

ORDER OF SERVICE
August 15, 2021 - Feast of St. Mary the Virgin

INTRODUCTION

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God . . . Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Good morning everyone. This is Fr. Dean Mercer and I welcome you as the parish of St. Paul's gathers to mark the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin. Separated physically, we join in spirit, sharing in the joy of the resurrection of our Lord.

Reading the lessons is Joshua Jayakumar. The anthem is performed by David McCartney. And the litany is led by Cliff Seenan

So let us hear Holy Scripture, reflect and pray together, and open our hearts to the Living Word, Jesus Christ - our risen Saviour and Lord.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son. May we who have been redeemed by his blood, share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

LESSONS

First Reading

Joshua Jayakumar
GALATIANS 4:4-7

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 132:6-10, 13-14

Reader: From Psalm 132:

"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; we found it in the fields of Jearim.

Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; let your faithful people sing with joy.

For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed.

"If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

For the Lord has chosen Zion, he has desired her for his habitation.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 2:1-7

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HOMILY

Fr. Dean Mercer

ANTHEM

David McCartney,piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cliff Seenan

THE LORD'S PRAYER & BLESSING

New Attendance Limit - 100 at St. Paul's

On Friday (July 16, 2021) Ontario entered Stage Three of its re-opening plan. As a result, the Bishops now permit as many people in the church who can maintain "physical distancing of 2 metres". That is, in fact, harder to plan for because the space needed for individuals is greater than that needed for families. So to begin with, attendance at church services at St. Paul's will be limited to 100. That will be increased as we are able to do so safely. All other safety guidelines - the Amber Guidelines - remain in place: masks, distancing, no singing, etc..

We give thanks for the many hopeful signs, looking forward to the day when the colour changes from Amber to Green.

Roundabout Renovations

Due to renovations, access to the roundabout and the wheelchair-designated parking in front of the church will be limited for the rest of August. Please plan your arrival accordingly.

August Office Hours

The office will be open Wednesday to Friday, from 8:30-12:30 for the month of August.

Morning Prayer on Zoom - Password Added

Morning Prayer is said Monday to Saturday at 7.30 a.m.. Tuesday to Friday mornings, it is live-streamed from the church. For that reason there is now a password for those attending Morning Prayer on Zoom. Join us for prayer, Monday to Saturday morning at 7.30 a.m.:

Computer Access Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/397231088?wd=ekhBRm9XcDRmWXo5Z0Via2dyY2tpUT09>

Telephone Access - (647) 374 4685, or (647) 558 0588

Meeting ID: 397 231 088

Password: 549300

Schedule

The full schedule of in-person and online services and programs can be found on the online church calendar - www.stpl.ca/calendar.html - or here: www.stpl.ca/services.html. This is the quickest and easiest way to get service and program information.

Sunday Services by Phone on Zoom

The weekly Sunday recording can be heard by phone on Zoom. (It can also be viewed on Zoom, but the quality is diminished.)

Zoom Invitation: *By Phone:* 647 374 4685; 647 558 0588;

Meeting ID: 854 0290 8277; Passcode: 970844

Computer link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85402908277?pwd=Q1RldkxCZXJNTFJk5tYWpOTzIzFUT09>

Ontario COVID-19 Vaccine Booking You can currently book an appointment at a mass vaccination clinic through the provincial online vaccine booking system (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>) If you prefer to schedule an appointment by phone,

call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY 1-866-797-0007). This line is available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week. Information is available in more than 300 languages. *If St. Paul's can be of any help to you in this process, please let our office know.*

The Berthebell Moo and St. Paul's Memorial Academic and Music Scholarships

Bursaries of \$600 each are to be awarded to High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education at a university, a community college or in an apprenticeship program. The Memorial Music Scholarship is awarded to young people who are members of St. Paul's and/or are involved in the St. Paul's youth music program and who show promise in music and are pursuing musical studies. The number of bursaries to be awarded will be decided upon receipt of applications. Dead line: August 31, 2021. Applications and information available here: <https://stpl.ca/applications-forms--reports.html>

Deloitte Canada is offering Black Canadian University students a one-time \$5,000 scholarship towards eligible school expenses, and an opportunity to complete a work term at one of our Canadian offices this year. Application Deadline - August 22, 2021. Apply Today: https://careers.deloitte.ca/job/Toronto-Deloitte-Canada-Black-Student-Scholarship-ON-M5C-3G7/771564200/?locale=en_US. Our thanks to Ann-Marie Leon for passing this along.

New Honorary Priest at St. Paul's

Effective December, 2021, The Rev'd Canon Kim Beard has been appointed by Bishop Robertson as honorary priest at St. Paul's, L'Amoreaux. Canon Beard is the recently retired priest of St. Paul on the Hill, Pickering.

Mission Trip to Tanzania 2022

Our incoming honorary assistant Rev. Canon Kim Beard will be leading a work mission trip to Tanzania in 2022 and invites anyone interested to attend two information sessions: September 8th 2021 at 7:30pm, and November 30th 2021 at 2:00 pm. Mark your calendars.

Sunday School Every Sunday at 10.00 on Zoom

Check the church calendar for links and information: www.stpl.ca/calendar.html

S.P.Y. - St. Paul's Youth - Friday nights at 7 pm - *See you in September.*

Contact Sarah for more information: splcyouthministry@gmail.com.

Check the online church calendar for link information: www.stpl.ca/calendar.html.

Friday Night Bible Study - taking a break until Friday, September 10.

Join us again in September for Friday evening for Bible study and prayer, right now in a 12-week study of the letters to the Colossians and Philemon, following the Bible study guide by Bishop Tom Wright. Study guides are available online (www.amazon.ca or www.parasource.com or www.christianbook.com) or may be ordered through Fr. Dean. On September 10, we will resume with Lesson 5: Colossians 3.5-17.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/830877703>

Telephone: 647-374 4685, or 647-558 0588; Meeting ID: 830 877 703

Thank you for your Faithful Gifts and Offerings - St. Paul's is a strong parish and remains strong due to everyone's faithful support. *Through the first half of the year, support has been outstanding* at a time when never has it been more important. Gifts can be dropped off at the church or sent by mail. Kindly ensure that your name and envelope number is included. Or, members may wish to sign up for the Pre-Authorized Giving Program (contact the office). Members who use online banking can now make E-transfers (instructions here: www.stpl.ca/give.html). Gifts can also be made at our website through CanadaHelps: www.stpl.ca/give.html.

NOTE: Of the various means for online giving, we recommend The Pre-Authorized Giving Program. It is regular, matching the regular responsibilities of the parish, and once initiated all it takes is a phone call or e-mail to increase, decrease, or cancel the donation. The monthly amount is withdrawn on the 20th of each month, and the cost to the church is 50 cents per transaction, irrespective of the amount of the gift. This makes the PAG the most economical of all the online and electronic methods.

Contact - The clergy of St. Paul's are all in the vicinity and visiting in homes again, abiding by diocesan safety guidelines. Don't hesitate to call or write. Website: www.stpl.ca; Church phone: 416-499-1545; Email: stpl@stpl.ca; Fr. Dean Mercer: deanmercercer@hotmail.com; Rectory phone: 416-497-6352.