



How to Pray and Live this Lent



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March 2020



We envision

**A Church Made Alive,
A City Made New, and
A People Made Whole.**

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Living On A Prayer

The Lord's Prayer In Action

Two thousand years ago, Jesus' disciples made a request: *"Lord, teach us how to pray."* (Luke 11:1)

Even though they had been praying for years, they saw something different about how Jesus prayed; about his spiritual life. They wanted to know more. So do we. Whether we've been praying for years or whether we are just beginning - we all need help. That's why Jesus gives us The Lord's Prayer. Everything we need to know about how to pray we find here.

Join us this Lent as we study this great "Prayer of Prayers," and as we will see, Jesus isn't just teaching us how to pray, but also showing us how to live.





Easter

at St. Paul's Bloor Street

Palm Sunday Service

April 5 at 8:15,
9:30 and 11 am

Maundy Thursday

April 9 at 7 pm
Communion Service

Good Friday Service

April 10 at 11 am
with reading of
the Passion Story
+
Journey to the
Cross for children
and youth

Easter Sunday Service

April 12 at 8:15,
9:30 and 11 am
+
Easter Egg Hunt
for children after
the 9:30 and
11 am services

Palm Cross Day

Join us for fun and community as we learn to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday at St. Paul's. We will be making palm crosses in **Cody Hall on Friday, April 3 from 10 am to 3 pm**. Please bring scissors, an apron and lunch. We will provide instructions and refreshments.

Honour a Loved One with Easter Tribute Flowers

Paying tribute to or remembering someone with a donation is a wonderful way to share in decorating the church for Easter. If you would like to contribute, complete the information on the flower envelope in the pew or at St. Paul's Central. Place it on the offering plate, or in the office mailbox. Donations can also be completed online at stpaulsbloor.org/give-online and select "Tribute Flowers" from the Fund dropdown box. Be sure to include the names you wish to pay tribute to or remember. Tributes begin at \$20 per entry and must be submitted **no later than April 5**.

Thank You Barry

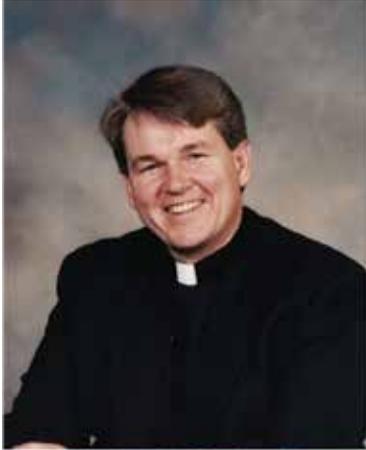
After faithfully serving St. Paul's Bloor Street for more than 22 years, The Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker has announced his retirement. He will be stepping down as only the 10th Rector of St. Paul's Bloor Street in 178 years. Barry's last Sunday as Rector will be September 13, 2020.

With acceptance from the Diocese of Toronto's Bishop Andrew Asbil – the approved diocesan mandated process of selecting the next Rector of St. Paul's has formally commenced. There will be opportunities for parishioners to express their thoughts through a survey and also at **parish information sessions after each service on March 29**. During these sessions,

the Wardens will explain how the search for the 11th Rector is being conducted.

We thank God for the many blessings of Barry's ministry at St. Paul's. We will continue to put our trust in the Lord, who knows the plans for his kingdom building ministry. This ministry is not built on one person but the amazing power of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will always put our hope, faith and trust in Him to lead us further.

Details around the opportunity to share appreciation and gather to wish Barry and Cathy well will be shared in the coming months. Stay tuned.



Goodbye to Our App, Hello to Our New Online Giving Platform

On March 27, we are shutting down our St. Paul's Bloor Street app and switching to Canada Helps, our new online giving platform. The old Pushpay giving platform and our St. Paul's Bloor Street app will no longer be available as of **March 27, 2020**.

Thank you to everyone who downloaded our app

As you may know, we launched a new website, **stpaulsbloor.org** in December 2019. On our new website you can do all the things you currently do through our app – listen to sermons, download Sunday bulletins and give online. Now that our website is secure and mobile-friendly, we no longer need a mobile app.

Give Online Using Our New Canada Helps Platform!

Every course, program and ministry we offer is only possible through the generosity of people like you. Through our ministries we are working towards our vision of *a church made alive, a city made new and a people made whole*.

Why give online?

- Almost 100 members of St. Paul's give online because it's **secure, quick and easy!**
- **It's convenient** – Giving online means you can donate anywhere, anytime.
- **Give a gift in memory or honour of someone.**
- **Make tax time easier** – All your tax receipts are stored in one convenient place whether you give once or on a monthly basis.



To get started, visit **stpaulsbloor.org/give-online**. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need assistance.

Mark Your Calendars

Organ Concert March 1 at 3 pm

Join us on **March 1 at 3 pm** for a free, 45-minute organ concert featuring Stephen Boda, Principal Organist at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church.



Taste & Sing! March 5 & 12 at 6:30 pm

On two Thursday evenings, **March 5 and March 12**, the St. Paul's Choir is hosting open rehearsals for anyone who enjoys singing, and who may wish to extend their skills within a supportive musical community. Expect wonderful music-making, delicious muffins, and good company.

We meet **downstairs in the choir room at 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm.**

If you have any questions, contact Tom Bell at music@stpaulsbloor.org or at **ext. 233.**



Money Course March 17 – 31 at 7 pm

This free 3-week course teaches budgeting skills as well as a simple, cash-based system of financial management. The Money Course starts **March 17 at 7 pm.**



Register at stpaulsbloor.org/money-course.

Youth Confirmation

Starting March 25 at 7 pm

Starting on **March 25 at 7 pm**, St. Paul's Youth Ministry is offering a 5-week preparation for confirmation or baptism on Wednesday evenings. Candidates will be given the opportunity to learn, ask questions, and discuss the essentials of Christian faith and commitment. Regular Wednesday Youth Group will still run during these 5 weeks, as the confirmation prep will function as a separate small group.

If you are interested or have any questions regarding confirmation at St. Paul's, please contact Ian Koiter at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org.



Young Professionals

March 26 at 7 pm

Young Professionals (20 - 35 years old) is a place where young adults can connect with each other in a relaxed environment. It's a place where we consider and discuss the ways in which our faith can influence us at work. Young professionals are welcome to join us on **March 26 at 7 pm** for this month's gathering and discussion.

If you have any questions, contact Ian Koiter at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org.



Praise & Prayer Night

March 26 at 7 pm – 8 pm

As we continue to live into this vision for St. Paul's, join us for an evening of prayer & praise on **March 26 at 7 pm – 8 pm in Cody Hall** for a time of contemplative worship and prayer. All are welcome!





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Monday – Friday
8:30 am – 5 pm

Sanctuary Hours:
Sundays: 8 am – 12 pm

Sunday Services:
8:15 am • 9:30 am • 11 am
Tuesdays: 12:10 pm

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