

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 25, 2022

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

***Coffee Hour:** Please note that there will not be a coffee hour today, Christmas Day, December 25, or on New Year's Day, January 1, 2023. Our Regular Coffee Hours will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

CHRISTMAS 2022

Christmas is upon us, and so I write, on behalf of the Wardens and the Staff to wish you a most blessed and joyous Christmas season!

In one of his great essays, the late Andrew Allen wished us all: 'a quiet hour lazy with the love of God' as a gift. In our world sometimes, it is hard to find that quiet hour, and yet the joy and promise of that birth so long ago and so far away call us to stand at the crib in silent wonder and tranquil prayer.

In a world in which deep sorrows and troubling complexities seem to assail us on every side, it is so important for us to take a moment and simply be grateful – grateful for what we have without resentment at what we lack. We have friends and family; we have faith and the promise of hope; we have this amazing Cathedral community, which has offered such a warm welcome to me, and in which we find so much joy and comfort. While there is so much to do, there is so much good around us and inside of us.

So, as we 'keep' our Christmas, may the joy of Jesus' birth be with us, may the quiet contemplation of God's mighty acts surround us and may that lazy hour with the love of God be with you and with those you love.

Thank you for joining us as we 'keep the feast' here at the Cathedral.

With every blessing –

The Very Reverend Peter Wall
Interim Dean & Priest in Charge

PLAN AHEAD: NEW YEAR'S DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist; **9:00am:** Sung Eucharist & **11:00am:** Choral Eucharist (*also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135*).

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*).

*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: VOLUNTEER WITH THE DROP-IN

The Drop-In will be celebrating **New Year's** with a special **lunch** for our guests on **Friday, December 30**. You can assist with preparing the meal, packing, serving, and cleaning up at the end of the day. Donations of chocolates and winter wear for adult men and women are really appreciated. To sign up to volunteer on December 30 or January 6 or to donate, contact Kathy Biasi at (416) 364-7865, ext. *222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Morning Prayer – online only

from Wednesday, December 28 to Friday,
December 30 at 8:30am
via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

from Wednesday, December 28
to Friday, December 30.
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

***The Cathedral and the Cathedral Offices** will be closed on Monday, December 26; Tuesday, December 27; and Monday, January 2. If you need to see a member of staff from Wednesday, December 28 to Friday, December 30, please contact them directly.

***The Cathedral will be open from 10:00am – 3:00pm from Wednesday, December 28 to Friday, December 30** with a 12:15pm Holy Eucharist on these days.

***Morning Prayer** remains online at 8:30am for these days.

***In person donation:** If you would like to drop off an offering to the secure mailbox which is mounted in the Church Street vestibule at the entrance of the doors at 65 Church Street, the doors will be open on Wednesday, December 28 – Friday, December 30 from 9:30am – 3:30pm. Please make donations by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2022.

***TUESDAY:** Our Organ Recitals will be back on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

***WEDNESDAY:** Our Scripture Circle will be back on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

***FRIDAY:** St. James Cathedral's Drop-In will offer a special **New Year's lunch on Friday, December 30** from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

***SATURDAY:** Watch Morning Prayer - 8:30am via the Cathedral YouTube Channel.

***SUNDAY: Coffee Hour:** Please note that there will not be a coffee hour on New Year's Day, January 1, 2023. Our Regular Coffee Hours will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

SUNDAY SERVICES

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Readings for

next Sunday,

January 1:

Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalm 8

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 15-21

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