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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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About St. Paul's



Welcome to St. Paul's

We are glad you have decided to join us this Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

What kind of church is St. Paul's?

We are a dynamic and growing church based in a historic building. St. Paul's is an Anglican church, which means we value and celebrate the historic Anglican expression of the Christian faith. Learn more about us and our many ministries online at stpaulsbloor.org.

What time are your worship services?

We gather every Sunday at 8:15 a.m. (quiet worship), 9:30 a.m. (relaxed worship) and 11 a.m. (classic worship) to connect with one another and worship God. We offer a growing and lively Children's Ministry and Youth Group.

How can I get involved or stay connected?

Fill out a Connection Card to let us know who you are and what you are interested in.



Enter, Engage, Exit: The Easter Story

The Easter story could simply be thought of as a classic human tale. A mystery man, a teacher, in his thirties appears on the scene. Some say he's a great prophet, others say he's the next Messiah—the One who will fix everything! The religious leaders are threatened by his presence. This teacher gathers a diverse group of companions together to teach them—teach them about God, life, death and themselves. They hang around together for a few years. During that time others become jealous of him and plot to kill him. A close associate betrays him one night. He dies. End of human tale!

BUT the great part of the story is that it doesn't end there. There is so much more. The man, the Messiah, the SON OF GOD is raised to new life! The grave is empty. Jesus is on the move. There is life.

Today we gather to celebrate this fundamental life-truth—God created, humanity fractured, Jesus recreated. We participate together in the reconciliation of God and His creation—including us.

I encourage you to:

Enter St. Paul's to participate.

- Step into the empty tomb as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- Enter into a relationship with the death-conquering, sin-destroying, debt-paying Jesus.
- Be nurtured by the prayer, Scriptures, music and community. Your soul will be fed.

Engage at St. Paul's to know.

- The risen Christ will meet you where you live. However, he will not leave you there.
- You can be found, accepted, forgiven and given life by the living God.
- You will be strengthened and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

Exit St. Paul's to live.

- Your past can be forgiven.
- Your present can be fully engaged.
- Your future can be secure.

May you have a blessed and life-giving Easter!

(The Rev. Canon Dr.) Barry Parker, Rector

Easter for Families

Children and youth are invited to celebrate with their families and the St. Paul's community in the services today.

During the service, children up to Grade 5 will be invited to come to the Children's Ministry area for a special Easter program. They will return to parents before communion time.

Our nursery is staffed and open for those ages 3 years old and younger.

Children are invited to a large indoor Easter egg hunt after both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Meet at the bottom of the stairs in the Foyer to start the hunt. Over 1,200 Easter eggs are hiding throughout the building.



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5 ways to stay updated with the latest events, news, and stories from St. Paul's:



Website - check the "Calendar" on our website for the latest events and to find out when programs and courses are starting.



Community News - To subscribe to our Community News email, fill out a Connection Card and check the email newsletter subscription box.



Social Media - Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for photos, videos, stories, and daily encouragement.



What's Happening - pick up this weekly newsletter at St. Paul's Central or view it online at: stpaulsbloor.org/whats-happening



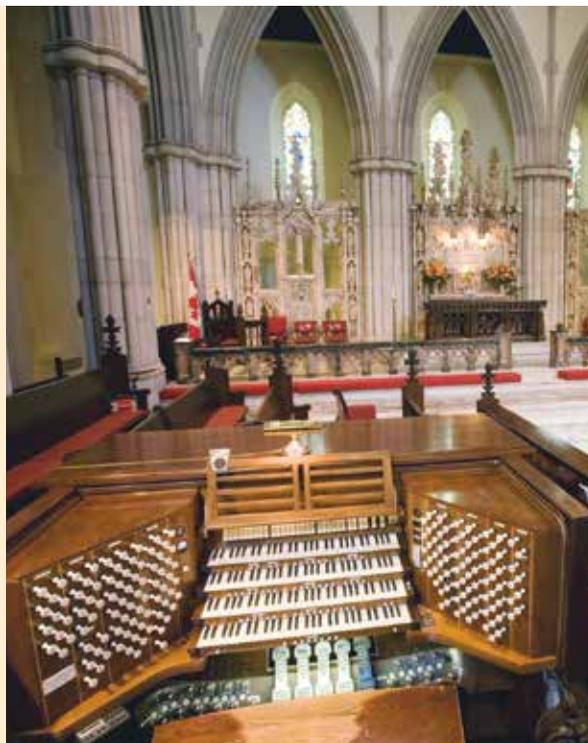
St. Paul's Central - If you have any questions about St. Paul's, speak to a volunteer at the kiosk in the Atrium.

Join us for a free Organ Concert

Join us next **Sunday, April 8 at 3 p.m.** for a free one-hour organ concert featuring Witold Zalewski, first organist of the Wawel Royal Cathedral in Krakow, Poland.

Zalewski is an acclaimed organist and in 2011 he was honoured by Pope Benedict XVI with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal.

Pick up a card at St. Paul's Central for more concert dates. For more information contact Thomas Bell at ext. 233 or email music@stpaulsbloor.org.



4 to Explore after Easter

Make plans to explore one of these 4 upcoming events.



Easter Lessons & Carols

April 8 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Join us on a journey through the Easter story with readings, favourite hymns, Easter carols, and a sermon. This exuberant and inspiring service will focus on the meaning of the Resurrection.



Small Groups: Info Session

April 8 after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services

Come learn about how small groups change lives, meet small group leaders, and potentially get added to a forming or existing group. To learn more, visit stpaulsbloor.org/small-groups or contact Mark Regis at ext. 230.



Cornerstone

April 21 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Volunteer at our next Cornerstone Dinner on April 21. We are looking for people to help serve desserts and drinks. To register, visit stpaulsbloor.org/cornerstone or contact Ian Koiter at ext. 295.



Newcomers Welcome Lunch

April 22 at 12:15 p.m.

New to St. Paul's? You're invited to our Newcomers Welcome Lunch. Come get to know other newcomers, ask questions, and find out more about us over a delicious lunch. To RSVP, contact Sandra Seaborn at ext. 226 or sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org.



Take the next step with Baptism

Are you interested in baptism for yourself or your child? Join us for Stepping into Faith, a four week course for families preparing for baptism. Built around the foundation of the baptism promises, we will explore ways to live out our faith with our families.

The course will run on **Sundays at 10:45 a.m. from April 22 to May 13.**

Our next Baptism and Membership Sunday will be on **June 10.**

You can register online at stpaulsbloor.org/stepping-faith or contact Janet Earle at ext. 241 for more information.

Those interested in membership can contact Mark Regis, at ext. 230 or mregis@stpaulsbloor.org



Learn how to manage your money for free

Register for the Money Course - a great place to learn the skills required to manage money. The course teaches budgeting and a simple, cash-based system. It is free and designed for everyone.

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. from May 8 to May 22.

To find out more or to register online, visit stpaulsbloor.org/money-course

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, April 1

Easter Services - 8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*
9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Sanctuary*
11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*
Easter Egg Hunt for Children
- 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. | *Foyer*

Monday, April 2- Facility Closed

Tuesday, April 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*

Wednesday, April 4

Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*
Wednesdays With God - 12 p.m. | *Dalton Room*
Lunchtime Alpha - 12 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Prayer Time for Alpha - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*
Youth Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Thursday, April 5

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. | *Music Room*
Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

Friday, April 6

Music for Health - 10 a.m. | *Gym*
GriefShare - 1:30 p.m. | *Library*

Sunday, April 8

Easter Lessons and Carols - 9:30 & 11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*
Small Groups: Info Session -
after 9:30 & 11 a.m. services | *Cody Hall*
Pilgrim: The Bible - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*
Organ Concert - 3 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

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

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

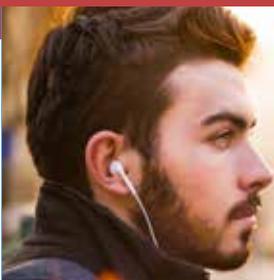
10:20 a.m. | *Room 7*
10:50 a.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Community Lunch

12:15 p.m. | *Great Hall*
\$8 per person



Join us for Easter treats in the Great Hall after the service!



Like a song we sang today? Check out our monthly playlists on Spotify! Follow us at "[stpaulsbloor.](https://www.spotify.com/stpaulsbloor)"



Don't have Spotify? You can find the monthly playlists on our YouTube channel.