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Office Hours

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

Sanctuary Hours

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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Be a messenger of God's hope this Christmas

It's a known fact that the Christmas season is the time of year when people are most open to thinking about God. Even those who have never been to church, find themselves thinking about the Christmas story and wondering about God's love.

The only thing missing is a personal invitation. Inviting people to church requires some courage, but at Christmas people actually *expect* to be invited to church.

Know someone who could use some hope?

It's not too late to bring them to a Christmas Service!

Christmas Eve Services | December 24

12 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

4 p.m. - Families & Children Service

It's a one-hour family worship service, with treats and Christmas activity bags available following the service.

7 & 10 p.m. - Christmas Music

7:30 & 10:30 p.m. - Classic Christmas Service

Christmas Day Service | December 25 at 11 a.m.

Advent Ask

FROM OUR TABLE TO TANZANIA

St. Paul's, Bloor Street's Advent Ask and support food security in Tanzania through PWRDF

\$200 buys a family a cow!

\$50 equips a farmer with food! \$30 buys a family a 25kg bag of seed!

\$30 buys a family a goat!

This Christmas season we are challenging everyone to participate in our Advent Ask in one of two ways – give locally or give globally. There's still time to make a difference!

Give Globally: We are partnering with PWRDF to support sustainable farming, food security and nutrition programs with the Anglican Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania. Our goal is to raise \$30,000.



Your gift of \$30 provides a pair of piglets to a farmer



Your gift of \$40 supplies a farmer with 40 young chickens



Your gift of \$50 provides a flock of five sheep



Your gift of \$200 provides a family with one cow

Learn more and donate online stpaulsbloor.org/adventask

Alpha is coming to town

stpaulsbloor.org/alpha

Alpha

Often people are looking for a place to ask questions, share their doubts and unpack the big issues around Christianity - *they just need an invitation*. Give someone the gift of Alpha - invite them to try Alpha at St. Paul's.

Each Alpha session includes a delicious meal, a short video and a discussion where you can share your thoughts in an open, friendly and honest environment. Alpha is free, and there's no pressure or follow-up. Bring a friend and try Alpha on **January 16 at either 12 p.m. (lunch provided) or 6:30 p.m. (Wine & Appetizers provided and childcare is available)**. RSVP online at stpaulsbloor.org/alpha

Important Reminders

Children's Ministry and Nursery Returns in the New Year

There will be no Nursery or Children's Ministry on December 30. Regular Nursery and Children's Ministry will resume on **January 6**. Wednesday Night Youth Group and Youth Music are also finished for the year and will resume on **January 9**.

2019 Offering Envelopes

2019 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up today near the Great Hall. Be sure to check for your envelope alphabetically, as some numbers may have changed. To request envelopes, contact Grace Peter, Accountant at ext. 242 or gpeter@stpaulsbloor.org.

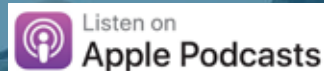
No Community Lunch or 12:10 p.m. Tuesday Communion Next Week

There will be no Community Lunch offered next Sunday, December 30, and no Tuesday Communion offered on January 1. Community Lunch returns on **January 6** and Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Communion resumes **January 8**.

Office Closed

The office will be closed from December 25 to January 1, 2019. The office will reopen on January 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Missed a message or want to re-listen?



stpaulsbloor.org/sermons

Your generosity makes a difference!



In Person



Online



Pre-Authorized Giving



Through our App

For more information visit stpaulsbloor.org/give