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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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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Black History Service

Sunday, February 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the 22nd Annual Celebration Service of Black History Month. This year's service will focus on the last 150 years and celebrate the past, present and future of the community. Join us for an evening of praise, song and dance.



### Taste and Sing

If you enjoy singing and music you are most welcome to join the choir on **Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.** to taste some of our music, community and famous muffins! This is an opportunity for you to consider singing in the choir. You don't need to read music, though it would help; all that is essential is a healthy appetite for singing.

For more information contact Tom Bell, Music Director, at **[music@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:music@stpaulsbloor.org)** or ext. 233 or in person after the 11 a.m. service.





By Steve Shaw, Associate Priest

Jesus said "if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain move from here to there and it will move." Bishop Tom Wright comments: "The secret of course is that the size of the faith is not important; what is important is the God in whom you believe. . . . The smallest prayer to the one true God will produce great things."

Whatever people may think of a religious person, they normally expect us to pray and often ask for our prayers when they have a problem.

Prayer is a concept common to many faiths. It implies petitions to the divine. Christian prayer is unique. It stems from a relationship with a God who is personal. We approach Him as "Our Father". In prayer not only do we speak to God, but in the quiet moments He speaks to us.

Most of us find prayer a challenge. At one level it is the response of the human heart reaching out to God. But as Christians we seek also to grow in our understanding and practice of prayer. As we do this we become more deeply aware of God's presence and activity in our lives.

No two people pray in the same way; our prayers are as different as our personalities and experiences. But to grow in our practice of prayer is to grow in our knowledge of God.

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It is wonderful to be able to pray anytime anywhere – for our own needs and for others. It is also wonderful to pray together each Sunday as part of our worship. At St. Paul's we are actively engaged in prayer in many ways. We want to continue providing opportunities that encourage everyone to grow not only in their own personal prayer, but also in our prayer together as a community.

To this end, we are planning two prayer related events leading up to Easter. The first is a Saturday morning workshop on prayer: **Growing in Prayer** on **March 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Topics to be covered include: beginning in prayer, contemplative prayer, praying with and for others.

The second will be another Saturday morning prayer focus: **Praying Through Holy Week** on **April 8 from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m.** During this time, we will reflect on and pray for all of the events and services of Holy Week and Easter at St. Paul's.

Some of the current activities that form our prayer ministry include:

### **Sunday Prayer Team**

Members of our prayer team are available after every service in St. Paul's Chapel to pray with you and for you.

### **Weekday Prayer Times**

A prayer group meets each month on the second Monday and fourth Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church to pray for our church.

### **Sunday Service Prayer Times**

Prayer groups meet at 10:20 a.m. and at 10:50 a.m. to pray for the services each Sunday.

### **Alpha Prayer**

This meeting involves praying for Alpha every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. at St. Paul's. At each meeting prayer focuses on the weekly Alpha theme and for every person attending and helping.

If you would like to request prayer, or to join the prayer workshops or meetings, contact Steve Shaw, Associate Priest, at [sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sshaw@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 232.



## World Day of Prayer 2017

### “Am I Being Unfair to You”

A World Day of Prayer (WDP) service will be held on **Saturday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m.** at Rosedale United Church, 159 Roxborough Drive. This year the service was written by WDP of the Phillipines. There will be a lunch to follow.

Elevators are located at the side entrance on Glen Road.

If you are travelling by TTC, take Bus 82 from Rosedale Subway to the Whitney Street stop.

## Pancake Supper

Join us on **Tuesday, February 28 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Enjoy chef Omari's amazing pancakes (gluten-free available) with maple syrup, bacon and eggs. Entertainment includes music and children's activities. Tickets can be purchased at the door - \$8 per adult and \$6 per child.

For more information contact Janet Earle, Childrens' Minister, at ext. 241 or [children@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:children@stpaulsbloor.org).



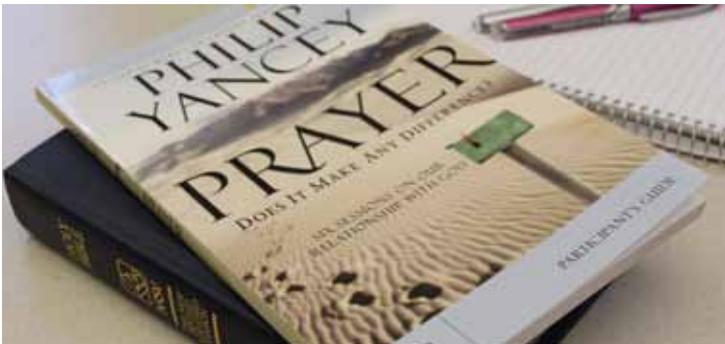


## Coldest Night Walk

On **February 25 at 4:30 p.m.** members of St. Paul's are walking to bring awareness to the work of the Yonge Street Mission, a local organization we have partnered with that serves the hungry, homeless and hurting in Toronto.

For more information, or to participate, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk](http://stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk) or contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org).

## Lent at Wednesdays With God

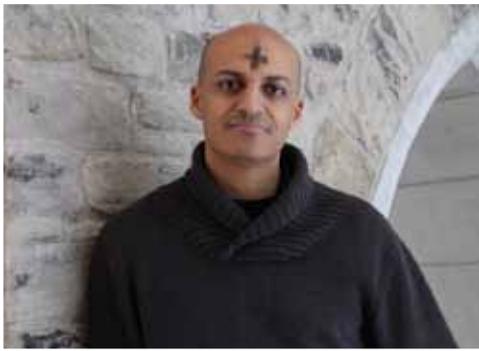


One of our weekly small groups, Wednesdays With God, will be observing the Lenten Season using the DVD series, "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" based on the book by Philip Yancey. Each session includes questions and time for reflection.

**Wednesdays starting March 8 to April 12 from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.** Lunch is available for \$8. Study guides are available for \$10. Please register in advance to ensure there will be enough study guides and lunch. Everyone is welcome to join!

For more information or to register, contact Shelley Tidy at [shelley.tidy@rogers.com](mailto:shelley.tidy@rogers.com) or contact the office at 416-961-8116.

## Ash Wednesday



Join us on Ash Wednesday, **March 1** for communion services at **8 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.** This reflective and ancient service begins the 40-day season of Lent. This is a time for personal examination and repentance as we prepare to observe the death and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at Easter. Ashes are an ancient biblical sign of repentance and will be put on people's foreheads at these services.

### Connect with us on Social Media

Follow us for news,  
photos and updates.



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## Office Closed for Family Day

The facility will be closed tomorrow, **Monday, February 20** for Family Day. We hope you and your family enjoy a safe and fun-filled long weekend.



## 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](http://stpaulsbloor.org). Link to our app at [stpaulsbloor.org/app](http://stpaulsbloor.org/app).

# What's Happening This Week

## Monday, February 20 - Family Day

*Facility Closed*

## Tuesday, February 21

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

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

Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*

The Money Course - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

DivorceCare - 7 p.m. | *Library*

## Wednesday, February 22

Wednesdays With God - 12 p.m. | *Room 206*

Alpha Prayer Time - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*

Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*

The Marriage Course - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

## Thursday, February 23

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:20 a.m. | *Music Room*

Taste & Sing/Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*

Young Adult Gathering - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

## Sunday, February 26

Pilgrim: The Beatitudes - 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. |

*Room 106*

Black History Service - 4:30 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*

## 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*

# Community Lunch



Quiche - \$8

## The Flowers Today

The flowers at the High Table are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Florence Jane Lamb Gillespie given by The Gillespie family.

The flowers in the Chapels are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Sydney N. Lambert Sr. & Jr. and Dr. & Mrs. Fredrick I Houston given by Kate Lambert-Prichard and family.



## Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Topic: Moses - Passing the  
Baton