

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 4, 2022

***8:00am: Said Eucharist:** The order of service is found in the leaflet. The Collect, Epistle, and Gospel are also provided.

*** Reading in the Cathedral at Sunday services - Workshop:** Today at 1:00pm

***Advent Recital by Duo Oriana (artists in residence):** Today at 4:00pm.

***Visit us:** The Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Monday-Friday.

***2023 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West aisle.**

LIVING HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE...

Advent is a short, four-week, sacred season when we anticipate and prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus – not only as a past event that changed the world forever but as a present reality and a future promise. Come Lord Jesus, we pray!

Our Advent wreath helps us to mark this season as we reflect on the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love – gifts of God made known in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Each week we light another candle, giving thanks for the hope, peace, joy, and love we have in Jesus Christ, no matter what the world serves up.

For those grieving and those without affordable housing or food security, for the lonely and those far from home, the longing for hope, peace, joy, and love takes on even deeper meaning at this time of year. **Our Cathedral and our partners respond every week with care and hospitality and over the next two weeks, we are preparing to welcome Drop-In guests for a special Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 23.** There will be Christmas Carols, too! **The Drop-In will also be celebrating the New Year with a special lunch with our guests on Friday, December 30.**

Winter is a challenging season for those who feel isolated. We know that the need for ongoing connection increases during this challenging season. The Drop-In is a caring place where our guests can reconnect with friends, make new acquaintances, and fill the vacuum caused by isolation. A warm nutritious meal brings it all together!

Your support makes it possible for us to share the hope, peace, love, and joy of Advent and Christmas throughout the winter season. Every contribution of time and money makes a real difference in people's lives. Everyone is invited to be part of this caring ministry.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer on December 23, 30, or January 6 contact Kathy Biasi at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.com. You can make a designated donation to the Drop-In by following this secure link: stjamescathedral-mobile.plenty.com

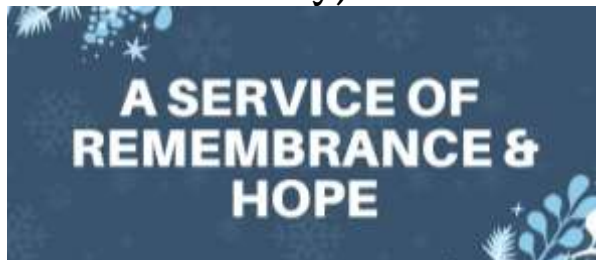
Also, if you want to help with the **St. James Christmas Food Drive**, please donate non-perishable food items in the red bin located in the Cathedral (King Street entrance). Your **donations will support food programs** at St. Bartholomew's Church in Regent Park.

PLAN AHEAD: THIS CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, December 11 at 11:00am: Coffee Hour

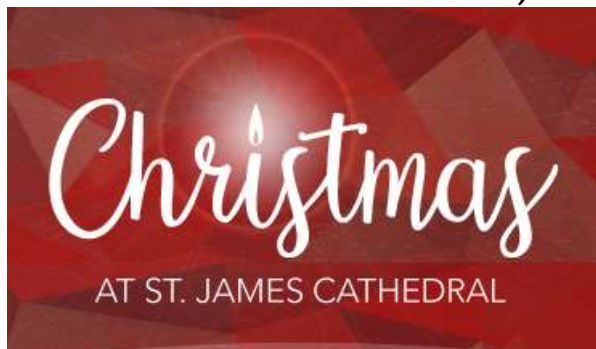
On December 11, the Coffee Hour following the 11:00am service, will be sponsored by the York Group. Join us in Snell Hall for refreshments and Christmas treats and come hear a little about the York Group. All are welcome!

Saturday, December 17 at 4:00pm: Blue Christmas Service



Christmas is a difficult time for many of us, especially those grieving the loss of a loved one. St. James Cathedral offers a service of prayer and reflection to help us prepare for the holiday in faith and hope, despite our losses. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year's Day



Christmas Eve: Saturday, Dec. 24:

4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital

4:30pm: A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

7:30pm: Choral Eucharist

The recital and services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135.

Christmas Day: Sunday, Dec. 25:

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)

(There is no Choral Evensong on Christmas Day).

New Year's Day: Sunday, Jan. 1:

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

3:30pm: Festive Music

4:00pm: Choral Evensong, Presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto, and Installation of the New Chancellor *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135)*

The best Christmas gift: St. James Cathedral pewter ornaments!

Come visit us and get your ornaments **every Sunday until December 18 after the 9:00am and 11:00am services during the coffee hour.** Also, buy them at our front desk Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Each ornament is \$25.

For more information: Kate Uchendu at kate1973.ku@gmail.com

STAY UP TO DATE

Welcome baby George Latimer-Dennis!

Congratulations to Claire and Micah Latimer-Dennis on the arrival of baby George! Everyone is doing well and enjoying getting acquainted. We send them our best wishes, love, and prayers!

Christmas Memorial Flowers

A beautiful way to remember a loved one at Christmas is through the memorial poinsettias that will be placed in the Cathedral for the season. Send us the names of your loved ones in one of three ways **before Wednesday, December 7:**

1. Email lscapillato@stjamescathedral.ca
2. Placed in a clearly marked envelope on the collection plate during our services.
3. Call into 416-364-7865, ext. *229.

We are asking for donations of \$40 (minimum) per name or per couple. Donations will be designated to the Cathedral Flower Fund and are tax-receiptable.

African Fashion and Culture

The Interim Dean, Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye, and Nancy Mallett invite all who may be interested in joining them for a meeting on **Monday, 5 December, at 2:00pm** in the Lecture Room of the Cathedral Centre to brainstorm ideas for a special evening, or possibly week, to celebrate the diversity of the Cathedral congregation and its surrounding community and the common interest in fashion and its expression of self sometime in late Spring 2023. Members of the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood and other Cathedral neighbours have also been invited to talk about this exciting idea and initiative. Please join us if you can!

ADVENT CALENDAR AT THE CATHEDRAL

Advent through the Gospels

Everyone is invited to gather during the 4 weeks of Advent as we read and reflect together on the themes we find in the Sunday gospel passages. There are three ways to participate:

1. 'Zoom' with the Interim Dean on the four **Monday evenings** of Advent at **7:00pm (Nov. 28 - Dec. 19)**. Please register for Zoom coordinates by sending an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca
2. Join the Scripture Circle in-person in the Library on the four **Wednesday mornings** of Advent at **11:00am (Nov 30-Dec 21)**.
3. Join the "Becoming the Story We Tell" Small Group in-person in the Library on the four **Wednesdays evenings** of Advent at **7:00pm (Nov 30-Dec 21)**.

For one hour, we will think about what Advent means, how we approach the Christmas season, how we 'prepare ourselves', and the ways in which four specific Gospel readings for the season speak to us. We will conclude each evening in prayer.

You will be sent the readings. Come - listen - share - learn - enjoy!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

Morning Prayer – online only
Monday – Friday at 8:30am
via the **Cathedral YouTube channel**

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm
Monday – Friday
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

TUESDAY: December 6 - our last Organ Recital of the season at 1:00pm
Join us at St. James Cathedral to enjoy a 40-minute concert by Jennifer Goodine.
Our Organ Recitals will be back on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

WEDNESDAY: At 11:00am & 7:00pm

***At 11:00am:** Join the Scripture Circle in-person in the Library on the **four Wednesday mornings of Advent (Nov 30-Dec 21)** for “Advent through the Gospels”.

Please contact Canon Beth Benson for more information at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca.
(See page 3 for details).

***At 7:00pm:** Join the “Becoming the Story We Tell” Small Group in-person in the Library on the **four Wednesdays evenings of Advent (Nov 30-Dec 21)**. (See page 3 for details).

FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm:

Our Cathedral opens its doors for guests to come in for a meal in Snell Hall.

SATURDAY: Pre-recorded Morning Prayer - 8:30am

Watch it online through the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

SUNDAY: Coffee Hour: Join us!

*The 9:00am Coffee Hour is held in the Cathedral's Southwest Porch

*The 11:00am Coffee Hour is held in Snell Hall in the Cathedral Centre.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(Also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](https://www.youtube.com/tordio135))

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

Readings for next Sunday,

December 11:

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalm 146: 5-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

**Did you know? The operating cost for the Cathedral is \$5,500 a day.
We need your help to continue our work of worship, ministry, and community outreach. Please use the tap machine located in the Cathedral to donate with a credit/debit card. Thank you!**

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