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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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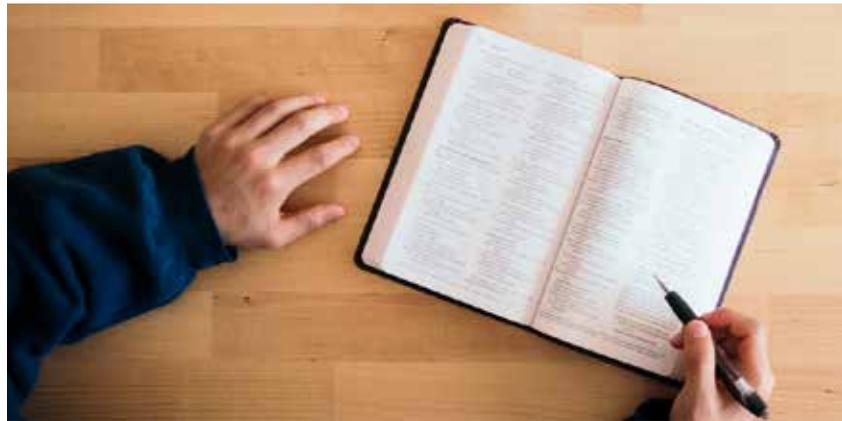
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Reading the Bible: Who wrote my Bible?



At the upcoming Reading the Bible seminar, we will touch on questions like:

- "Who decided which books would be in and out of the Bible?"
- "What original texts are my Bible based on?"
- "What are some key differences between versions of the Bible?"
- "Why did St. Paul's recently switch from using the New Living Translation to the New International Version?"
- "How does all of this affect my reading of the Bible?"

All are welcome to come and learn more on **Sunday, January 27** at **10:45 a.m.** or **12:30 p.m.** in Cody Hall.

Learn How to Budget, Save and Spend



Take control of your finances in 2019 with the Money Course – The 3-week Money Course will be offered starting **February 5**. This free course is designed for everyone and teaches budgeting skills along with a simple cash-based system. For more information and to register, please visit: stpaulsbloor.org/money-course.

Try Alpha with a Friend this Wednesday

explore

life

faith

meaning



Alpha

Try Alpha with a friend this **Wednesday, January 16**. No need to RSVP, just show up for our Alpha Launch - **Lunch (12 p.m.) or Wine & Appetizers (6:30 p.m.)**

Here's what some recent participants had to say about their Alpha experience:

"Alpha at St. Paul's provides a gentle and supportive environment which allowed me to re-examine my spiritual roots openly and without judgment or pressure. I wasn't sure where it was all going to lead — I just knew I had questions and that Alpha was known for exploring these questions regardless of belief or lack thereof. The small group format was a big plus for me providing a relaxed and comfortable way of meeting new people — sharing our stories over a delicious meal every week followed by a video and lively discussion." — Alan

"The videos provided clear, thought-provoking explanations of Christianity, often relating these to everyday life. The discussions afterwards gave everyone the opportunity to share thoughts, ask questions, and tell their stories, all in a non-judgmental environment. Alpha is a good way for both Christians and seekers alike to find out more, deepen their faith, and make new friends. Lunch was delicious, too!" — Amanda

New Beginnings for Sandra



At the end of January, our Director of Worship, Sandra Seaborn, will be leaving us to take up a new role as Director of Community and Support Services at Yonge Street Mission. This is an exciting opportunity for Gospel ministry and addresses Sandra's passion and background both as a Social Worker and an ordained Anglican Minister. In our ongoing partnership with Yonge Street Mission, we are sure we will continue to work with Sandra in the coming season of ministry. Her last Sunday will be January 20. Please pray for Sandra and her family as they begin this new chapter together.

Thank You for Supporting Advent Ask and the Bake & Knitted Goods Sale



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Advent Ask through the 2018 Reverse Advent Calendar. We've received OVER 200 bags - enough to fill a room! These much-needed necessities will go directly to Yonge Street Mission, Youth Unlimited Toronto, Toronto City Mission and Sanctuary Toronto. Through your prayers, acts of kindness, and donations, you've shown Toronto what it means to replace consumption with compassion.

We'd also like to thank everyone who contributed or purchased items at the Christmas Bake and Knitted Goods Sale on December 16. The Bake Sale raised \$1,185.25 for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. A total of \$612.60 was collected from the Knitted Goods Sale, and these proceeds are going to the Pikangikum First Nation. The remaining knitted goods not sold, including sweaters for babies and several hats and mitts, will be taken to Moorelands Kids. A special thank you to our Winchester Group and Chancel Guild for organizing and hosting this year's sale.

Starting this Week at St. Paul's (January 13-18)

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Organ Concert: Sebastian Moreno 3 p.m. <i>Sanctuary</i>	ESL Cafe 7 p.m. <i>Sanctuary</i>	DivorceCare 7 p.m. <i>Library</i>	Alpha (Lunch) 12 p.m. <i>St. Paul's Chapel</i>	Music for Health 10 a.m. <i>Gym</i>
	Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. <i>St. Paul's Chapel</i>		GriefShare 3 p.m. <i>Library</i>	
			Alpha (Wine & Appetizers) 7 p.m. <i>Great Hall</i>	

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