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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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Join us at our Newcomers Welcome Lunch

Today at 12:15 p.m. in the Dalton Room
(Located on the second floor)

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.



Young Adults Room Change

Our Young Adults Group is now meeting downstairs in the Youth Room. If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 and would like to meet other young adults over coffee and conversation, we welcome you to join us.

Weekly on **Thursday evenings at 7 p.m.** we meet to get to know each other better, to learn about the Bible and discuss challenges of faith and daily life, and we often end the night with a visit to the pub. We also have games nights, movie nights and go out to concerts together.

Contact Ian Koiter, Youth and Young Adult Pastor, at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 295.

Our Discipleship Journey: Evangelism



By Barry Parker, Rector

We are coming to the end of our five-part sermon series focussing on our discipleship journey. We have used the five principles of the St. Paul's Bloor Street Discipleship Covenant—Active Involvement, Worship, Financial Contribution, Prayer & Study and this week—Evangelism.

The English word “evangelism” comes from a Greek word which means gospel or literally—good news. Evangelism is the spreading of the Christian good news through personal witness and service or by the telling to others that we do through our worship, preaching and faith stories.

We live in a world that desperately needs some good news. Whether it be politics, economics, famines or violence—we can be easily overwhelmed with ‘bad news’. In the midst of all of this, the human heart still seeks hope, meaning and purpose. That is exactly why we need the good news of the love of Jesus that can engage ALL of the needs of our world.

How do we share that good news? Through evangelism, the sharing of the good news in proclamation, worship, service and invitation. All that we undertake as ministry here at St. Paul's Bloor points to sharing that good news—our preaching, the Alpha experience, service opportunities—the list goes on.

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So friends, lets take this week to focus on telling good news, living good news, seeing good news.

One simple and effective way is to extend an invitation to someone you know. Take one of the invitation cards that has a list of all of our Holy Week services and give it to a friend, neighbour, family member or work colleague, or forward the e-vite being sent out on Sunday afternoon to someone you know. This is one easy and personal way to share the good news that will be proclaimed in our Easter services.

God is still in the dead raising business. Let's embrace that fact!

Throughout Lent we have been reflecting on the five elements of the our St. Paul's Discipleship Covenant. Let's continue to focus on these key elements of following Jesus and consider how to implement them in our lives.

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. For a free Bible on your phone, tablet or computer, YouVersion is a simple, ad-free Bible that brings God's word into your daily life. Simply go to youversion.com

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.

Listen Again Online

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

Visit stpaulsbloor.org/sermons

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 additional invitation cards 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, Children's Minister, at children@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 241.





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 sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org



The Money Course

The Money Course is a great place to start learning the skills required to manage your money. It teaches budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system.

The course is free and designed for everyone - whether unemployed, a student, working, self-employed or retired.

Starts **Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.**

To find out more or to register online, visit stpaulsbloor.org/money-course or contact Joyce Badley, Executive Pastor, at ext. 229 or jbadley@stpaulsbloor.org

Praying Through Holy Week



You are invited to join us for a Saturday morning Prayer Focus on **April 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m.** in St. Paul's Chapel.

Over coffee and muffins we will learn about meditation and centred prayer and then 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 ext. 232 or sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org



Palm Cross Day

Join us for fun and fellowship as we learn to make palm crosses. We will be making palm crosses in Cody Hall on **Friday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** They will be distributed at St. Paul's on Palm Sunday.

Prayer List

April 2 - This week we're praying for

World and National Issues

An end to the many wars and conflicts in the world, so we may all be peace-makers, peace-keepers and peace-builders.

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

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

The Worldwide Church

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, that they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve in truth, love and humility.

Everyone gathered today to worship in the Anglican Diocese (district) of Algoma in northern Ontario.

In Our Own Church

Those serving in this church as Communion Administrants.

We remember the following members of our community: Jane, Mary, Jay, Nina, Gillian, Rick, Rowen, Grace, Anne, Michelle.

Those in our community dealing with challenging situations, suffering, troubles 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 H.P. (Pat) and Lillian Courtney given by Moira Hudgin.

The flowers in the Chapels are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank & Mildred Tidy and Karol & Wilton Tidy given by Shelley Tidy.

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, April 2 - 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Newcomers Lunch - 12:15 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

Monday, April 3

ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, April 4

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

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

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

DivorceCare - 7 p.m. | *Library*

Wednesday, April 5

Wednesdays With God - 12:15 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, April 6

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:20 a.m. | *Music Room*

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

Young Adult Gathering - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Friday, April 7

Palm Cross Day - 10 a.m. | *Cody Hall*

Saturday, April 8

Prayer Focus - 8:45 a.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

There will be no youth group **today, Sunday, April 2.**
The youth are away at Pioneer Camp.



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



Roast Chicken with
Tortellini - \$8

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Philippians 2:5-11

Topic: Palm Sunday