



St. Paul's News Bulletin March 20, 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, and 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 short 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 pushing "reply." If you have children/grandchildren who might come to Sunday School, and you haven't received a Survey, please let Fergus know.

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

Our Sunday Virtual Coffee Time has been moved 15 min. later to 11:45. The Zoom link 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.

Thank you, everyone, who shared in our Day of Prayer for Ukraine! Look for a photo of Kerry ringing the bell of our Historic Chapel in April issue of "Living Waters" and social media platforms. The Friday evening Zoom Prayer Service for Ukraine has been posted on Facebook and YouTube.

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 usually 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. 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 (the link is at the bottom of the page). **The next will be posted on Apr. 8.**

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, Wednesday, Mar. 30.

Saturday's first Men's Breakfast since last year's Stampede was an AWESOME time of fun and fellowship! It was "Len's Day," and if you'd like to contribute to the charity we chose, please talk with Kerry. Look for our annual "Len's Day" group picture in the April issue of "Living Waters" and our social media platforms. Our next Men's Breakfast is Apr. 16 at 8:30 am. 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!

Our first Ladies Luncheon of 2022 was also AWESOME! Look for photos of this in "Living Waters" and our social media sites. Our next Ladies Luncheon is Apr. 16, at 11:30 am. Stay tuned for if it will be potluck, or if we'll all be bring our own lunch, as we have been doing since the Pandemic began. All ladies age 13 and over are invited! Friends are most welcome!

Next Sunday is Laetare or Mothering Sunday! For part of our celebration, everyone will be offered individually-wrapped pieces of Simnel cake to take home!

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 THIS 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 giving your Offering. It provides critical help for us to 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).

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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.



Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain group are devoted to trying to help people feel hope in getting their prayers to the Lord's ears. The more people who pray the better. We don't need "formal" prayers—just lift their names and worries up to Him.—He knows, and will act as He sees fit. We just have to Trust.

If you are interested in joining us please contact the Parish Office. No special time to pray just when out and about - lift their names and needs up and He hears.

Prayer Group

Prayer is a conversation with the Lord. ..."you will call and the Lord will answer" Is. 58:9a . Our Parish Prayer Group believes that prayer is foundational to the well-being of our parish as we meet to pray for every aspect of parish life-our clergy, the congregation, for all in leadership roles, for needs in ministries and for individual needs(health, jobs, expectant mothers, those who mourn-and many other needs.). We also pray for the wider church, for needs in our community, all levels of government and in the world. Our prayers are not formal- we just talk with the Lord, confident in his presence with us according to his promise that he is always with us. All members of our parish are welcome to join us and if you are interested or want to talk about it, please contact Dinah or the Parish office.



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

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



<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 April 8)

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 April 16)

Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is April 16)