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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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Planning a Wedding?

While planning a wedding takes a lot of time, isn't it important the same amount of time (at least) is spent planning the marriage?

At St. Paul's we run the Alpha Marriage Preparation Course designed for any engaged couple. While based on Christian principles, the course is relevant to any couple, regardless of their religious background. Topics covered include: communication, commitment, resolving conflict, keeping love alive and shared values.

Join us starting **Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m.** for five weekly evening sessions. Each evening begins with supper, followed by a talk given by the course leader. There is then an opportunity for each couple to discuss issues raised. Your privacy as a couple is respected and there is no group work. Each couple has the chance to discuss these issues with the course leader if they wish.

For more information or to register visit stpaulsbloor.org/marriage-preparation or contact Mark Regis, Associate Priest, at ext 230 or mregis@stpaulsbloor.org



Practise Makes Perfect at ESL Café

By Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest

Have you ever been in a place where the conversation that surrounds is incomprehensible to you? A situation where you can catch a phrase here or there, but can't seem to make the sounds yourself? Learning another language is a difficult task, and understanding often comes before speaking.

At St Paul's we recognize this challenge and our capacity as a community to do something about it. While there are many excellent schools and classes available in Toronto to learn English, there are fewer places to practice speaking it. For ten years St Paul's has hosted a weekly ESL Café. Our café is an hour and half of conversations facilitated by volunteer hosts. Each week about 75 people drop-in to talk. Every person has a different skill level when speaking and groups are set for every level of ability. The small group conversations start by asking questions on the designated theme of the night and each person is encouraged to try and articulate their thoughts in English.

Over 15 volunteers host these conversation groups every week. Hosts provide encouragement, motivation and gentle correction. No teaching experience is required. The most important skill needed by the host is to be a willing and patient listener. If you are interested in learning more and serving on Monday evenings, there is a volunteer training session tomorrow, October 2. For more information contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 226.

The ESL Café resumes for the season on **Monday, October 16th.**



Expanding Ministry

St. Paul's Bloor Street (SPBS) has a long history of seeing needs and striving to meet those ministry needs. When the Diocese of Toronto recently asked us to collaborate with them in rebuilding a strategic congregation located reasonably close to SPBS, we saw this as an opportunity to re-energize another historic, faithful church in the heart of the City.

St. George the Martyr (SGTM) located at 197 John Street, is nestled on the south end of Grange Park between the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) and the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD).



At the end of 2016 this congregation requested the Diocese take over administration of the church, and take charge of rebuilding the congregation in numerous ways. Our own Executive Pastor, Joyce Badley, has been the SGTM Diocesan Administrator since early spring to make this rejuvenation possible. Along with Nadia Smid, a member of SPBS, they have been stabilizing and assisting SGTM to begin the transition to renewing a robust and vital ministry. This was the first step.

As SPBS is considered one of the best examples of a dynamic and growing congregation with incredible resources, the second step came this summer when we were asked to make SGTM a mission of SPBS. We accepted this exciting opportunity as we long to see effective and transformative ministry flourishing in our city. That means SGTM is now run by a Board of Management with the Rector of SPBS as Chair and Incumbent (Senior Minister) of SGTM. The Board is a competencies-based Board comprised of members from SPBS and SGTM.

You will rightly wonder about the impact on the current ministry of SPBS. We do not anticipate any changes to our ministry, only collaborations and synergies that will enhance the ministry of both SPBS and SGTM. The Diocesan leadership is enthusiastically supporting this initiative. Our student intern, Orvin Lao, is the Lay Pastoral Associate of SGTM and the Clergy of SPBS will serve as Priest at their



Communion services once per month. We are also internally reorganizing ministry roles to enhance and amplify our effectiveness at both SPBS and SGTM. It is our vision to rebuild SGTM into a sustainable, thriving congregation that will be self-supporting in all facets. Hence, we see this as an opportunity to contribute to broader Kingdom ministry in downtown Toronto, until SGTM is back on its feet.

Along with our SPBS Trustees and the rest of our staff team, I am excited about the possibilities for ministry in the City. Please pray for this ministry opportunity. You will be hearing more about this exciting new initiative at our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, October 22nd. Stay tuned!

Barry Parker
Rector of SPBS & Incumbent of SGTM



Annual General Meeting



The 175th Annual General (Vestry) Meeting of St. Paul's Bloor Street will be held on **Sunday, October 22 at 12:15 p.m.** The parish roll is available at St. Paul's Central or at the office during the week. Please check to ensure you are on the list. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Financial Town Halls will take place on Sunday, October 15 after each service.

To submit a motion for consideration at the Vestry meeting, a written copy must be provided to the Wardens by noon on Tuesday, October 17. Motions can be dropped off at the office or emailed to mail@stpaulsbloor.org.

You're invited



On **October 15** invite a friend to join you for any of our three services. Stay for treats, refreshments, conversations and a tour of our amazing space.

St. Paul's Organ Recitals

Join us **today Sunday, October 1 at 3 p.m.** and hear the beauty of our 1914 Casavant Freres organ. Our guest organist will be Matthew Whitfield.

This free one-hour concert will provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God.

For more information on our current series of organ recitals, pick up a card at St. Paul's Central or contact Thomas Bell, Music Director, at ext. 233 or music@stpaulsbloor.org for more information.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Thanksgiving Food Drive benefits the Daily Bread Food Bank. Help us make a difference.

Items needed include:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Canned stew
- Canned fruit/veggies
- Canned/dried beans

Place your nonperishable food items in the bin in the Atrium.

GriefShare Starts This Month



If you are grieving the death of a loved one, this 6-week series offers support and fellowship through the grieving process. The series is a biblical approach to the deep hurt from the finality of death. Join us starting **Monday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m.**

For more information or to register visit stpaulsbloor.org/griefshare or contact Nancy Truscott, Parish Nurse, at ext. 228 or parishnurse@stpaulsbloor.org

The Used Book Sales Totals Are In

A total of \$985.33 was raised for the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Thank you to everyone who donated or purchased books at the used books sale this past summer.



This week we are praying for...

World and National Issues

- An end to the many wars and conflicts in the world, so we may contribute to our circles of influence by living as peace-makers and peace-keepers.
- Those in leadership, regardless of their position, to be faithful in service and exercise wisdom and justice for all people.
- All the poor, hungry, and neglected all over the world, may their cries be a call to action for those of us who have so much.
- All people who are suffering for having a living faith in Jesus Christ.

The Global Church

- Followers of Christ to walk in humility, persevering towards unity rather than contributing to dis-unity.
- Us to be a church that is thankful to You and for Your faithfulness to us regardless of our circumstances.
- The church's prayers to be infused with biblical vision, honesty, and humility.
- Everyone gathered today to worship in the Anglican Diocese (district) of Quebec, which includes Quebec City, Sherbrooke & Trois-Rivieres.

In Our Own Church

We pray for the following members of our community; Alison, Brian, Brianna, Aaliyah, Clara, Geoff, Nancy, Graydon, Delaney, Ann and pray for your love, grace and mercy to sustain them.

Prayer for the Day

O gracious God, thank you that many churches can gather today and worship you. May your Spirit fill us with the joy and excitement that comes from worshipping you. Make us all living and visible examples of your grace and mercy—the Kingdom of God. We pray your Spirit be upon the leaders of your church, that they may be able to discern your will and help us move in the direction you would have us go. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Last Sunday to Donate for Thanksgiving Tributes and Memorials

Paying tribute to or remembering someone with a donation to the Thanksgiving decor of church is a wonderful way to share in decorating the church. If you would like to contribute, complete the information on the memorial 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 through our app or online at stpaulsbloor.org. Simply click on the "Donate" button at the top right corner. Be sure to include the names you wish to pay tribute to or remember. Memorials begin at \$20 per entry and must be submitted **today, Sunday, October 1.**



What's Happening This Week

Sunday, October 1

Organ Recital - 3:00 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Monday, October 2

ESL Host Training - 6:45 p.m. | *Library*

Tuesday, October 3

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*

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

Wednesday, October 4

Lunchtime Alpha - 12 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Alpha Prayer Time - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

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

Wednesday Night Youth - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, October 5

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

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

Friday, October 6

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

Sunday, October 8 - Thanksgiving Sunday

Pumpkin Tarts - After each service | *Great Hall*

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*

\$8 per person

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

James 1:26, 3:2-12

Topic: Taming of the Tongue

The Flowers Today

The flowers in the Chapels are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ismay Iona Hinds given by her family.

Ways to Give

For more information visit
stpaulsbloor.org/give



In Person



Pre-Authorized
Giving



Through
our App



Online