

# ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 11, 2022

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

**\*Today's Coffee Hour** following the 11:00am service is sponsored by the York Group. Join us in Snell Hall for refreshments and Christmas treats. All are welcome!

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

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

## The Third Candle, JOY



We start this third week of Advent standing in the shadow of the candles of *Hope* and *Peace*. Hope is the capacity to acknowledge the challenges and difficulties of life, and the refusal to be imprisoned by them. Peace (*shalom*) has to do with health, prosperity, harmony, and wholeness, total flourishing. This week, we reflect on *Joy*.

The picture of the doting grandfather provides an image of “happiness”. To the observer, happiness is written all over his face. Only “granddad” knows what he is *experiencing*, only he knows what others may think he is feeling, only he knows the joy that is written in his heart. It is a feeling of deep pleasure and delight, like the tingling sensation of “bubbly” making its way over the palate.

Christian joy is like that and more. It is the thrill of knowing that we share in the story of God. From the garden in Genesis to the garden in the book of The Revelation to John, the story is all about God breaking into our lives and then we, God’s people, going out into the world as witnesses to God’s goodness and desire that all be invited to share and included in that life.

The Luke-Acts narrative provides us with seven reasons for such *joy* as was experienced in the Early Church. In Luke’s account of the gospel, there was joy because the Saviour was born (2:10); discipleship was worth its cost (6:23); the sick and lost were healed and rescued (13:17; 15:5); Jesus is the king (19:37).

In the Book of Acts of the Apostles, there was joy because the church was the Lord’s community both inside and outside (2:46); the word of God had reached the nations (8:39; 13:48); the nations obeyed the word (11:23).

Joy results when we recognize that we live in Christ, that Christ lives in us, and that we live, not for ourselves but for others. It is nourished when we shift our attention from ourselves and the mistaken view that “*life revolves around me*” and strive to cultivate an attitude that reaches out to others with the holy intention to embrace them, enhance their lives as we share ourselves, our hopes, and dreams with them, and they with us. *Do you feel the joy?*

## PLAN AHEAD: THIS CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

### **This Saturday, December 17 at 2:00pm: Holiday Carols in St. James Park**

Join the *Friends of St James Park Toronto* by a hot fire in St. James Park for a Holiday Sing-along with the Hart House Chorus! No singing experience is required. Free to attend!

### **This 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.

### **This Sunday, December 18: 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. For more information: [kate1973.ku@gmail.com](mailto:kate1973.ku@gmail.com)

## **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](https://youtube.com/tordio135)*

### **Christmas Day: Sunday, Dec. 25:** \*There is no Choral Evensong on Christmas Day.

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)*

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

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel)*

**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](https://youtube.com/tordio135))*

\*We are delighted to announce that Bishop Andrew Asbil has named **Don Solomon**, our Deputy Rector's Warden, to the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. This distinction was created to honour outstanding lay people in the Church in the Diocese of Toronto. Congratulations, Don, on this well-deserved honour!

# WE COUNT ON YOU, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

## St. James Cathedral Christmas Food Drive

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. Any help is highly appreciated.

## Volunteer with the Drop-In

The Drop-In will be celebrating with a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings for their special **Christmas Lunch on Friday, December 23**. There will be Christmas Carols, too! There will also be a special **New Year's lunch** for our guests on **Friday, December 30**.

**Would you like to volunteer at the Drop-In during this season?** You can assist with preparing the meal, packing, serving, and cleaning up at the end of the day.

It is an opportunity to give to a community where many experience loneliness and seclusion at this time of year.

There will also be a small gift for each of our guests. **Donations of chocolates and winter wear for adult men and women are really appreciated.**

To sign up to volunteer on December 23, 30, or January 6 or to donate, please contact Kathy Biasi at (416)364-7865, ext. \*222 or [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

## Today: Support the Drop-In with the "Heart of The City"



To commemorate the 225th year of the Anglican Community in Toronto, a group of volunteer creators, organized and worked on the "Heart of the City" 2022 Christmas Ornament with a donation from Fabricland. Each ornament is \$5. All proceeds from sales of these handmade ornaments go directly to our Drop-In program.

You may pick them up at the West Porch today after the 9:00am and 11:00am services. Limited units; first come-first served basis.

## ADVENT CALENDAR AT THE CATHEDRAL

### Advent through the Gospels

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](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca)
2. Join the Scripture Circle in person on the second floor of the Cathedral Centre 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)**.

# 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:** 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 on the second floor of the Cathedral Centre 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](mailto: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://youtube.com/tordio135))*

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong

**Readings for next Sunday,  
December 18:**

Isaiah 7: 10-16

80: 1-7, 16-18

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

**\*Save the date:** As many know, our beloved Senior Sexton, **Emile Rhineland** is retiring at the end of January! Please hold **Sunday, January 29** for a special celebration of Emile's time with us at a reception following the 11:00am service. More details to come.

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