

St. Paul's News Bulletin April 24, 2022



Parish Events

All Service gathering size restrictions, registering, and restrictions on congregational singing have been removed. Masking is still strongly recommended by the Diocese and Parish Council, and physical distancing is still being maintained. Services 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.

More details are given in the April issue of "Living Waters," available in the "News" section of our website.

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". Colouring sheets are available for all children attending in-person. The "Solace Room" and Nursery area are also available for use, but please don't leave children unsupervised in these areas. If you have children/grandchildren who might come to Sun. School, we invite you to please complete a short Survey, to help us plan. To receive it, please contact the Office.

We're delighted to welcome Olivia into the Household of God, with the first Baptism in our Sunday Service since Oct. 6, 2019! We're also delighted to welcome back our Choir to help lead our Sunday singing in-person!

Everyone's invited to our in-person post-Service Coffee Time after the Service! Many thanks to Robbie for today's cake celebrating Olivia's Baptism! We're looking for helpers in this Coffee Time Ministry. If you're able to help with Coffee Time, please contact the Parish Office.

We also have a Sunday Virtual Coffee Time at 11:45. The Zoom link is in the Order of Service, under the "Sermon" tab of our website.

Fergus is looking to free up some time for Pastoral Visitation. He presently takes care of our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube social media platforms If you can help look after these, please contact the Office.

You can share a Zoom Prayer Service we held for Ukraine by clicking on this link: https://youtu.be/e7Ga8VsJQJY.

On Good Friday, a Service of Stations of the Cross for Ukraine was posted online. You can watch it here: https://youtu.be/uYr-RsaCYow. Video Prayer Services are usually posted on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The easiest way to view them on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of the page). The next will be posted THIS THURSDAY, Apr. 28.

Our in-person Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

take place on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month, at 9:30 and 10:30 am, respectively. *The next Service is Wednesday, May 4.*

Our next Wednesday evening Study is planned for May.

Our Men had a great time at our Men's on Holy Saturday! The next is scheduled for May 21 at 8:30 am. All men age 13 and over are invited! Friends are most welcome!

Our Ladies also had a great time at the Ladies' Luncheon! The next is scheduled for May 21 at 11:30 am. 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 THIS MONDAY, Apr. 25, at 7:30 pm.** To share a request, or join this ministry, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Our Spring Clean-up Day is set for Saturday, May 14, from 9 to 4! We plan to do outside and inside work. All are invited to participate! Please bring your own rake, etc. for outside. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Offerings: A great March reduced our 2022 deficit to \$9,684. We pray for an excellent April to bring us closer to the black. 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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Pastor's Postings Blog: pastorfergus.wordpress.com/

Youth Group

Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth For more information please contact Stew Perram 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 spirtuality 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.

2nd Big Connection: A Labyrinth Research Project for World Labyrinth Day on 7th May/22 Walk on World Labyrinth Day, 7th May 2022.

Free to register in this study. You will need to go to the this website https://www.legacylabyrinthproject.org/world- labyrinth-day to do this. Lots of information is there. Including helpful videos. Registration closes 3rd May/22. There are 4 main categories to choose from. Those being: Human Rights, Social Justice, the Environment and Strengthening Relationships. There is a zoom meeting if you can on 30th April. Click here to register.

This year they are studying the question:" What would happen if groups walked together in brain/heart coherence, with specific intentions for social change?" and "What could happen if they walked regularly with that same intention over a specific period of time?" What could we learn? Anyone can participate, Walker or finger walk, people new to the labyrinth, those who have walked before and those who do this as a regular practice. This is done in as many countries around the world as possible. You can pick up a paper Labyrinth for a Finger Walk (at St. Paul's or at this website: WWW. Veriditas.org) if you do not have a Labyrinth either finger one or are not able to actually walk on a Labyrinth. Afterwards you could colour it in. This may be a good activity for the children to do. Have fun, enjoy the journey! Experience the Experience, Blessings on the Path.

Cursillo Revival Weekend: Where is Jesus Meeting Us?

Goes ahead Friday, April 29 to Saturday, April 30 The Calgary Cursillo Movement is excited to announce a Weekend of Revival - an opportunity to gather, to reflect and to re-learn the essential core values of Cursillo. This Weekend is open to all Cursillistas - lay people and clergy. Join us at the Entheos Retreat & Conference Centre, starting

on Friday April 29, 7:00 pm, continuing to the afternoon of Saturday April 30. Just click on the button below to register: Cursillo Revival Weekend

at: stewp@telus.net or call: 403-246-5586



Soundboard and Screens Ministry: The Soundboard and Screens Ministry provides important support to our weekly and seasonal services. Our weekly AV presentations, is a Power Point which is installed on the laptop. The voice levels for the choir and instruments, as well as the altar, lectern and remote microphones are controlled using the soundboard at the back of the church. If anyone is interested in joining our soundboard/AV team, please talk to Paul Bourgeois. Operation of the soundboard and AV equipment is not difficult, and training is available.

Sunday School: There is really nothing more invigorating to an adult Christian's life than to teach children about the Love of the Lord and how it can change their lives. Seeing the scriptures through their eyes often teaches the teacher more than the teacher teaches them. The blessings one receives as we introduce the child to the characters of the Bible can not be replaced by anything else. Our Sunday school at St. Paul' is blessed with a large number of active children and I urge anyone who feels led to volunteer even if it is for only one class. The children will be blessed by your example and you will be blessed even as you are challenged by their enquiring minds.

Thank you to everyone who participates in these ministries.

Stewardship Reflection for this Sunday

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (JOHN 20:21)



Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletininserts/weekly-bible-reflections

Financial News

Our 2022 deficit after the first 3 months is (\$9,684). 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.



<u>Outreach</u>

PWRDF

Since Russia began rolling its tanks into Ukraine on February 24, donations to PWRDF have flooded in, with an overwhelming \$266,500 being raised in just a few short weeks.

PWRDF responded quickly with \$20,000 to an ACT Alliance appeal, but soon after changed that initial amount to 2022 Flower Chart is now available. We are still taking ded-\$50,000. Today PWRDF announces an additional \$50,000 allocation to the ACT Alliance, and \$50,000 to HelpAge International working to support seniors trying to cross the border into Moldova, for a total of \$150,000. As donations continue to come in, PWRDF will be disbursing funds to our partners on the ground who are able to put money to good use right away.

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, April 20, via Zoom. Contact Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca if you would like to join the group.

Opportunities to Serve

ication requests for flowers, if you would like to make a dedication please send it to Laura Anne 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, April 25 is the deadline for Living Waters submissions for the May 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 <u>in-person</u> 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 April 25, to avoid Easter Week)

Wed.: Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am (1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month) (next is May 4)

Bible Study: 10:30 am (1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month) (next is May 4)

Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) (next is May 18 via Zoom)

Thurs.: Video Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is April 28)

TOPS (Taking off Pounds Sensibly): 6:30 pm

Choir Practice: 7:30 pm (If you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois at pbourgeois@shaw.ca.)

Sat.: Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is May 21)

Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is May 21)