proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to a charity Kerry will tell us about on Saturday. Breakfast starts at 8:30 am, but come early and enjoy your first cup of coffee and some fellowship before we eat. All men age 13 and over are invited! Friends are most welcome!

Ladies Luncheon: THIS SATURDAY, Mar. 19, at 11:30 am. It won't not be potluck, but please bring your own lunch as we have been doing. All ladies age 13 and over are invited! Friends are most welcome!

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, Mar. 21, at 7:30 pm. To share a request, or join this ministry, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.*

Offerings: *We had a slow first 2 months of the year, which has given us a 2022 deficit of \$12,595. We need our income to come much closer to our budgeted levels ASAP, or we'll be in serious financial trouble. Thank you, everyone, for give your Offering. It's critical to helping us fulfill our Mission. Here are ways we can do this. We can bring our Offering to Sunday Services. We haven't purchased 2022 envelopes, but encourage everyone to use their 2021 ones. If you don't have any left, and would like to use envelopes in 2022, please contact the Office.* We can also donate to St. Paul's 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).

Position Available: *We are in need of a new cleaner for the our church building.* This is a paid position and requires 4 to 5 hours a week when we are fully open. This position is available immediately. Training is available. Anyone 17 years and up can apply. ***Thanks you to Baraka for filling this position for the past several years.***

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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

Sorrento Programs in 2022

Registration is now open for our Summer programs. Come for one week, or come for them all. You will find environmental and nature-based programs, as well as outdoor spirituality and experiential spiritual teachings, including core Anglican, reconciliation and interfaith offerings. As always, you will have the opportunity to enrich your heart and soul through arts and craft-based playful creativity.

[Start planning here.](#)

Join our summer team for part or all of the summer. We will be building a dynamic team of young people to help make the "Summer at Sorrento Centre" experience extraordinary. We will be hiring staff for the kitchen, maintenance and housekeeping areas, as well as lifeguards, early childhood educators, videographer, etc. We will be posting several seasonal employment positions in the coming weeks.



New Members Ministry

Welcoming newcomers to St. Paul's is a multi-step process that we hope begins with a warm greeting when they enter the church and from the parishioners they sit beside. Once they have filled out a newcomer's card, a personalized welcome letter is sent. Fergus phones the person or family in the first week with a further word of welcome. We also have a welcome service for all new members having joined the Parish. **We are looking for someone to fill the position of Coordinator for New Members.**

Parish Council

Parish Council is the leadership team of the Parish, consisting of 10 to 15 members who represent the different ministries of our congregation. These individuals are elected to a two year term at our Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Their role is to see that the day to day operation and special events take place smoothly. Parish Council meetings are also a time to discuss any problems a ministry maybe having.

Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month except for July and August when we meet just once.



Parish Council Positions to be filled:

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

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

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

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



Financial News

Our 2022 deficit after the first 2 months is (\$12,595). We pray for a much better March, to keep this deficit from becoming unmanageable. 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 Giving for Lent

If you don't feel like giving up anything for Lent, why not give instead? PWRDF is raising money to help Ukrainian refugees—surely a worthy project to support. For more info please go to pwrdf.org. Together we can make a difference.

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, March 23, *in person and 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. **We will not be having flowers during Lent.**

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, February 28 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the March 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 March 21)

Wed. : Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am

Lenten Study: Grow Good" and "Living Hope": 10:30 am (in-person) & 7:30 pm (via Zoom)

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) (next is March 23 in-person and via Zoom)

Thurs.: Video Midweek Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is March 24)

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 March 19)

Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is March 19)