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Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sanctuary Hours

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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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Small Groups: Info Session

Today after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, stop by the Small Groups info session in Cody Hall. Learn about how small groups change lives, meet small group leaders, and potentially get added to a forming or existing group.

Can't make it, but want to learn more about small groups? Visit stpaulsbloor.org/small-groups or contact Mark Regis at ext. 230.



Join us for a free Organ Concert

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

Today's concert is called, "The Memory Never Dies" to commemorate the anniversary of the Katyń Massacre and the Smolensk Tragedy. Two tragedies which greatly affected the Polish people.

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.

Serving at St. Paul's: Greeters and Sidespeople

By Jacqui Compayre



One of the first things you'll observe when you come to any of our Sunday services, is a smiling face greeting you with a "hello" or "welcome" while handing you a bulletin. If you happen to sneak in or arrive late, you won't slip into a pew unnoticed. You will likely encounter a friendly individual who will give you a bulletin and show you what page we're on.

These welcoming individuals are part of our Greeter and Sidesperson Teams. They arrive early to greet everyone who comes to our Sunday services, and during the service they help collect the offering. Additionally, during the 11 a.m. service, they guide the Communion process for the congregation. When I'm visiting a church for the first time, the most intimidating part of the service can be Communion. Having people to help guide this process can be a huge stress relief for visitors.

Our greeters and sidespeople have the critical task of making everyone who comes through our doors feel welcomed and comfortable. They volunteer to do it and they also do a great job. They have hearts to serve. They use their gifts and talents to honour God, love others, and build community. We are truly grateful for these individuals and know St. Paul's wouldn't be what it is today without them.

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In Carey Nieuwhof's book *Lasting Impact*, he says, "People who focus on helping others and honouring Christ soon discover that their needs are met far more deeply than ever experienced otherwise." Our volunteers would agree that serving is a privilege and a joy. Serving not only blesses others, it blesses those who are doing the serving.

There are all kinds of ways to help others, but if you have a friendly personality with a heart to make people feel welcome, a sidesperson or greeter role might be a great fit for you. It's a fulfilling part to play and a great way to become involved with the St. Paul's community. I guarantee you will meet new friends and share some laughs.

If you would like to know more about volunteering at St. Paul's, feel free to chat with Jacqui in person on a Sunday, or contact her at jcompayre@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 243.



We have scheduled a prayer walk at St. George the Martyr (soon to be known as St. George by the Grange) on **Sunday, April 15. We aim to begin at 11:30 a.m** and it will last about 50 minutes. We would love for you to come pray for guidance and direction as we discern God's plan for St. George.

The address is 197 John Street (at Stephanie Street, between Beverley and McCaul). If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Badley at ext. 229 or email jbadley@stpaulsbloor.org. We look forward to praying with you.

Upcoming events and programs



Serve at the next Cornerstone Dinner

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.



Stepping Into Faith

Starts April 22 at 10:45 a.m.

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



Learn how to manage money

Starts May 8 at 7 p.m.

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. To register, visit stpaulsbloor.org/money-course or contact Joyce Badley at ext. 229.

Choir: Music and Community

The choir is a group which (naturally!) loves to sing, and to use our talents as best we may, but there are numerous other benefits to making worship music together. In singing together we offer our music to God, to each other, and have a lot of fun at the same time. Music also has many proven health benefits, both physical and intellectual. Among the many rewards of singing together is the benefit of belonging to a supportive and welcoming community.



If you would like to try singing in the choir you are invited to come to a practice on **Thursday April 26, May 3 or May 10**. The choir meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room, located one floor below the Sanctuary. Though some musical experience is helpful, a pleasant voice and willingness to offer your musical gifts to a wider community is all that is necessary.



For further details please contact Tom Bell, Director of Music, at music@stpaulsbloor.org or in person after any 11 a.m. service.

Learn how to make time for what's important
with St. Paul's Young Professionals

MINI-MASTERCLASS: TIME MANAGEMENT

April 26 | 7 - 9 pm | Youth Room

Learn how to make time for what's important with St. Paul's Young Professionals on **April 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** in the Youth Room.

St. Paul's Young Professionals group is a great way to meet other young adults in our church community and to share ideas and struggles.

If you have questions, contact Ian Koiter at ext. 295 or email ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org.

This week we are praying for...

World and National Issues

- Order and peace to be brought to all nations and be united for a lasting peace.
- 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 who have so much.
- All victims of circumstances beyond their control, so all may live in peace, with respect.

The Global Church

- Followers of Christ to walk in humility, persevering towards unity rather than fracturing it.
- All leaders to be above reproach, kept from temptation, complacency, idols, and worldliness.
- The church's prayers to be infused with biblical vision, honesty, and humility.
- Everyone gathered today to worship in the Diocese of Montreal.

In Our Own Church

- We pray for the following members of our St. Paul's community: Kendall, Marie, Sierra, Kelly, Benjamin, Sterling, Natalie, John, Grant and Zane. We pray for your love, grace and mercy to sustain them.

The Flowers Today

The flowers in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of:

High Table:

Pat and Lillian Courtney given by Moira Hudgin.

In the Chapels:

Margaret Harnett given by Cecil and Greg Harnett.

Ways to Give

For more information
visit stpaulsbloor.org/give



In Person



Pre-Authorized Giving



Through our App



Online

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, April 8

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*

Monday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

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 11

Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*
Wednesdays With God - 12 p.m. | *Dalton Room*
Youth Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Thursday, April 12

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

Friday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 15 - Baptism Sunday

Prayer Walk - 11:30 a.m. | *St. George*
Pilgrim: The Bible - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Listen Again Online

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

Visit stpaulsbloor.org/sermons

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



NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHING PASSAGE:

JOHN 4:7-14

**THEME:
IMAGES OF GOD - WATER**