

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, January 15, 2023

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

***Coffee Hour:** Please join us today after the 9:00am and 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

***Children & Families:** Godly Play meets every Sunday at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services. Email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus today, we are afforded another opportunity to reflect on this moment in our Lord's life.

The Baptism of Jesus was not meant to make him a Christian. John the Baptizer could not make Jesus a follower of Christ. John did not know the Christian message. He knew the difference. *"I baptise you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."* (Luke 3:16). We who are baptised in Christ are the ones who follow Christ.

It was not because he was renouncing any guiltiness. All he was renouncing was the shelter and security of his home to take on his dangerous yet saving mission.

It was not about forgiveness for sin. Rather, he was taking on the sin of the world, our cares and concerns. He was taking up his cross which he carried all his life until he reached Calvary.

His baptism was the signal of the beginning of the Messiah's work. It was another sign of the Epiphany of Christ to the world. Our baptism is the Epiphany of Christ in us, it is the beginning of our ministry in him, the beginning of our life in him.

Our Baptism is not only for the forgiveness of sins but for power for the future as we share in the life and liberating work of Christ in our broken world.

We may think of baptism in terms of repentance and the forgiveness of our sins. To be limited to that view of baptism would create a people who are concerned with their own salvation and nothing else. In Jesus, baptism becomes something more. Baptism is about the new creation, baptism is about being blown by the creative and transforming wind of the Holy Spirit. It is not so much from sin as for new beginnings, not so much about ourselves as about those to whom we are called to offer healing, freedom, comfort and strength, the ministry of service to others.

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields
Sub-Dean & Vicar

STAY UP TO DATE

Heart In the City Fund Raiser



**“The Heart of the City”
handcrafted ornament**

We would like to send out a special thank you to Pauline Brown and her assistant Edith Reese for the dedication and time they have spent on creating the handcrafted Heart ornaments and organizing and implementing this yearly fundraiser. It has supported the Drop-In’s Holiday celebrations for many years, this one included.

The funds were used to purchase the stocking stuffers that included personal care items, chocolates, and Tim Horton Gift Cards for each of our guests. Visit our website to read more news about the Drop-In.

The Drop-In celebrated the Feast of The Epiphany

Happy Epiphany and Happy New Year to all from the Drop-In at St James Cathedral!



Every Friday from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, the Drop-In brings nutritious meals to be enjoyed by everybody at the Cathedral Centre with the hands and hearts of our volunteers.

We send a special shout-out to the volunteers and everyone in the community who helps to make this possible.

If you are interested in supporting the Drop-In financially, please visit:
<https://stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online/>

PLAN AHEAD: 2023 AT THE CATHEDRAL

Today, Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 4:30pm: Diocesan service

Collation of Archdeacons and Canon Administrator at Evensong in the Cathedral.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 1:30pm: 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 Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 1:30pm in 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. Join us if you can!

Sunday, January 22 at 4:00pm: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

Join Bishop Kevin Robertson and other leaders and participants from churches across the Greater Toronto Area for the annual service celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's service will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe Street - King Street West & Simcoe) on January 22 at 4:00pm. A reception will follow.

This year's theme is "Do Good – Seek Justice," and the preacher will be The Reverend Dr. Robert Faris (Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada).

For more information, contact The Reverend Canon Philip Hobson, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, at phobson@stmartininthefields.ca

Retirement Celebration for Emile Rhineland



A tradition and an icon here, our beloved Emile Rhineland is retiring on January 31.

Emile's gracious presence, always cheerful demeanor, and his amazing ability to think of all the many details that make St. James such a wonderful place, are both quite astounding and will be so sorely missed!

Please plan to join us after the 11:00am service on Sunday, January 29, in the Cathedral, as we thank him and bid him a very fond adieu – not a goodbye, just a farewell until we meet again!

If you wish to make a donation* towards the farewell gift for Emile, here are the details: Make your gift on the offering plate; please make sure the envelope or cheque specifies it is for the Farewell Gift for Emile or make your gift online at: <https://stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online/tribute-memorial-offerings/> Under Type of Tribute select "in honour of" or "in thanksgiving for" and enter Emile Rhineland in the Name slot. *Please note that gift donations are non-receiptable.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT THE CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Monday to Friday via the
Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday to Friday in the Cathedral
- St. George's Chapel.

VISIT US: The Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Monday-Friday.

TUESDAY: Organ Recital on January 17

Angus Sinclair (organ) and Autumn Debassige (mezzo soprano).

The concert begins at 1:00pm and lasts about 40 minutes.

Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY: At 11:00am

Join the Scripture Circle in-person on the second floor of the Cathedral Centre.

We will pick up our look at Mark's Gospel at Chapter 11.

Contact Canon Beth Benson for more information at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca.

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:

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

SUNDAY:

Coffee Hour: After the 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall at the Cathedral Centre. Anglicans love to bake! So here is a challenge/opportunity/invitation from the Interim Dean: **Let's begin, January 22**, to have home-made baking at coffee hours! Bring your favourite cookie or square. Be prepared to share the recipe! (Don't worry, we'll all be thin in heaven!)

SUNDAY SERVICES – January 22, 2023

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(also live-streamed on the Diocesan

YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

Readings for next

Sunday, January 22:

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalm 27: 1, 4-11

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Matthew 4: 12-23

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