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#### Office Hours

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

#### Sanctuary Hours

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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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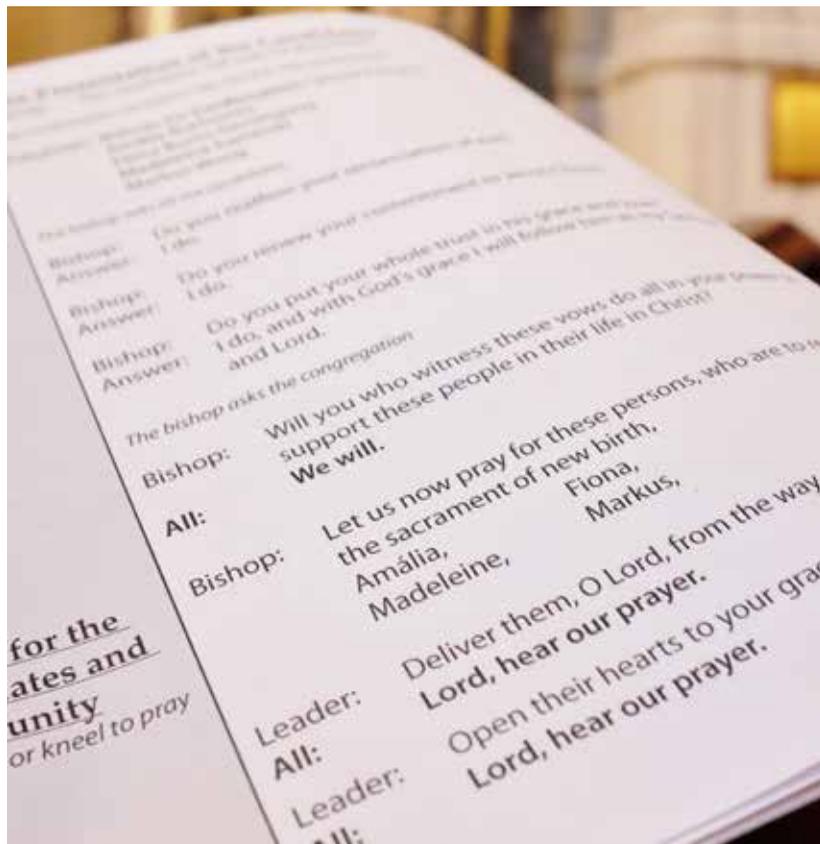
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**Next Sunday at 11 a.m.**, join us as 11 people will be taking a wonderful step of faith in our community.

Ten people will be confirmed. Confirmation is a public service of worship where a person reaffirms their baptismal vows. For those baptised as infants, this is a chance to take ownership of the promises made on their behalf. One person will be publicly declaring their faith and be received into the Anglican Communion.

Bishop Kevin Robertson will join us for both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

Please pray for all the participants of next week's special service as they prepare for this celebration.

# Diocese Wide Day of Prayer & Fasting for the Election of the next Bishop of Toronto

The Diocese of Toronto is the largest diocese in North America, home to 230 congregations with 54,000 Anglicans, also offering significant leadership both nationally and in the wider Global Church. The Bishop of Toronto is a central leader in mission to our neighbours, safeguarding the faith, unity and reconciliation, justice and outreach, and complex administration amongst others.

On June 9, the Diocese of Toronto, of which we at St. Paul's are part, will elect the 12th Bishop of Toronto.

In preparation for this important moment of discernment, on June 1 our Diocese will engage in a Day of Prayer & Fasting, uniting together in shared sacrificial listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit and praying for the six candidates.

We encourage everyone in the St. Paul's community to take part in this vital spiritual exercise. Whether at home, work, or gathering together at St. Paul's on June 1 anytime from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. it is important for us to be a part of this moment.

## Why Prayer & Fasting?

There is great blessing and power in unified prayer. Throughout the centuries, God's people have gathered in times of discernment and need, seeking God's will to be known and accomplished. These prayers have often been given focus and clarity through the spiritual discipline of fasting, a voluntary and temporary abstinence (primarily) of food.

Fasting helps in deepening our attentiveness to God and God's will. It turns us from the desires of our body and towards the life-giving desire of serving and knowing Jesus Christ. In prayerful fasting, we are brought closer to the humble reality of our dependence upon God for all things, drawing from him as the Bread of Life. It often gives a sense of spiritual clarity which further helps hone our prayers and discernment.

*"He guides the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way." (Psalm 25:9)*

Jesus engaged in prayer and fasting as did his disciples. The earliest Christians modelled and taught prayer and fasting as a way to be more like Christ.

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On June 1, you might choose to withhold one or two meals, or if you are familiar with the practice, to avoid food throughout the day. It is important to always ensure proper hydration with water. This discipline can also include withholding any contemporary behaviour or practice that represents a significant aspect of one's daily 'diet of life', such as an intake of internet/TV/social media. This is especially relevant for those whom restricting food is not medically advisable.

Jesus loves his Church and deeply desires for it to grow and flourish. Join with us as we participate in this key moment of spiritual discernment.

For information on the candidates for and prayer resources: visit [toronto.anglican.ca/about-the-diocese/corporate-information/synod/2018-electoral-synod/diocese-wide-day-of-prayer-fasting/](https://toronto.anglican.ca/about-the-diocese/corporate-information/synod/2018-electoral-synod/diocese-wide-day-of-prayer-fasting/)

## View the photos from last Sunday's photo booth



Thank you to all who stopped by our photo booth after each of the services on May 13!

You can view some of the photos on our Facebook page - be sure to tag yourself and share your photos with your Facebook friends and family. Visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/stpaulsbloor](https://facebook.com/stpaulsbloor).

You can view all the photos and download the high-resolution versions from our Flickr account at [flickr.com/stpaulsbloor](https://flickr.com/stpaulsbloor).



## The Struggle is Real: Being a Millennial in the Workplace

Hosted by St. Paul's Young Professionals

May 31 | 7 - 9 pm | Youth Room

Let's talk about challenges, stereotypes, and advice for being a millennial in the workplace on **May 31 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in the Youth Room. We will watch and discuss Simon Sinek's interview on Millennials in the Workplace.

St. Paul's Young Professionals group is a great way to meet other young adults in our church community and to share ideas and struggles.



### Looking for a creative volunteer opportunity?

If you have a creative eye, some experience with a camera, and a heart for serving - we invite you to serve on the Photography Team!

We need reliable, creative and passionate individuals to serve on the Photography Team! Our mission is to use the creative outlet of photography to show St. Paul's Bloor Street as we seek to be a transformative community for the city.

To learn more and to apply, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/photography-team](http://stpaulsbloor.org/photography-team)

## Do you know someone from St. Paul's who served in World War I?

As the world counts down the days to November 11, 2018, the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the archivists here at St. Paul's are commemorating the 500 members of this congregation who served during that war. Their names are etched into the First World War Memorial on the east wall at the back of the church. We are confident many of their families still attend St. Paul's.

We want to hear from their relatives or friends—do you have photos, letters written during the war, a memento carefully preserved from the trenches, family stories passed down through the generations?

The connection doesn't have to be direct: Did you sit next to someone in the church who related stories about their uncle who served? Or a story told to you at one of the many remembrance commemorations here? Don't worry if you're not sure whether that soldier was a member of St. Paul's. So many wartime documents have been scanned and put online that we can check to be sure.

We plan to share these stories with you in the fall. Please send any information and queries to [mail@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:mail@stpaulsbloor.org).



### Join our 9:30 a.m. music team!



We're looking for additional musicians who would like to get involved with our 9:30 a.m. music team. In particular, it would be great to connect with any percussionists, bassists, female vocalists, or other instrumentalists (sitar, harmonica, or dulcimer would be great!). Interested? Contact Brett Potter at [bpotter@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:bpotter@stpaulsbloor.org).

## This week we are praying for...

### World and National Issues

- For God's church to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ – especially remembering today those in the Anglican Church of Canada.
- For improved food security and access to clean water, that people may taste and see God is good.

### In the Community

- Grant your wisdom to all leaders, and especially those in government as they decide how to respond to the crises faced every day.
- For Sanctuary Ministries to continue to be a community that reflects Jesus' transformative love and compassion.

### In Our Church

- Thank you Lord, for those who serve publicly during Sunday morning services-readers, prayer leaders, musicians and communion administrators – help them to draw us into wholehearted praise and worship of God.
- We pray for the following members of our community: Michael, Patricia, Stephen, John, Bob, Cathy, Lee, George, Paula; asking God to give us all a desire to praise Him in worship and pursue Christ's holiness by the power of His Spirit.

### **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 Chapels:

Edwin & Gertrude Adye, Edith Adye, Ralph Adye, Rev. Canon Edwin & Doris Adye, Vivian Harry, Eva Adye-White, John Sire and Elizabeth Adye-Petit  
given by Adye Trust.

Elsie Forde, Lady Husbands, Enid Greaves given by Courtenay Parris.

## What's Happening This Week

### Sunday, May 20

Pilgrim: Church & Kingdom - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

### Monday, May 21 - Victoria Day

Facility Closed

### Tuesday, May 22

Winchester Group - 10 a.m. | *Library*

Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*

Money Course - 7 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

### Wednesday, May 23

Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*

Wednesdays With God - 12 p.m. | *Room 206*

Youth Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*

### Thursday, May 24

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

### Friday, May 25

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

GriefShare - 1:30 p.m. | *Library*

### Sunday, May 27

Pilgrim: Church & Kingdom - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Chancel Guild Executive Meeting -

12:30 p.m. | *Leadership Lounge*

## Every Sunday

### Worship Services

8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*

9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Sanctuary*

11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

### Prayer Ministry

10:20 a.m. & 12 p.m.

*St. Paul's Chapel*

### 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

John 14:1-6

Topic: Image of God :  
The WAY

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