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Office Hours

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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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Evening of Worship Through Music

Join us today, **Sunday, March 12 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** in the Great Hall for an evening devoted to worship through contemporary music. Come and lift your voice in a community seeking to "be filled with the Spirit, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:18-19). There will be fellowship and coffee, prayer, and, yes, lots of singing led by Joel Windle, Matthew Scott, Ian Koiter and others from our St. Paul's community.

For more information, talk to Ian Koiter, Youth and Young Adult Pastor, after the service today or contact him at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org.

St. Paul's Organ Recital

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

March 26 at 3 p.m. - Tom Bell

April 23 at 3 p.m. - Tom Fitches

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Tom Bell, Music Director, at music@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 233.

Our Discipleship Journey: Worship



All people are created with the capacity and desire to worship and we all participate in worship whether we are religious or not. Whatever or whoever we devote our lives to and praise, we worship. Some devote themselves to God, some to science, some to a significant other, or family, or a favourite sports team, the list goes on. If our worship replaces our devotion to God with something God has made, that worship becomes something else, which the Bible describes as idolatry.

As Christians, we worship God alone because he alone is worthy of real worship. When we come together on Sundays, we worship the Lord with "gladness and joyful songs" (says the Psalms) because God is completely good and the source of everything that truly satisfies us. Worship isn't a task as much as a response to God's love, power, and generosity. When we get to know God's character, we cannot keep silent. First Chronicles describes the whole of creation getting involved:

Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!" Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever!
(1 Chr 16:31-34)

Today, in our busy lives, we worship God for the same reason people across the world have worshipped for countless years: because He is our Creator, He is good, and in Jesus, God has upended the power of evil and death in our lives. We are crafted by God to have a personal relationship with Him and a desire to declare His love, mercy and awesome

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deeds to those around us. With the Holy Spirit's help and guidance through God's Word we learn what it means to worship through singing and praying, but it doesn't stop there. In all of our lives, all our jobs and play and relationships, we learn to offer the whole of our lives as a spiritual act of worship.

Join us throughout Lent as we reflect on and intentionally implement the five elements of our St. Paul's Discipleship Covenant. Each week, we will gather to worship and focus on the key elements of following Jesus in our lives. The sermons are also available at stpaulsbloor.org/sermons.

March 5—Active Involvement: engaging faith at St. Paul's.

Action response: Sign up to serve in a new ministry area. Complete a Connection Card and check: "I am interested in serving in a ministry."

March 12—Worship: more than Sundays.

Action response: Commit to attending worship services throughout Lent and Easter.

March 19—Financial Contribution: blessed to be a blessing.

Action response: For the next season seek to give 10% of your income to bless others.

March 26—Prayer and Study: learning together for life change.

Action response: Spend time in prayer, Bible reading and daily study throughout Lent and Easter.

April 2—Evangelism: living the faith.

Action response: Pray for friends, coworkers and family that you might invite to one of the Easter services.

Pick up an "Our Discipleship Journey" card at St. Paul's Central.



Clothing Drive for Adults

From now until April 16 we are collecting donations of clothing for adults. These will be given to Cornerstone Ministries, which works with many people trying to get back on their feet after going through difficult situations or circumstances.

We are collecting new or used suits, dresses, belts, shirts, blouses, jackets, pants, shoes and new socks. Place your clothing donations in the box in the Atrium.

For more information contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or

INVITE A FRIEND TO CELEBRATE EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S WITH YOU!



APRIL 9 - PALM SUNDAY

Communion services at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.



APRIL 13 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion service at 7 p.m.



APRIL 14 - GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion Reading service at 11 a.m.

Journey to the Cross for children and youth at 11 a.m.



APRIL 16 - Easter Sunday Celebrations

Communion Services at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt for children after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services

Pick up an invitation to our services at St. Paul's Central.

Short-Term Service in Children's Ministry

Looking for an opportunity to serve in our church community? Consider taking on a short-term service project in Children's Ministry. Help us get ready for our special Easter programs.



Thursday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – prepare for our Good Friday 'Journey to the Cross' program

Friday, April 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – clean up from 'Journey to Cross' program

Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – prepare for Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Easter Celebration help

To find out more, contact Janet Earle at children@stpaulsbloor.org ext. 241.

Listen Again Online

All Sunday sermons are posted online at the beginning of the week.

Visit stpaulsbloor.org/sermons.

Join us at our
**Newcomers
Welcome Lunch**

Sunday, April 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Dalton Room

If you are new or still finding your place in the parish, please come to the Newcomers Luncheon! At this relaxed and informal event, you will be able to share a meal, find out more about the church, ask questions and get to know others in the community.

For more information contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest,
at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 226.

Praying Through Holy Week



You are invited to pray with us on **April 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m.** During this time, we will reflect on and pray for all of the events and services of Holy Week and Easter at St. Paul's.

For more information contact Steve Shaw, Associate Priest, at sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 232.

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Prayer List

March 12 - This week we're praying for...

World and National Issues

All victims of circumstances beyond their control, so that all may live in peace, with respect

Everyone to be filled with hope, meaning and purpose.

Those in leadership, regardless of their position, to be faithful in service and exercise wisdom and justice in their role.

The Worldwide Church

For all followers of Jesus Christ, particularly remembering those who are persecuted, jailed, or subjected to violence simply because of their faith.

Our Bishops and leaders, today especially praying for The Primate, head of the Anglican Church in Canada, The Most Rev. Fred J. Hiltz.

In Our Own Church

Those serving and served in this church by the offering counters.

We remember the following members of our community Wunmi, Niyi, Sarah, Tobi, Christiana, Thomas, Madhu, Elitra, Shankar, Troy, Lana, Maxim.

Those in our community dealing with challenging situations and those who are suffering, troubled or isolated.

Our Lenten Season

As we prepare for the events leading to Jesus Christ's Resurrection, may we commit ourselves to our discipleship journey together.

The Flowers Today

The flowers at the High Table are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Albert and Keenan Cribb given by Florrie Cribb.

The flowers in the Chapels are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Hendrik Veltkamp given by John Veltkamp.

Easter Memorial Flowers

Remembering a loved one with an Easter memorial flower is a wonderful way to share in decorating the church for Easter. Complete the memorial flower envelope in the pew or at St. Paul's Central, and place it on the offering plate or in the office mailbox. Memorials begin at \$20 per entry. Envelopes are due **Sunday, April 9.**

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, March 12 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Pilgrim: The Beatitudes - 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. |
Room 106
Evening of Worship Through Music - 5 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Monday, March 13 to Thursday, March 16

Toronto City Mission March Break Camp - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, March 13

GriefShare - 5:30 p.m. | *Library*
Prayer Time - 7 p.m. | *Room 7*

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

Wednesdays With God - 12:15 p.m. | *Dalton Room*
Alpha Prayer Time - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*
The Marriage Course - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*
Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, March 16

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*
Young Adult Gathering - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Sunday, March 19 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Pilgrim: The Beatitudes - 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. |
Room 106

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*

Community Lunch



Grilled Chicken and Cheese
Sandwich with Soup - \$8

Community Email

The Community News delivers news and updates to members of the St. Paul's community. Would you like to subscribe? Fill out a Connection Card and check the email newsletter subscription box.



Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Acts 4:32-37

Topic: Our Discipleship
Journey - Financial
Contribution