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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.

Charitable Number
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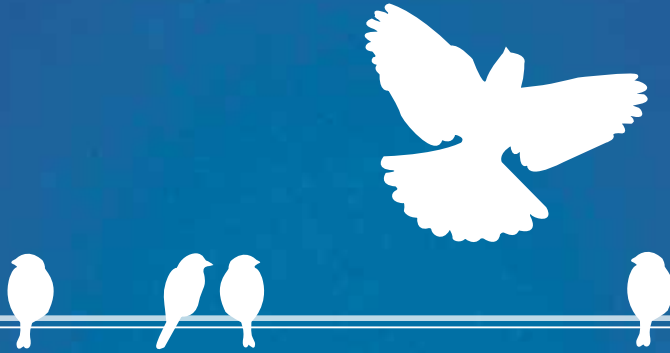


The Marriage Course

The Marriage Course is for any couple who would like to invest in their relationship. A strong, loving and lifelong relationship doesn't happen by chance. It takes effort and dedication to keep the fun and romance alive. Everyone can learn how to make even the happiest marriage better.

This course runs on Wednesday evenings starting on **February 15 until March 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

To learn more or register online, visit stpaulsbloor.org/marriage-course or contact Mark Regis, Associate Priest, at ext. 230 or mregis@stpaulsbloor.org.



Above and Beyond

By Barry Parker, Rector (Senior Pastor)

On January 31 we made our annual debt re-payment using the funds collected in our Above and Beyond capital campaign. We now have only \$150,000 outstanding on our loan. By the grace of God we believe we will pay off our loan entirely by January 30, 2018.

This is a remarkable achievement. Our massive reconstruction started in 1991 with repairs to the north face (Bloor Street) of the church. Now, some 26 years later, the entire facility has been renovated, adding major new construction to a facility where Jesus' redeeming love and grace is shared and experienced in so many ways. This did not come cheaply. In total, approximately \$35 million dollars has been spent. However we can say through it all: God is good!

This June is the 175th anniversary of St. Paul's Bloor Street. Wouldn't it be wonderful to celebrate our anniversary as a church completely debt-free? There are enough pledges from Above and Beyond to complete this wish by year's end. All this would require is for people to move up their pledge payments to the beginning of June. Imagine the joy of celebrating God's goodness and grace to us without any debt! Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to make your pledge payment before June. On June 11, at our anniversary worship service, let's celebrate God's faithfulness and blessing to us—completely debt-free.

What an anniversary gift—the legacy of debt-free ministry for the next generation and the opportunity to advance the next phases: the Ministry Apprenticeship Program and creating Worship Space for tomorrow. God is Good!

Rentals and Catering at St. Paul's

St. Paul's began its rentals and catering services in 2007 after our newly renovated facility re-opened. Our chef, Omari Alonzo, created a gourmet menu which has evolved over the years. Today it offers everything from breakfast to coffee breaks to sit-down dinners.

Our events coordinator, Mitch Orsatti, is in charge of booking both internal and external events. He liaises between our clients and staff regarding room setup, audio/visual needs and catering requests, ensuring that the event runs smoothly and collecting payments afterwards.

Mitch estimates we average between 30 and 40 bookings per week, including internal events. "What I think is great about St. Paul's," says Mitch, "is that within those 30 to 40 bookings there is a wide variety of events being held. Internally we have bible studies, classes, courses and helpful seminars. Our external bookings include corporate meetings, luncheons, large conferences and galas."

Integral to the success of our rentals and catering services is the work of our property team, headed by property manager Noel Kane. They look after all the details of client requests on top of cleaning and maintaining the church building.

Our newest member of the property team is Hansel Alonzo. He will be assisting Omari in the kitchen. Hansel has worked at St. Paul's before as a sous-chef on numerous occasions. Some parishioners will already know him as he has prepared and served Sunday's Community Lunch several times.

If you would like to book an event at St. Paul's, or for more information, contact Mitch Orsatti, Events Coordinator, at events@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 235.



Cornerstone Dinner Photos

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Cornerstone Dinner on January 28. We serve a meal with Cornerstone three to four times a year. Stay tuned for the next opportunity to serve!



Daily Bread Food Bank Donations

Thank you for your generous donations to the Daily Bread Food Bank over Advent and Christmas. Through our Reverse Advent Calendars we collected a total of 1,731 pounds of food which will be used to feed people in Toronto who are going hungry.

We continue to collect non-parishable food items for the Daily Bread Food Bank throughout the year. To contribute, simply bring your donations and place them in the bin in the Atrium.

Most needed items include:

- Canned stew
- Canned tuna
- Peanut butter
- Canned fruit/veggies
- Dry pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned/dried beans
- Macaroni & cheese
- Baby food & formula



22nd Annual Black History Service

February 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the 22nd Annual Celebration Service of Black Heritage Month. Join us for an evening of praise, song and dance.



LOST & FOUND

Please check the Lost & Found, located in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary, today before you leave. Anything left behind will be donated at the end of February.

Missed a sermon from our series on Moses?

You can listen again online. All Sunday sermons are posted on our website at the beginning of the week.

Visit stpaulsbloor.org/sermons

Moses
A Long and Winding Road



Coldest Night Walk

On February 25 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 our website at stpaulsbloor.org/coldest-night-walk or contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org or ext. 226.

Ways to Give

For more information visit stpaulsbloor.org/give



In Person



Through our App



Online



Pre-Authorized Giving

Your Impact at St. Paul's

The Money Course started this past week. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, February 5

Pilgrim: The Commandments - 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. |
Room 106

Monday, February 6

GriefShare - 5:30 p.m. | *Library*
ESL Cafe - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, February 7

Winchester Group - 10 a.m. | *Library*
Holy Communion - 12:10 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Christian Meditation - 1 p.m. | *Room 206*
DivorceCare - 7 p.m. | *Library*
The Money Course - 7 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Wednesday, February 8

Wednesdays With God - 12:15 p.m. | *Dalton Room*
Alpha Prayer Time - 6 p.m. | *St. Paul's Chapel*
Alpha - 6:30 p.m. | *Cody Hall*
Youth Group - 7 p.m. | *Youth Room*

Thursday, February 9

CBS Women's Bible Study - 9:20 a.m. | *Music Room*
Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. | *Music Room*
Young Adult Gathering - 6 p.m. | *Great Hall*

Sunday, February 12

Pilgrim: The Commandments - 10:45 a.m. & 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*

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



Butter Chicken - \$8

The Flowers Today

The flowers at the High Table are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Agnes Davies given by Diane Davies.

The flowers in the Chapels are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David Currie given by Joan and family.



Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

Exodus 33:7-11

Topic: Moses - Spending Time Alone