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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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Tune In and Be Inspired



The 180° podcast features the stories of real people in our community who have experienced a 180° transformation.

In this first episode, meet Dave Addison, Executive Director of Toronto City Mission. He was struggling with alcoholism, his marriage was suffering, and he was conflicted about his career. But on February 1, 2010 Dave's life irrevocably changed. If you feel like your life is headed down a one-way street, Dave's story will leave you inspired. Listen online at stpaulsbloor.org/180podcast or by visiting our YouTube and Facebook page.

Life is Better Together



In a Small Group, you develop real friendships while you grow deeper in a relationship with Jesus. Small groups set aside time from busy schedules to join a welcoming community, where you learn about faith through engaging the Bible together and praying with one another. Getting plugged into a small group is easy, sign up at stpaulsbloor.org/small-groups.

Bring Your Little Ones and Connect with Other Parents on Wednesdays



We encourage parents to connect with our community beyond Sunday morning. One way to do so is to join our Little Sunbeams group every **Wednesday at 9:45 a.m.** in the Nursery.

Here's why parents love Little Sunbeams:

"The downside to working over the weekends (and living downtown!) is that most of the parent group friends that we made while on maternity leave have either moved away or gone back to work weekdays. I work every Saturday and Sunday, so Lily & I can't make it to any of the social events and playdates. I was desperately trying to find something for her to participate in with other children when a Google search pointed me to the Little Sunbeams group on meetup.com, and we feel so blessed that it did.

The first time we came to the playgroup, we instantly felt welcomed. Nicole and JJ (and later Leith) are wonderfully patient and kindhearted people that invited us to learn and grow with the group. Lily has never been in daycare, so the gentle structure of the playgroup was great for her, and the fact that she could interact and play with children around her age has been a fantastic experience. She has learned about sharing and taking turns from her friends at Little Sunbeams. She loved waking up on Wednesdays to learn we were going to Little Sunbeams. Although free play and snack time are fun, her favourite part is circle time. Her excitement is infectious!

The fact that the playgroup is at St. Paul's has helped me initiate conversations with Lily about God. I have been able to explain what a church is and what people do in them. The Bible songs have provided an opportunity for us to talk about God and Jesus through song and simple questions. We've read many books, but being in an informal setting within a church has really brought the words off the page for us." - Kat McMorrow

For more info visit stpaulsbloor.org/children-at-st-pauls. You can visit our Facebook page to join the Little Sunbeams Facebook Group - a friendly and supportive community who meet for occasional outings.

Has Your Family Registered for the Coldest Night of the Year?



Has your family registered for Coldest Night of the Year? The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk that raises money for Yonge Street Mission. They serve the hungry, homeless and hurting people in our community. There is an estimated 6,000 homeless youth living in Toronto, and on **Saturday, February 23** we're gathering a team from St. Paul's to experience a night in their shoes.



All ages are welcome to this walk, with downtown routes that are 2 km, 5 km, and 10 km long. There is a minimum \$25 participation fee for walkers age 11 and over.

Other ways your family can participate:



1. Volunteer as a Site Host – St. Paul's serves as a warm rest stop site for walkers. We need Site Hosts to greet and welcome walkers, answer questions and help serve warm refreshments and snacks. Anyone of any age can participate. To register as a site host, visit stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk

2. Fundraise as a family – set a goal and fundraise as a family. Donate online at stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk

Young Adults Night Out: Escape Room & Dinner



Join young adults (18-35 years old) from the St. Paul's community for a fun night out at an escape room. We're meeting at Mysterious Minds Escape Room and then eating at Fresh on Bloor. The cost for the escape room is \$25. Mysterious Minds Escape Room is located at *322 Bloor Street West, 3rd Floor - Suite A*. Contact Ian Koiter at ikoiter@stpaulsbloor.org if you have any questions.

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