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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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### Dealing With Depression

May 8 and 15 at 7 p.m.

This confidential group is designed to offer support and fellowship to those dealing with depression. Join us for these two Monday evenings as we view the DVD, "Meeting God in Quiet Places".

*This group is not a substitute for treatment from your health care professional.*

For more information contact Nancy Truscott, Parish Nurse, at ext. 228 or [parishnurse@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:parishnurse@stpaulsbloor.org)



### 175th Anniversary Sunday - Save the Date!

Join us on **June 11, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** for a service celebrating 175 years of ministry. In addition, we invite you to learn more about the history of our congregation, participate in a parish photo, have a cupcake and much more. Archbishop Colin Johnson will be with us that day as we come together for this special combined service.

Plan to join us!



By Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest

To be generous is to show a readiness to give more of something than is necessary. It's seen in the person who gives time or money to someone in need, or simply stops to listen to a friend. The neighbour who puts out your recycling bin, or the stranger who pays for those standing in line behind her. Generosity involves showing kindness, looking after those less fortunate, putting others first and giving to God's ministry.

As Christians, we find our inspiration in Jesus Christ, who showed ultimate generosity when He lived on earth and gave His life for us: "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

However attractive generosity is in others, we struggle to give time and let go of stuff. Our eyes are easily captivated by glitter and glamour even though our hearts long for simplicity. We might try de-cluttering periodically or get motivated to give around tax time, but our habits show us to be people who give out of excess when times are plentiful. Yet generosity involves going above and beyond, past the norm, getting a little uncomfortable and even sacrificial.

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How then can we cultivate genuinely generous hearts? Actions not done of duty but from a place of gratitude and joy. What can we do to re-orient our thinking, to look beyond our discomforts or fear of not having enough?

Over the next four weeks of our new sermon series we will witness the power of generosity. We will see what transpires when people meet Jesus. We will watch what happens as four diverse people: a young boy, a poor widow, an immigrant with a sick child and a scamming tax collector, cross paths with the rabbi-carpenter from Nazareth. We will find sharing leading to abundance, the capacity to see beyond scarcity, the restoration of life, and a transformation of community; all possible through the power of generosity.

God is generous by nature. From creation to redemption the Bible spotlights God's generosity in forgiveness, grace and restoration. By considering these four vignettes from the time of Jesus together, we hope you will get a taste of the deeply transforming power of generosity.

### Listen Again Online

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

Visit [stpaulsbloor.org/sermons](http://stpaulsbloor.org/sermons).

### Are you interested in membership?

Are you interested in baptism or membership for yourself? Our next membership service will be held on **Sunday, June 18**. For more information, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 226.





# The Carlén Family

The Carlén family is preparing to follow their calling to serve as missionaries from St. Paul's. Beginning this summer they plan to use their experience, background, and professional expertise to help equip, encourage, and shape a new generation of missionaries by serving with Operation Mobilization (OM) in Sweden. How can you help?

**Pray** – commit to praying for the Carléns as they embark on this new adventure.

**Give** – They need to raise all of their own financial support.

**Care** – Care for and encourage them in practical ways while they are overseas.

For more information, or to offer support, pick up a card at St. Paul's Central or visit [thecarlenfamily.org](http://thecarlenfamily.org) or email Susan or Anders Carlén at [anders@carlens.se](mailto:anders@carlens.se) or [susan@carlens.se](mailto:susan@carlens.se)

 or talk to them at church!



## Doors Open

On **Saturday, May 27** and **Sunday, May 28** we will be participating in Doors Open Toronto. This year, Doors Open will offer free and rare access to more than 150 architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city.

There are several volunteer positions available for this weekend. To sign up, visit the St. Paul's Central desk in the Atrium on Sunday, or contact the office at [mail@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:mail@stpaulsbloor.org) or 416-961-8116.

## Connect with us on Social Media

Follow us for news, photos and updates.



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## Toronto City Mission Sunshine Daycamp

St. Paul's Bloor Street will be hosting Toronto City Mission's (TCM) Sunshine Daycamp again this summer! TCM works with families living in St. James Town. Every summer they run six weeks of camp for children and youth from the community. If you are interested in helping out with some of their supplies, here are some things they regularly need:



**Construction Paper**  
**White Paper**  
**Markers**  
**Masking Tape**  
**Light Bouncy Balls**  
**Skipping Ropes**  
**Pencils**  
**Sharpeners**  
**White Glue**  
**Glue Sticks**  
**Playing Cards**  
**Bristol Boards**

*Supplies can be placed in one of the boxes in the Atrium.*

### Ways to Give

For more information visit [stpaulsbloor.org/give](http://stpaulsbloor.org/give)



In Person



Through our App



Online



Pre-Authorized Giving

# Prayer List

## **May 7 - 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.

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 gather today to worship in the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, including Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

### In Our Own Church

Those serving and served in this church by the pastoral care team.

The following members of our community: Jill, Janice, Marjory, Beng, Eirene, Caleb, Sarah, Mark, Claire, Vilma, Esther.

Those in our community dealing with challenging situations.

### During our Sermon Series on Generosity

Lord of All, teach us true generosity. Give us generous hearts and spirits that willingly give you our time, talents and treasures. May we bring them to you in our own unique way to build your Kingdom here on earth. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## **The Flowers Today**

The flowers at the High Table are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Wetmore and Barbara Stewart Ferguson given by Gordon Wetmore and family.

The flowers in the Chapels are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Alfred Cluett given by Will Cluett and family.

The flowers at the Font are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Russell Campbell and Florence Campbell Deacon given by Harry K. Liu and Martha Deacon.

# What's Happening This Week

## Sunday, May 7

Stepping Into Faith - 10:45 a.m. | *Room 106*

## Monday, May 8

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

Dealing With Depression - 7 p.m. | *Library*

## Tuesday, May 9

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

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

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

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

## Wednesday, May 10

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

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

## Thursday, May 11

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*

## Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day

Stepping Into Faith - 10:45 a.m. | *Room 106*

# 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

9 a.m., 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*

# Community Lunch



Lasagna with Garlic Pita - \$8



## WiFi

To connect to our free WiFi, look for the network called "Sitting\_with\_Jesus" and enter password: "StPaulsAlpha".

Donate or download bulletins at [stpaulsbloor.org](http://stpaulsbloor.org)

Link to our app at [stpaulsbloor.org/app](http://stpaulsbloor.org/app)



Finished with your copy of the What's Happening? Don't forget to recycle!

## Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Luke 21:1-4

Topic: The Power of Generosity in Scarcity