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

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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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Advent Ask



This Christmas season we are challenging everyone to participate in our Advent Ask in one of three ways – or all three.



1) Gifts: The Reverse Advent Calendar gives back. Join us as we partner with local outreach ministries and provide much needed necessities, as well as prayers and acts of kindness, each day during Advent. Calendars can be picked up at St. Paul's Central or downloaded at stpaulsbloor.org/adventask



2) Money: There are millions of disadvantaged Afghan refugees in Iran, especially mothers and young women. Donate to Operation Mercy's Women's Empowerment Project to provide education and training to enable these women to have a better, more positive and stable future. Our goal is to raise \$27,500. Donate online at stpaulsbloor.org/adventask



3) Time: Volunteer your time at the Christmas Day Lunch to serve a hot meal to those who would otherwise be on their own. Sign up at stpaulsbloor.org/christmaslunch

Read more or donate online at
stpaulsbloor.org/adventask.

Join us at our Newcomers Welcome Lunch



Some think of church as a beautiful building to visit and appreciate. While we are blessed with a majestic space, here at St. Paul's we think of church as people. Without people gathered, there would be no worship, and our space would be a museum or relic. As it is, there is a constant flow of people moving between spaces on Sundays as multi-generations gather to pray, eat, drink, laugh, and learn. Together we are a community of people gathered to figure out what it means to follow Jesus in this city, at this time.

If you are new to St. Paul's, or have visited just on Sundays, it can be hard to know how to fit in. Who do you talk to if you are interested in joining a small group? Where do you go if you want personal prayer after the service? What is the process if you want to serve? What about if you have questions about faith or Jesus, who do you talk to?

The best way to make connections in a big church, is to discover the many smaller communities that make up St. Paul's. You'll find you share common interests. You can then choose to participate in an activity with that 'church within the church.' Try it and see. Come and learn. Serve and grow.

If you are wondering how to get more connected, you are invited to the Newcomers Luncheon next week on **November 26 at 12:15 pm in Cody Hall.**

The Newcomers Lunch is a great way to hear about what is going on and the practical steps you can take to join in at St. Paul's. **Please RSVP to Sandra Seaborn at ext 226 or sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org.** Hope to see you there!

Celebrate Christmas

Bring a friend with you to St. Paul's this Christmas!



December 10

4:30 p.m. | Children's Christmas Pageant

December 17

9:30 a.m. | Contemporary Service of Lessons & Carols

11 a.m. | Classic Lessons and Carols

December 21

7 p.m. | Service of Light - A Reflective Encounter of Christmas

December 24

11 a.m. | Christmas Eve Communion

4 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service for Families and Children

7 p.m. & 10 p.m. | Christmas Music

7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. | Classic Communion Service

December 25

11 a.m. | Classic Communion Service

Invitations are available at St. Paul's Central.

Volunteer at the Toronto Star Christmas Carol Concert



The annual Toronto Star Christmas Concert will be held at St. Paul's on **Saturday, December 2.**

We are looking for volunteers for the **3 p.m. concert.** If you are able to help, sign up at St. Paul's Central or contact the office at 416-961-8116 or mail@stpaulsbloor.org.

at St. Paul's



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.

Christmas specialties are truly appreciated, though all baked goods are gratefully accepted, as well as preserves, breads, muffins and other homemade goodies. Please avoid bringing anything that requires refrigeration.

If possible, please wrap and label all goods so they are ready for sale. For instance, labels saying "A dozen chocolate-chip cookies" or "Carrot cake (contains nuts)" means volunteers don't have to guess.

Drop off times and locations

Friday, Dec. 15: the main office between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 16: Cody Hall between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17: Cody Hall before any of the services.

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.

Baptism and Membership Sunday is Next Week

Next **Sunday, November 26** we will celebrate Baptism and Membership Sunday at St. Paul's. This important milestone is significant in the lives of the individual candidates and our entire community. Join us in praying for these people and their families as they embark on this important step in their faith journeys.



Young Adults Movie Night

With Free Popcorn!



November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

All young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to join us for a screening of Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

It is a classic, though challenging, film based on Nikos Kazantzakis' 1955 novel of the same name. There will be a discussion afterwards at The Bishop & The Belcher.

For more information, contact Ian Koiter at ext 295 or ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org.

This week we are praying for...

World and National Issues

- Order and peace to be brought to all nations and be united for a lasting peace.
- Leaders to set aside selfish ambition and seek to govern for the welfare of all people with grace and mercy.

The Global Church

- All of us to be united together in and through the Trinity, as a church, in love.
- The preaching of God's Word would be biblically centred and Holy Spirit inspired.
- Everyone gathered today to worship in the Anglican Diocese of Yukon.

In Our Own Church

We pray for the following members of our St. Paul's community: Stephen, Yin, Wendy, Goldburn, Jean, Gideon, Ken, Austin, Clare, Mark and Fiona. We pray for your love, grace and mercy to sustain them.

Next week's candidates for Baptism and Membership: Alana, James, Beng, Eirene, Anne, Sylvester, Elsie, Jensen, Bill, Anna Sophia, Lachlan, Carolina, Elizabethelle, Lucia, and Cianan.

The Flowers Today

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

At the High Table:

Frances & Monica Cribb and John Blanchette, given by Florrie Cribb.

In the Chapels:

Ava & Sam Aziz and Bill & Peggy Duncan, given by Joe and Sue Aziz.



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Listen Again Online

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

Visit

stpaulsbloor.org/sermons

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, November 19

Pilgrim: The Creeds - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Monday, November 20

GriefShare - 5:30 p.m. | *Library*

ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Tuesday, November 21

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 22

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 23

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

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

Friday, November 24

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

Sunday, November 26 - Baptism & Membership Sunday

Pilgrim: The Creeds - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Newcomers Lunch - 12:15 p.m. | *Cody Hall*

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Matthew 28:16-20

Topic: The Great Commission

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



This week in our Community News Email

- An update on our sponsored family
- Upcoming events you don't want to miss!
- Remembrance Services
2017 photo album

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