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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 5 pm

Sanctuary Hours

Sundays: 8 am to 12:30 pm

Parking

Parking is free on Sunday mornings at the Manulife building located on the north side of Bloor Street at the top of Ted Rogers Way. To gain access to Manulife's parking, press the intercom button and inform the security attendant you are attending a service at St. Paul's.

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This Month at St. Paul's



Organ Concert – Today at 3 pm

Money Course – October 10, 17 and 24 at 7 pm

Thanksgiving Monday – Office Closed – October 14

Family Fun Night – October 23 at 6 pm

Young Professionals Night – October 24 at 7 pm

Regent Park Community Dinner – October 26

For a schedule of regular weekly events, please visit:
stpaulsbloor.org/calendar

Annual General Meeting

The 177th Annual General (Vestry) Meeting of St. Paul's Bloor Street will be held on **Sunday, November 3 at 12:15 pm**. The voters list is available at St. Paul's Central or at the office during the week. Please check to ensure you are on the list. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the AGM.

If you would like to nominate someone, you can send your nomination to mail@stpaulsbloor.org. To submit a motion for consideration at the meeting, a written copy must be provided to the Trustees by noon on **Tuesday, October 15**. Motions can be dropped off at the office or emailed to mail@stpaulsbloor.org.

Meeting materials are now available at St. Paul's Central or through the office.

Who Is This Jesus? Sermon Series

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Who Is This Jesus?

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- master of nature
- forgiver of sin
- ruler of all

Sermon Series Starting October 6

If you Google “Who is this Jesus?” online, you will find 670,000,000 entries! There is a lot of opinion as to who Jesus really is. It’s time for us to take a few weeks and seek to understand in particular ways the identity of Jesus for us. For the month of October we will look at significant encounters with Jesus that point us to His core distinctiveness.

We will consider the ultimate authority of Jesus—even over the strongest forces of darkness. In a world where it sometimes feels like fear and evil are winning the day, how do we understand the subversive power of Jesus?

As we celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving and give thanks for the bounty of the harvest, we will see how Jesus is sovereign over nature.

Then we focus on Jesus as the one to forgive, something that all us long for.

Finally, we will be challenged to see the identity of Jesus immersed in both his humanity and divinity.

This promises to be an exciting study. We won’t be considering hundreds of millions of opinions. Rather, we will dive in together to experience four remarkable perspectives on the identity of Jesus.

Join us Sundays, from October 6 to 27 in this new sermon series, “Who Is This Jesus?”

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

BREAK OUT THE PUMPKIN SPICE
AND JUMP INTO SOME LEAVES

Meet your new digital discipleship resource. You now have **free** access to thousands of video **Bible studies** and **supplemental materials** for study individually and with groups of any size.

GET STARTED

- 1 Head to stpaulsbloor.org/rightnowmedia and click on the button "Sign Up for RightNow Media"
- 2 Create your profile. Then explore! ...Yeah, it's that easy.

Our church now has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV.

As a church staff, we're always looking for ways to help you develop and strengthen your faith. We believe that RightNow Media will be a tool to serve you as you live out your faith at home, at work and in your neighborhood. RightNow Media has videos for everyone—kids, youth, parents, married couples, college students, single adults, working professionals—all aimed at helping you grow.

To get started, head to **stpaulsbloor.org/rightnowmedia** and click on the button "Sign Up For RightNow Media." Create your profile, and then you're all set to explore more than 20,000 videos! We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing for you.

Connect Groups

Gathering weekly or bi-weekly, **Connect Groups** are usually 8-12 people in size, and offer a welcoming environment to learn and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to everyday life.

It's more than a Bible Study—it's a group of people who you can pray, laugh, worship, serve and explore your faith with. No Bible knowledge is necessary.



Make a big church feel more like home in **3 easy steps!**

1. Browse Groups

Visit stpaulsbloor.org/connect-groups and click on "View Connect Groups." You'll be taken to our NEW Connect groups directory, where you can browse groups according to location, meeting frequency, life-stage or day of the week. You can also fill out a Connection Card and indicate you'd like to join a group.

2. Request to Join a Group

When you find a Connect Group you want to try, request access by clicking on "Join this group." Enter your full name, email, and an optional short message. Your request will be sent directly to the Group Leader.

Have questions for the Group Leader? You can send the Group Leader a message by clicking on the "Contact" button.

3. Join the Group

Once the Group Leader approves your request, you will receive email updates and meeting reminders from Group Leaders. Show up at the next meeting, ready to connect! You're not committing to a Connect Group forever, and you're allowed to try a few groups before deciding which one is best for you.

Questions about connect groups? Contact Mark Regis at mregis@stpaulsbloor.org or **ext. 230**.

OCTOBER 23 | 6:00 - 8:30 PM

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

WEAR A COSTUME, WIN A PRIZE!



Calling all families with children and youth!

Join us on **Wednesday, October 23 at 6-8:30 pm** in the Great Hall for:

- Dinner and dessert (\$10 for adults, \$5 for kids)
- Wear a costume – win a prize!
- Games and fun activities for the whole family
- Connect with families and meet new friends

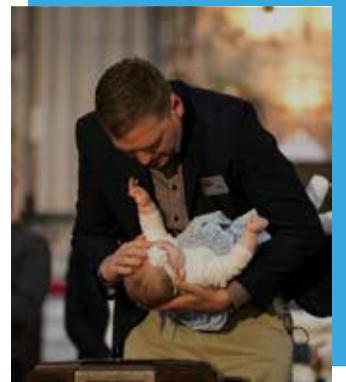
Help us plan by letting us know you're coming. RSVP at stpaulsbloor.org/family-night. If you have any questions contact Janet Earle at children@stpaulsbloor.org

Have you joined our Facebook group for parents? It's a group where you can connect with other families and stay updated with what's happening in Children and Youth Ministry at St. Paul's. Visit our Facebook page, click on the Groups tab, and join the Parents – St. Paul's Bloor Street Facebook group.

Take your next step through Baptisms or Membership

This milestone marks your journey of faith as you follow Jesus and actively engage in life at St. Paul's. We celebrate baptisms and new members publicly as a way for us to recognize each other and come together as a church family, ready to support each other on the spiritual journey. Our next Baptism & Membership Sunday is November 24.

Interested in taking this step of commitment through baptism or membership? Contact Robert Hurkmans at rhurkmans@stpaulsbloor.org or **ext. 252**.



Young Adults

Learn How to Budget, Save & Spend

The 3-week Money Course will be offered again starting **Thursday, October 10 at 7 pm**. This free course teaches budgeting skills along with a simple cash-based system. The course is free and designed for everyone whether unemployed, a student, working, or retired.

To register, please visit:
stpaulsbloor.org/money-course



Young Adults Dinner at Fushimi October 10 at 6:30 pm

Location: Fushimi at 491 Church St, M4Y 2C6
RSVP: by **October 8** to Ian Koiter at
ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org

Issues in Adulting: Career October 24 at 7 pm in the Youth Room

In our October gathering for Young Professionals, we are going to watch a video from RightNow Media which addresses career-related challenges facing many of us today: career burnout, feeling undervalued, or perhaps we're not on the right career path. The video offers ideas about how to navigate challenges like these, and how faith can inform a healthy work-life balance.

 Join our Facebook Group for Young Professionals to get connected and to learn more about upcoming activities!



Regent Park Community Dinner

Spend a Saturday afternoon making a difference by serving dessert at the Regent Park Community Dinner on Saturday, **October 26**. It's a family-friendly serving opportunity and an opportunity to connect as a larger church community.

To volunteer, please visit:
stpaulsbloor.org/community-dinner or
contact Robert Hurkmans at **ext. 252**.

Dates to Remember

Annual General Meeting – November 3
Organ Concert – November 3
Remembrance Sunday – November 10
Remembrance Day: Laying of the Wreaths – November 11 at 10:35 am at the Cross of Sacrifice
Baptism & Membership Sunday – November 24
Young Professionals Night – November 28
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Like a song we sang today? Check out our Classic & Contemporary playlists on Spotify! Follow us at "[stpaulsbloor](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulsbloor)."

5 ways to stay connected this month:



Website - Check the "Calendar" on our website for the latest events and to find out when programs and courses are starting.



Community News - To subscribe to our Community News email, fill out a Connection Card and check the email newsletter subscription box.



Social Media - Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for photos, videos, stories, daily encouragement, or join one of our Facebook groups.



What's Happening - Keep this monthly newsletter or view it online at: stpaulsbloor.org/whats-happening



St. Paul's Central - If you have questions about St. Paul's, speak to a volunteer at the kiosk in the Atrium on Sundays or call our office during the week.