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Office Hours

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

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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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Invite a Friend to Celebrate Christmas at St. Paul's With You!

Wednesday, December 21

7 p.m. | Service of Light - A Reflective Encounter
of Christmas

Saturday, December 24

12 p.m. | Christmas Eve Communion
4 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service for Families & Children
7 & 10 p.m. | Christmas Music
7:30 & 10:30 p.m. | Classic Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

11 a.m. | Christmas Day Communion



Christmas Memorial Flowers - Due Today!

Remembering a loved one with a Christmas memorial flower is a wonderful way to share in decorating the church for Christmas. 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 in the offering plate or the office mailbox. Memorials can also be completed 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 **today**.

Winchester Group Donations

The Winchester Group has been hard at work. This month they sent handmade hats, mittens, sweaters and more to Moorelands. Their donations will benefit infants in need this winter. Check out all their hard work.



An Invitation

On **Saturday, January 7, 2017** Jenny Andison, a past Associate Priest of St. Paul's will be ordained a Bishop. The service will take place at St. Paul's at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. The congregation

is asked to be seated by 10:15 a.m. Please pray for Jenny as she begins this next chapter in her ministry journey.

New Year's Day Service



Join us on **Sunday, January 1, 2017** for our New Year's Day service at 11 a.m.

The 8:15 and 9:30 a.m. services will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017.

Christmas Pageant Photos

Last Sunday over 80 children from 50 families got together to tell the Christmas story. The children were a delight and our community had a joyous time together. Special thanks to the pageant team, our musicians, Omari Alonzo for a delicious meal, and our support staff for helping make it all possible. Thank you to Dhoui Chang (dhouichang.com) for these beautiful shots. We are grateful for the support and contributions of so many wonderful volunteers.





Advent Ask

Replacing Consumption with Compassion

DECEMBER

M	T	W	T	F	S	S	
27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31		



This Christmas season we are challenging everyone to participate in our Advent Ask in one of three ways – or all three.

1) Gifts: This year we created Reverse Advent Calendars that give back. We partnered with local outreach ministries and provided much needed necessities, as well as prayers and acts of kindness, each day during Advent. Calendars can be downloaded at stpaulsbloor.org/adventask. Gifts for the food bank are welcome throughout the year.

2) Money: Donate to Bikes for Girls. In Gurgaon, India, girls are forced to drop out of school because they live too far away or risk dangers such as violence or kidnapping on their walking route. Your donation will provide girls with safe, speedy transportation and help open the door to a new future. This is a perfect last minute Christmas or hostess gift. Our goal is to raise \$30,000. Donate online at stpaulsbloor.org/adventask

3) Time: Donate your time by committing to serve on Sunday mornings or volunteer for one of our outreach programs throughout the year. Read more on our website at stpaulsbloor.org/serve

For more information or to donate online visit stpaulsbloor.org/adventask

WiFi



To connect to our free WiFi, look for the network called "Sitting_with_Jesus" and enter password: "StPaulsAlpha".

To donate and to download bulletins visit stpaulsbloor.org. Link to our app at stpaulsbloor.org/bulletins.



Service of Light

With candlelight, music, a message of hope, Holy Communion, and the option of individual and confidential prayer, this Christmas service invites us to pause and reflect as we centre in on the beautiful gift God has given to us in Jesus.

The Service of Light will be held on **Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Come for a time of worshipful rest and reflection.

For more information contact Mark Regis, Associate Priest, at ext. 230 or mregis@stpaulsbloor.org.

2016 Contributions

As the calendar year end approaches, please remember the Canada Revenue Agency requires donations be received or postmarked by December 31, 2016 to be reported on your 2016 tax receipt. Donations may be mailed or placed in the office mailbox up to and including December 31, or you can donate online at stpaulsbloor.org.

The office will be closed starting December 23 and reopening January 2. The facility will remain open for those wishing to drop off year-end donations.



2017 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up today at St. Paul's Central. To request envelopes, contact Patricia Budimir, Financial Assistant, at ext. 242 or pbudimir@stpaulsbloor.org.

Ways to Give

For more information visit stpaulsbloor.org/give



In Person



Through our App



Online



Pre-Authorized Giving

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, December 18

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*

9:30 a.m. **the bridge** | *Sanctuary*

11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Nursery - 9:15 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Children's Ministry - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *2nd Floor*

Youth - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. | *Youth Room*

Prayer Time - 10:20 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Community Lunch - 12:15 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

Service of Light - 7 p.m. | *Chapel of the Good Shepherd*

Thursday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 24

12:10 p.m. | Christmas Eve Communion

4 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service for Families & Children

7 p.m. & 10 p.m. | Christmas Music

7:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. | Classic Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Christmas Day Communion - 11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Christmas Day Lunch - 12:30 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Holy Communion - 11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Returning in January

Choir Practice - *January 5*

Nursery - *January 8*

Children's Ministry - *January 8*

Youth Group - *January 8*

Sunday Lunch - *January 8*

Tuesday Communion - *January 10*

Winchester Group - *January 10*

Christian Meditation - *January 10*

Wednesdays with God - *January 11*

Wednesday Night Youth Group

- *January 11*

CBS Women's Bible Study - *January 12*

ESL Café - *January 16*

Community Lunch



Vegetable Soup with a
Grilled Cheese Sandwich - \$5

Help Us Reach Our Advent Ask Goal

We are raising money to provide Bikes for Girls in Gurgaon, India. See the December 4 issue of the What's Happening for more details.

Raised: \$12,190

Goal: \$30,000

