



April 9, 2017

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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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### Baptism and Membership Sunday - April 23

On April 23 at the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services we will have baptisms and reception into membership.

Are you interested in baptism for yourself or your child? Join us for **Stepping into Faith**, a four week course for families preparing for baptism. Built around the foundation of the baptism promises, we will explore ways to live out our faith with our families.

The course will run on **Sundays at 10:45 a.m. from April 30 to May 28.**

Our next Baptism and Membership Sunday will be on **June 18.**

Register online at [stpaulsbloor.org/stepping-faith](http://stpaulsbloor.org/stepping-faith) or contact Janet Earle, Children's Minister, at ext. 241 or [children@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:children@stpaulsbloor.org) for more information.

Those interested in membership can contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org)

### Youth Retreat Photos

Last weekend our youth went to Pioneer Camp. Don't miss the great photos posted on our facebook page!



## Holy Week at St. Paul's

A banner for Palm Sunday featuring a background of green palm fronds. A horizontal red band across the middle contains the text "Palm Sunday" in a white, cursive font.

### Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins **today** with Palm Sunday or the Passion of Our Lord. We commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. It is customary to have a blessing of palm leaves which includes the reading of a Gospel account of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey, and how people placed palms on the ground in front of him. Immediately following this great time of celebration, Jesus begins his journey to the Cross.

A banner for Maundy Thursday featuring a background of round, light-colored bread. A horizontal red band across the middle contains the text "Maundy Thursday" in a white, cursive font.

### Maundy Thursday

This service commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his Twelve Apostles, the institution of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. At the end of the service, silence reigns. All removable furnishings or decorations are removed. The lights are dimmed, the music is funeral in tone and then silence, the silence of Good Friday. Join us for our Maundy Thursday service on **April 13 at 7 p.m.**

A banner for Good Friday featuring a background of a dark, cloudy sky with a black cross silhouette. A horizontal red band across the middle contains the text "Good Friday" in a white, cursive font.

### Good Friday

The Good Friday service involves the reading of the Passion account from the Gospel of Mark, read dramatically, with eight different readers, and the congregation all taking part. The service concludes with the Solemn Intercession, a very focused and powerful

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prayer that keeps our eyes, minds and hearts focused on the Cross. The Church mourns for Christ's death, reveres the Cross, and marvels at his life. Join us for our Good Friday Service on **April 14 at 11 a.m.**

### **Journey to the Cross for Children and Youth**

On Good Friday we invite children and youth to experience Easter like one of Jesus' first disciples. The children will pick up a passport and go on a guided tour around the building to visit some amazing places. Our youth will be in costume to host each stop on the journey. From the donkey they encounter at the beginning of the tour to the empty tomb at the close, the journey will tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Join us in the **Dalton Room (second floor) at 10:45 a.m.** to meet your Tour Group! Everyone is welcome to join us. Childcare is available for children three and under.



Easter Sunday, which immediately follows Holy Week, is the great feast day and culmination of the Christian Church year for on this day the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated. It is the first day of the new season of the Great Fifty Days, or Eastertide, which runs from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday (June 4). Easter Sunday is the main reason why Christians keep Sunday as the primary day of religious observance. Join us on **April 16 at 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.** as we celebrate Easter Sunday.

### **Easter for Children and Youth**

Children and youth are invited to celebrate with their families and the St. Paul's community in church. During the service children up to Grade 5 will be invited to come to the Children's Ministry area to learn more about Easter. We will bring the children back to their parents in church just before communion time. Join us for a large indoor Easter egg hunt after both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Meet at the bottom of the stairs in the foyer to start the hunt. Over 1,200 Easter eggs will be hiding throughout the building. Childcare is available for children three and under during our services.

## Newcomers Lunch



Thank you to everyone who attended our Newcomers Lunch last Sunday. We welcome all of our newcomers and pray the Lord will bless you as you integrate into life at St. Paul's.



### St. Paul's Organ Recital April 23 at 3 p.m. - Tom Fitches

Join us for the next in our 2017 series of organ recitals. This free one-hour concert will provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Tom Bell, Music Director, at [music@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:music@stpaulsbloor.org) or ext. 233.

## Cornerstone Dinner



Volunteer to serve at the next Cornerstone Dinner on **Saturday, April 22**. We will be preparing and cooking dinner, serving and cleaning up afterwards.

Visit [stpaulsbloor.org/cornerstone](http://stpaulsbloor.org/cornerstone) to sign up online. For more information, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org) ext. 226.

## Doors Open



On **Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28** we will be participating in Doors Open Toronto. This year, Doors Open offers free and rare access to more than 150 architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city.

To volunteer for part of this weekend, contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org)

A photograph of a large arrangement of white lilies and pink roses, used as a background for the Easter Memorial Flowers announcement.

## Easter Memorial Flowers - Due Today

Remembering a loved one with an Easter memorial flower is a wonderful way to share in decorating the church for Easter. Complete the memorial flower envelope in the pew or at St. Paul's Central, and place it on the offering plate or in the office mailbox. Donations can also be made online or through our app at [stpaulsbloor.org/app](https://stpaulsbloor.org/app). Memorials begin at \$20 per entry. Memorials are due **Today, Sunday, April 9.**



## Clothing Drive for Adults

From now until next Sunday, April 16 we are collecting donations of clothing for adults. These will be given to Cornerstone Ministries, which works with many people trying to get back on their feet after going through difficult situations or circumstances.

We are collecting new or used suits, dresses, belts, shirts, blouses, jackets, pants, shoes and new socks. Place your clothing donations in the box in the Atrium.

For more information contact Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, at ext. 226 or [sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:sseaborn@stpaulsbloor.org)



## The Money Course

The Money Course is a great place to start learning the skills required to manage your money. It teaches budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system.

The course is free and designed for everyone - whether unemployed, a student, working, self-employed or retired.

Starts **Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.**

To find out more or to register online, visit [stpaulsbloor.org/money-course](https://stpaulsbloor.org/money-course) or contact Joyce Badley, Executive Pastor, at ext. 229 or [jbadley@stpaulsbloor.org](mailto:jbadley@stpaulsbloor.org)

# Prayer List

## **April 9 - This week we're praying for:**

### World and National Issues

An end to the many wars and conflicts in the world, so we may all be peace-makers, peace-keepers and peace-builders.

All victims of circumstances beyond their control, so that all may live in peace, with respect.

Everyone to be filled with hope, meaning and purpose.

Those in leadership, regardless of their position, to be faithful in service and exercise wisdom and justice in their role.

### The Worldwide Church

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 the Anglican Diocese (district) of the Arctic in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

### In Our Own Church

For everyone in the Alpha Experience - the opportunity to learn and ask questions about Jesus Christ.

We remember the following members of our community Kirk, David, Jillian, John, Jerry, Handel, Deborah, Duke, Heidi, Nadia, Leslie.

Those in our community dealing with challenging situations.

### During Holy Week

As we prepare for the events leading to Jesus Christ's Resurrection, help us remember his journey to give us eternal life this week.

## **Palm Sunday Palms**

We thank the members of the Chancel Guild for the lovely palm decorations.

Our thanks also to everyone who helped make the palm crosses for distribution today.





# What's Happening This Week

## Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

### Monday, April 10

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

Prayer Time - 7 p.m. | *Prayer Time*

### Tuesday, April 11

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*

### Wednesday, April 12

Wednesdays With God - 12:15 p.m. | *Dalton Room*

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

### Thursday, April 13 - Maundy Thursday

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

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

Maundy Thursday Service - 7 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

### Friday, April 14 - Good Friday

Journey to the Cross for Children & Youth

- 10:45 a.m. | *Dalton Room*

Good Friday Service - 11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

### Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday

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

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

11 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Easter Egg Hunt for Children

- 10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. | *Foyer*

## 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



Chicken Fingers with Fries - \$8

## Office Closures

Please note the office will be closed on  
Good Friday and Easter Monday.

## Next Sunday's Preaching Passage

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Topic: God is Still in the  
Dead-Raising Business