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Remembrance Day Ceremony

Join us on **Saturday, November 11** at **10:55 a.m.** for the laying of the wreaths at the Cross of Sacrifice.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Sundays: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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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Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty God, we remember and give thanks today for all those who have died for our country in war, and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity. May we help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of those in need and for the peace and welfare of all nations. Amen.



Remembrance Sunday

by Mark Regis, Associate Priest



About twenty years ago I attended St. Paul's for our annual Sunday Service of Remembrance. I was struck by the memory of countless lives lost in both World Wars, and how that left an indelible and physical mark on the church. Stained glass, plaques, a chapel dedicated to those who fought and died, statues, and a monument are just part of the many ways our

community strained to process their grief, and to honour those who had suffered at great cost on our behalf. All of these features highlighted the occasion, but none more for me than an elderly gentleman who sat in the pew directly in front of mine. Stooped over with an aging back, he wore his military uniform for the day's observance. At the close of the service, when the bugle pierced the air with the haunting melody of *The Last Post* and *Reveille*, a remarkable change came over that elderly veteran. Seeming to shed decades of his life in a moment of time, he stood at attention with his back straight, arms at his side as he had no doubt done so many times before, solemnly honouring along with the many others worshipping that day. I imagined his mind reliving heart-wrenching memories, and I soberly and gratefully reflected that I simply couldn't relate to what he might have experienced those many years ago.

Today, sadly, too many can relate. Armed conflict, further threats of war and disaster tragically continue. This year, Canadian soldiers have contributed in areas of conflict and assisted in disaster relief both domestic and foreign. Across the world, conflict and staggering loss continue, with hundreds of thousands killed and over 65 million people displaced from their homes because of armed conflict and persecution. We are a world beset by brokenness and sin.

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War is not to be glorified, but it is appropriate to set aside time to reflect on its cost, and pray generously for those who continue to risk their lives for the benefit of the many.

As we pray as a community, we hold up as our enduring standard, the ultimate symbol of sacrifice who defeated the core power of evil and death - Jesus Christ and his Cross.

The victory of Jesus enables us to fully grieve the reality of suffering in this world, and simultaneously serve in the sure hope and freedom of his resurrection. And as we head into the season of Advent, where we prepare for Jesus's promise of a transformed heaven and earth, may we all pray earnestly for God's restoration, healing, and justice to flourish across the world and here at home.



Membership and Baptisms at St. Paul's

Are you interested in membership at St. Paul's? Would you like to get involved in our community? Our next baptism and membership service will be held on **Sunday, November 26** at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

For more information, contact any member of the Ministry Team or Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org.



Join us during the Christmas Season:



December 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant

December 17 at 11 a.m.

Classic Lessons and Carols

December 21 at 7 p.m.

Service of Light: A Service of Reflection and Hope

December 24 at 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve Communion

December 24 at 4 p.m.

Family Communion Service

December 24 at 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.

Classic Anglican Communion Service

December 25 at 11 a.m.

Classic Anglican Communion Service

Christmas Bake and Knitted Goods Sale

The annual Christmas Bake and Knitted Goods Sale will take place after each service on **Sunday, December 17** in Cody Hall. You can help by purchasing but also by donating items.

We are looking for all kinds of Christmas baking contributions. Proceeds from the baked goods will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

The Winchester Group will also be selling lovely knitted items with proceeds going to The Pikangikum First Nations fresh water initiative.





Support Ministry at St. Paul's With Your United Way Donation

Many workplaces are now underway with their annual fall United Way drive. While doing your part to support your employer's United Way fundraising drive, you can also support the ministry of St. Paul's.

- 1.** Name St. Paul's Church in the gift designation "to another charity" area on the bottom of your United Way donation form (supplied by your employer) and give our address: 227 Bloor Street East, Toronto, ON M4W 1C8. We are listed as "Saint Pauls Church" in the United Way database.
- 2.** Provide the St. Paul's Charitable Business No. 119194942 RR0001 (There is more than one St. Paul's Church, so this number ensures it reaches us.)
- 3.** Fill out the amount you wish to give.
- 4.** Let us know, so we can be sure to recognize and acknowledge your support.

Thank you for supporting St. Paul's ministry.

Join us at our Newcomers Welcome Lunch

Sunday, November 26 at 12:15 p.m. in Cody Hall

RSVP to Sandra Seaborn at ext. 226 or
sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org

This week we are praying for...

World and National Issues

- Divided nations and peoples, may God give them wisdom to repair the brokenness in their communities.
- Wisdom to be granted to all leaders, and especially our governments as they decide how to respond to the crises faced every day.
- All those who have fled their homes in search of food and better conditions.

The Global Church

- To be a church that is thankful to God and for His faithfulness to us regardless of our circumstances.
- All followers of Jesus Christ to grow in faith and walk humbly, with you, our Lord and God.
- Everyone gathered today to worship in the Armed Forces and The Bishop Ordinary of the Canadian Forces, Bishop Nigel Shaw.

In Our Own Church

We pray for the following members of our St. Paul's community: Marilyn, Alicia, Carl, Winfield, Waple, David, Connie, Mandisa, Andrew, Zahara, Nile. We pray for your love, grace and mercy to sustain them.

St. Paul's Organ Recitals

Join us for our 2017-2018 series of organ recitals. These free one-hour concerts provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God.

Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m.

*Choir of St. Paul's Bloor Street
with Gerald Loo on Organ*

Sunday, December 10 at 3 p.m.

Michael Bloss

Sunday, January 14 at 3 p.m.

Stephen Frketic

Pick up a card at St. Paul's Central for more dates. For more information contact Thomas Bell, Music Director, at ext. 233 or music@stpaulsbloor.org

The Flowers Today

The flowers in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

At the High Table and the Chapel of the Good Shepherd:

The men and women who made the supreme sacrifice in the wars.

In the Chapel of St. George:

Loved ones lost in the wars, given on behalf of the Silver Cross Women of Canada.

At the Font: Lieutenant-Commander T. Leonard Orford RN and Lieutenant Elizabeth Orford, given by Clive and Neil Orford and their families.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, November 5 - Remembrance Sunday

Laying of the Wreaths - 10:45 a.m. | *Cross of Sacrifice*
Stepping Into Faith - 10:45 a.m. | *Room 106*
Pilgrim: The Creeds - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Monday, November 6

GriefShare - 5:30 p.m. | *Library*
ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, November 7

Winchester Group - 10:00 a.m. | *Library*
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*
Divorce Care - 7 p.m. | *Library*

Wednesday, November 8

Little Sunbeams Parents & Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*
Noon-time Alpha - 12:00 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Alpha Prayer Time - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*
Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, November 9

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. | *Music Room*
Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

Friday, November 10

Music for Health - 10 a.m. | *Gym*

Saturday, November 11 - Remembrance Day

Laying of the Wreaths - 10:45 a.m. | *Cross of Sacrifice*

Sunday, November 12

Stepping Into Faith - 10:45 a.m. | *Room 106*
Pilgrim: The Creeds - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*
Organ Recital - 3 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Every Sunday

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*
9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Sanctuary*
11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Nursery

beginning at 9:15 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Children's Ministry

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Youth Group

9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *Youth Room*

Prayer Groups

10:20 a.m. | *Room 7*
10:50 a.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Community Lunch

12:15 p.m. | *Great Hall*
\$8 per person

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

James 5:13-18

Topic: Prayer



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of the week.

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