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Office Hours

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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Join us for a free Organ Concert

Join us next **Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m.** for a free one-hour organ concert featuring Sarah Svendsen.

Sarah is a graduate of the Yale School of Music and specializes in the performance of Canadian organ works. She has performed in Europe, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada.

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.



No Youth Group today

There will be no Youth Group today at the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Our Youth Group are away on their annual retreat. Sunday Youth Group will resume May 6.



In 2015 we began our Above and Beyond Capital Campaign which has three phases.

- 1 Retiring our Debt
- 2 Developing a Ministry Apprenticeship Program (MAP)
- 3 Creating Worship Space for Tomorrow

Phase 1 was completed last year when, at our 175th Anniversary Celebration, we were able to pay off our construction debt in it's entirety. We are now entering Phase 2 – the Ministry Apprenticeship Program (MAP).

Reality today highlights there is a leadership gap in the Christian Church in Canada. The models of ministry leadership that have served so well over the decades and even centuries, are rapidly grinding to a halt in the face of new cultural and societal realities. We live in a world that is post-positional (leaders are no longer given absolute authority); post-Christendom (Christianity is no longer the predominant worldview); post-attractational (we can no longer build a church and expect people to come); and post-denominational (people no longer identify with and show loyalty to a particular denomination).

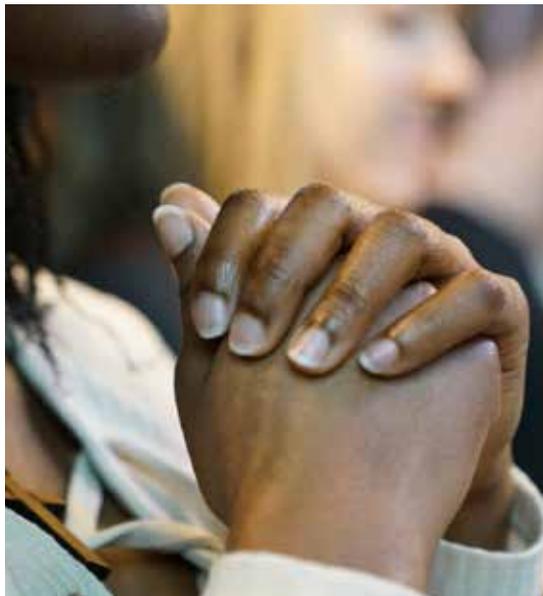


However, we believe God has revealed our part in His renewal vision for His Church. The Christian leadership gap must be closed, and St. Paul's has a critical role to play. Phase 2 of the Above and Beyond campaign seeks to address this leadership issue. We believe we are called to incubate and initiate the MAP formation process for those wanting to explore, engage and discern ministry in daily life. This advanced discipleship formation process will be engaged through St. Paul's.

MAP will allow participants to explore their faith in action, discern their spiritual gifts and learn how to exercise ministry in life with the formative experience of living out faith 'on the ground'. We will provide learning opportunities, mentoring and support for this year long process designed to form and equip future leaders. Some will enter into ordained Church leadership, many will not.

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However, we believe no matter what 'form' of leadership is exercised, it will all be value added for Kingdom ministry.



How can you be part of forming new leaders for the church?

- Pray - The great success of Above and Beyond is only because of God's guidance and blessing. Pray we are lead to what God wants to achieve through us.
- Continue your pledge made in 2015. This is critical if we are to see God's vision for us realized in MAP.
- If you missed making a pledge, you can still donate to the campaign.
- If you are so convicted, please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge to Above and Beyond so we are able to expand this exciting ministry opportunity of MAP.

For more information about our Above and Beyond campaign, to make a pledge or to donate, visit our website at stpaulsbloor.org/our-vision. If you have questions, please email rector@stpaulsbloor.org.

Try singing in the choir this coming Thursday



If you would like to try singing in the choir you are invited to come to a practice on **Thursday, 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, at music@stpaulsbloor.org or in person after any 11 a.m. service.



Learn to manage your money with a free, 3-week Money Course

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.

St. Paul's: A Safe Space for All



As an urban parish, we are grateful for the diversity and proximity of our parishioners. We are delighted a growing number of people who live nearby are able to walk to church. Some of our nearby members are marginally housed, even homeless. We are as glad for their presence – each person, poor or rich, brings with them the image of God in which they were created. Each person is loved by Jesus, no matter the mess of our lives – hidden or visible.

However, it has come to our attention there has been solicitation for funds inside the church property and even in the Sanctuary. Such solicitation is distracting from worship. Should you feel led to support your fellow members financially, we ask such gifts are given off property. We would like to guard St. Paul's from becoming "territory" for panhandling. We seek St. Paul's to be safe place for all. Thank you for your understanding.

Do you know someone from St. Paul's who served in World War I?



As the world counts down the days to November 11, 2018, the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the archivists here at St. Paul's are commemorating the 500 members of this congregation who served during that war. Their names are etched into the First World War Memorial on the east wall at the back of the church. We are confident many of their families still attend St. Paul's.

We want to hear from their relatives or friends—do you have photos, letters written during the war, a memento carefully preserved from the trenches, family stories passed down through the generations?

The connection doesn't have to be direct: Did you sit next to someone in the church who related stories about their uncle who served? Or a story told to you at one of the many remembrance commemorations here? Don't worry if you're not sure whether that soldier was a member of St. Paul's. So many wartime documents have been scanned and put online that we can check to be sure.

We plan to share these stories with you in the fall. Please send any information and queries to mail@stpaulsbloor.org.

5 ways to stay updated with the latest events, news, and stories from St. Paul's:



Website - check the "Calendar" on our website for the latest events and to find out when programs and courses are starting.



Community News - To subscribe to our Community News email, fill out a Connection Card and check the email newsletter subscription box.



Social Media - Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for photos, videos, stories, and daily encouragement.



What's Happening - pick up this weekly newsletter at St. Paul's Central or view it online at: stpaulsbloor.org/whats-happening



St. Paul's Central - If you have any questions about St. Paul's, speak to a volunteer at the kiosk in the Atrium.

World and National Issues

- Grant us courage to be peace-makers, peace-keepers and peace-builders in witnesses to God's love.
- For all who confess the Lord's name to be united in His truth, live together in His love and reveal His glory to the world – especially remembering today those in the Anglican Dioceses of Bangladesh & Niagara.

In the Community

- Preserve all who govern, draw them to strive for justice and peace.
- For the ESL Café participants to experience the welcome and joy of the Lord's Kingdom; finding more here than simply a place to practice English.
- Provide comfort and strength for the victims and their loved ones, first-responders, medical professionals, leaders of faith communities, and everyone affected by Monday's horrific incident in North York.

In Our Church

- For the leaders and members of our small group and courses – we pray with gratitude for all who are actively seeking to be transformed to Jesus' likeness, may their diligence be met by the Holy Spirit; may their gatherings be places of rich community and deep friendship rooted in God's love.
- We pray for the following members of our community: Norman, Desemona, Antonio, Naomi, Noel, Desdemona, Yolanka, Dave, Sylvester, asking God to equip them for service

The Flowers Today

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

At the Font:

Goddard Doctrové given by Pat King-Doctrové and family.

At the High Table:

Dennis Davies given by Diane Davies.

In the Chapels:

Audrey Marilyn DaCosta given by Varlo and William Dwyer and family.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, April 29

Youth Retreat | *No Youth Group*
Stepping Into Faith - 10:45 a.m. | *Room 106*
Pilgrim: The Bible - 12:15 p.m. | *Room 106*

Monday, April 30

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

Tuesday, May 1

Winchester Group - 10 a.m. | *Library*
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*

Wednesday, May 2

Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots - 9:30 a.m. | *Nursery*
Wednesdays With God - 12 p.m. | *Room 206*
Youth Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*

Thursday, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 6

Stepping Into Faith - 10:45 a.m. | *Room 106*
Pilgrim: Church & Kingdom - 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

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 6:30-35

**Theme - Image of
God : Bread**

Like a song we sang today? Check out our monthly playlists on Spotify! Follow us at "**stpaulsbloor.**"



Don't have Spotify? You can find the monthly playlists on our YouTube channel.

