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Monday to Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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### 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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## Coming Up In September: Alpha

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions 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.

Starts **September 20 at 6:30 p.m.** Register online at [stpaulsbloor.org/alpha](http://stpaulsbloor.org/alpha). For more information contact Ingrid Suld at [isuld@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:isuld@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 223.

## Rector's Update

By Barry Parker, Rector (Senior Pastor)

We are in the dog days of summer. Many members of the St. Paul's community are having a chance to take some vacation time. Some are travelling and younger members are at summer camps of various kinds.



Through these summer months, St. Paul's is not on vacation. We are welcoming visitors from around the world, as well as new folks who are in search of a spiritual home. The summer sermon series, based on the biblical stories embedded in our beautiful stained-glass windows, has resonated deeply with many. It is a full summer for all of us and I am grateful for all who serve both our faith community, and the communities in which we live.

I notice that as a nation, we are also engaging in Canada's true national sport—complaining about the weather. Whether it is too wet or too dry, too hot or too cold, we have a habit of complaining about something over which we have no control. Even the tragic effects of unstable

summer weather, such as the wildfires in British Columbia, remind us that there are forces and events over which we have no authority.

Even in the beautiful days of summer, many of us have experienced personal events over which we have no control. Struggles in life and the inherent challenges do not take a summer vacation.

We hear from many folks that one of the characteristics they value most about St. Paul's Bloor Street is that hope is ever-present, a part of life no matter the events or experiences we encounter. That divinely inspired hope is crucial for all of us. With hope, we are more than survivors.

Many of us know the Serenity Prayer, written by the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892–1971). The best-known form is: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

There is a longer version as well:

God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things which should be changed,  
And the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.  
Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

No matter what you are up to this summer, I encourage you to take up this prayer and make it a part of your daily life. I pray you will find an inner serenity that refreshes you in mind, body and spirit. Have a great summer!



## Summer Book Sale

We're collecting used book donations for our summer book sale. If you have books you no longer need or want, place them in the box in the Atrium.

Donations go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to aid parishioners in need.

## Prayer List

### July 30 - This week we pray for:

All followers of Jesus Christ, particularly remembering those who are persecuted, jailed, or subjected to violence simply because of their faith. Our Bishops and leaders, that they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve in truth, love and humility. Everyone gathered today to worship in in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal in Quebec.

Those serving in Children's Ministry. The following members of our community: Carmencita, Estela, Pia, Warren, Sam, Shirley, Sandrina, Selena, Daniel.

### Prayer during our sermon series:

Lord, thank you for beauty of the windows that surround us as we worship you. Thank you for the incredible gifts and talents you gave to those who recreated your word for us in picture form. May we appreciate the talents you have given to others, always recognizing that they come from you and remain yours. Guide us as we examine the stories these windows tell and open our hearts and minds as we study them. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



### **Our Current Sermon Series: The Stories Our Windows Tell**

Sunday, July 30

The Dalton Window: Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

*West near the chapel doors.*

## What's Happening This Week

### 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 Time - 10:20 a.m. | *Room 7*

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

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

### Monday, July 31 to Friday, August 4

Toronto City Mission Day Camp - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Tuesday, August 1

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



### Community Lunch

Assorted Quiche  
with Mixed Green  
Salad - \$8

### Next Sunday's Preaching Passage Matthew 12:1-8

Topic: The Jarvis Window  
(Lord of the Sabbath)