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

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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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Open Streets TO

We invite you to join us next **Sunday, September 17** as we serve lemonade to passersby on Bloor Street.

For more information visit stpaulsbloor.org/open-streets



The Money Course

The Money Course is a great place to start learning the skills required to manage your money. The course is free and designed for everyone. Join us for three Tuesday evenings starting **September 26 at 7 p.m.**



For more information or to register online, visit stpaulsbloor.org/money-course or contact Joyce Badley, Executive Pastor, at jbadley@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 229.

St. Paul's Anniversary Lager - Last Chance!



At St. Paul's, hospitality has been part of our ministry for 175 years. What better way to open the conversation and introduce a friend to St. Paul's than by sharing an anniversary beer with them?

To commemorate our 175th anniversary a special lager was crafted. Six-packs will be available for purchase once again on **September 24**. Don't miss out - this will be the last day to purchase a pack. Packs are \$18 cash or \$20 by credit card.

Start the conversation with friends and neighbours by sharing a St. Paul's lager with them.

An abstract painting with a complex, layered composition of colors including blues, purples, reds, and greys. The texture is rough and expressive, with visible brushstrokes and splatters. The text is overlaid on the central part of the image.

The Book of James

Faith in Real Life

By Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest

We find in Jesus beauty. We find in Jesus goodness. We find in Jesus truth. Do we find the same in our own lives? As a gathered community following Jesus we seek to be transformed by Jesus, into the likeness of Jesus. Yet, translating what we see in Jesus into action and word sometimes goes awry.

Having spent the summer looking at the life of Jesus as depicted in our stained-glass windows, we turn our attention this fall to the practicalities of living out our faith in Jesus, in ordinary and everyday circumstances.

The Book of James is believed to be written by the half-brother of Jesus about 20 years after Jesus' death. James is the leader of the church in Jerusalem and is writing to the scattered churches encouraging them to live bold and counter-cultural lives. As the leader, he has walked through the early ethic and religious controversies experienced and documented in Acts. We don't know how James came to faith or prominence in the church, but this letter gives us a glimpse of his mature faith.

It is writing that assumes genuine faith will transform lives and churches. James recognizes the long-game, calling for endurance in troubles and listening in conflict. Religion is worthless if it begets anger and favouritism, he claims; going so far as to say faith without works is dead.

Full of metaphors, James talks of bridling animals, setting forests alight with a tiny spark, rudders of ships setting course, grapevines bearing figs, and life as a morning fog. The

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ideas are straightforward and images provocative, all in hopes of strengthening the devotion of the hearers of the Word, that they might become “doers” too.

From September to November, we will follow James’ teaching on temptation, anger, prejudice, poverty, speech, wisdom, humility, patience, and prayer. So, pick up your Bibles and read along. Found in the New Testament section, just after Hebrews and before 1 Peter, this short book has practical wisdom a-plenty to support and challenge you. No matter the current place of your spirituality, we’ll be digging deep together, learning about faith-in-action, Jesus style.



Come and Meet Your Vertical Neighbours

Calling all those within a short distance from St. Paul’s. As more high-rises are being built, more of our parishioners are living within a fifteen minute walk from the parish. Yet, we don’t know each other. Living in towers can be isolating. If you would like to get to know neighbours and are interested in community engagement, you are invited to join us on **September 28 at 6:30 p.m.**

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 226.

Little Sunbeams - Parent & Tot Group

Join with parents of young children on Wednesday mornings this fall to meet others, chat, sing and play. The group will meet in the Nursery from **9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. starting September 20.**

For more information contact Janet Earle, Children’s Minister, at children@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 241.



The Marriage Preparation Course



5 Wednesdays over Dinner

October 11 to November 8

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

\$150 per couple

To register or for more information, visit

[stpaulsbloor.org/
marriage-preparation](http://stpaulsbloor.org/marriage-preparation)

or contact Mark Regis at ext. 230

or mregis@stpaulsbloor.org.

Volunteer With Children's Ministry

"It's ironic that in many churches and organizations, people equate serving with burning out, not being renewed. And yet Christian service should be a paradox of renewal: When we give our lives away, we find them. When we serve, we grow." (from *Lasting Impact* by Carey Nieuwhof)

Have you experienced this paradox of renewal? Have you given yourself away in service only to find growth and blessing? If not, I invite you to come and see!

Children's Ministry is looking for leaders to serve at our 9:30 a.m. service. If you are enthusiastic, enjoy having fun with kids, and want to grow your faith – give us a try. Our ministry is organized, has excellent teaching materials, and many ways to serve. Most leaders help out once a month and all leaders go through our screening process.

Visit us upstairs in Cody Hall, or email Janet Earle, Children's Minister, at ext. 241 or children@stpaulsbloor.org. We would love to have you join our team!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Daily Bread Food Bank. Help us make a difference.

Most needed items include:

- Canned stew
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit/veggies
- Dry pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned/dried beans
- Macaroni & cheese
- Baby food & formula



Bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the bin in the Atrium.



Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions for unchurched people exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

**Wednesdays starting
September 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

Register online at stpaulsblood.org/alpha. For more information contact Ingrid Suld, Parish Ministry Coordinator, at ext 223 or isuld@stpaulsblood.org



GriefShare

If you have lost a loved one, this series offers support and fellowship through the grieving process.

Starts **Monday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m.**

Register online at stpaulsblood.org/griefshare or contact Nancy Truscott, Parish Nurse, at ext. 228 or parishnurse@stpaulsblood.org



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

Prayer List

September 10 - This week we pray for:

Divided nations and peoples, may God give them wisdom to repair brokenness in their communities.

Those in leadership, regardless of their position, to be faithful in service and exercise wisdom and justice for all people.

The health of women, children, and families around the world, especially for an end to maternal and child mortality, so healthy families will be built.

All those who have fled their homes in search of food and better conditions.

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 gather today to worship in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

In Our Own Church:

We pray for the following members of our community: Daniel, Julie, Christian, Michael, Caitlin, Claire, Linda, Rod, Alison, David.

During Our Sermon Series:

Heavenly Father, thank you for allowing us to gather today to start a fresh ministry year. We know you'll be faithful to us as long as we seek your guidance and follow your leading. May we all step in faith and help you grow your church this year. In Jesus name, Amen.

The Flowers Today

The flowers in the Chapels are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Frank C. Parris given by Courtenay Parris.

Thanksgiving Memorial Flowers

Remembering a loved one with a Thanksgiving memorial flower 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. Memorials 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 remember. Memorials begin at \$20 per entry. Donations must be submitted no later than **Sunday, October 1.**



What's Happening This Week

Sunday, September 10 - Welcome Sunday

CM Carnival - 10 a.m. | *Cody Hall*

BBQ Lunch - 12:15 p.m. | *Courtyard*

Organ Recital with Thomas Bell - 3 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Monday, September 11

Prayer Time - 7 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Tuesday, September 12

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

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

Christian Meditation - 12:30 p.m. | *Room 206*

Thursday, September 14

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

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

Saturday, September 16

Alpha Leaders Training - 9 a.m. | *Cody Hall*

Sunday, September 17

Open Streets TO - 9 a.m. | *Front Steps*

Sunday Small Group - 12:15 p.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*



DivorceCare

Starts Tuesday, September 19 at 7 p.m.

If you are dealing with the pain of divorce or separation, DivorceCare may help you. This 13-week series takes a biblical approach to divorce to support you through the trials and traumas in the aftermath.

Register online at stpaulsbloor.org/divorcecare
or contact Nancy Truscott, Parish Nurse, at
parishnurse@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 228.

Community Lunch



Join us at
12:15 p.m.
in the
Courtyard
for BBQ
lunch!
\$8

Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

James 1:19-25

Topic: Anger