

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, February 19, 2023

Celebrating Black History Month at St. James

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

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

***Palm Crosses:** Last year's blessed palm crosses and branches will be burned **today after the 9:00am and 11:00am services** on the west lawn. The ashes will be used at this week's Ash Wednesday Services.

Ash Wednesday, A Day for Penitents, for Us



The Ashes which will be imposed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday were long in preparation.

Last year on Palm Sunday, we received our Palm Crosses, took them home, keeping them in a safe visible place, and hopefully, used them in our devotions over the course of the year. In blessing them, the celebrant prayed *“May we, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life”*.

We may not have always walked these past 10 months in the way with Jesus. That does not surprise us. For we are reminded in the Baptismal Covenant that we will fail to do so, but “whenever you fall into sin, (we are to) repent and return to the Lord”.

Every Sunday, we make a corporate confession that we have made our contribution to the sinful state of the world in one form or another. There is no visible indication of that act of penitence except for our kneeling together and in one voice saying the words of confession. Ash Wednesday is that day when there is a visible indicator.

It was the practice in Rome for penitents and grievous sinners to begin their period of public penance on the first day of Lent in preparation for their restoration to the sacrament of the Eucharist. They were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in sackcloth, and obliged to remain apart until they were reconciled with the Christian community on Maundy Thursday. When these practices fell into disuse (sometime in the 8th–10th century), the beginning of the penitential season of Lent was symbolized by placing ashes on the heads of the entire congregation.

I invite us all to enter upon this Holy Day, praying as the presider will pray, *“Almighty God, from the dust of the earth you have created us. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.”*

Have a Holy Lent - The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL, JOIN US!

Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Mark the last day before Lent with a parish pancake supper in the Cathedral Centre – Snell Hall.

There will be food, a crafts table for kids, and live music!
All are welcome!

Admission is free! Donations welcome.

February 22, 2023: Ash Wednesday Services



7:30am Said Eucharist

12:15pm Sung Eucharist

6:30pm Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel).*

All services include the Imposition of Ashes.

The Cathedral will also be open for prayer on Ash Wednesday from 7:30am – 7:30pm.

SAVE THE DATE: YOU ARE INVITED

World Day of Prayer Service

This year's World Day of Prayer service will take place on Friday, March 3 at 2:00pm at Metropolitan United Church (56 Queen St. East). This year's focus country is Taiwan. The World Day of Prayer service, of which St. James has been a part of for years, is organized by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC). More information, visit wicc.org

Palm Sunday Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser



You are invited to join us for the 9th Annual Palm Sunday Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser in support of the essential work of the Drop-in Centre and honouring, especially, its many years of providing health and foot care clinics.

Don't miss the joy of our Saturday bun-making session on **April 1** or help us bake, frost, and sell on Palm Sunday morning, **April 2**.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Carol Kysel at mckysel@gmail.com

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GUEST SPEAKER – Next Sunday

Next Sunday, we will welcome **Irene Moore Davis**, an educator, historian, writer, podcaster, and community advocate, as our Guest Speaker. She is a community activist who speaks and writes frequently about equity, diversity, inclusion, and African Canadian history. She is a member of All Saints' Church, Windsor, Ontario where she serves on Parish Council, Social Media Coordinator, and in several other ministerial roles. In the wider church, she serves on the Dismantling Racism Task Force as well as on the Strategic Planning Working Group of the Anglican Church of Canada and is Interim Chair of Black Anglicans of Canada.

VESTRY 2023

2023 Vestry Nominating Committee

St. James Cathedral's Annual Vestry meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, March 12, 2023 in Snell Hall.**

The Nominating Committee (Bob Hart, Yvonne Joseph, Mary Hopperton, Bill Benson - Chair) is now receiving names for election for the following positions: People's Warden, Deputy People's Warden, Assistant Deputy People's Warden, Cathedral Council Members-at-large (called "Advisory Board" Members by the Diocese) and Lay members of Synod. Email Bill Benson at billbenson0520@gmail.com with any questions.

Pre-Vestry Meeting

A Pre-Vestry Meeting will be held online via Zoom on **March 8 at 7:00pm.**

The meeting is an opportunity to learn more about the 2023 budget and 2022 financial audit statements and also provides an opportunity for those who cannot attend the Vestry Meeting in person. If you are a member of Vestry and would like to receive the link to attend the Pre-Vestry meeting, please email info@stjamescathedral.ca

Vestry List

The Vestry List is available for viewing now at the back of the church after service or at reception from 9:00am – 4:00pm, Monday-Thursday. Those listed are entitled to vote at the elections for the ensuing year. Additions or modifications can be made to the list.

Diocesan Social Justice Vestry Motion

This year's Diocesan Social Justice Vestry Motion addresses the issue of abysmally low social assistance rates in Ontario. To read the motion and backgrounder, visit our website <https://stjamescathedral.ca/vestry-2023/>

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Thank you from Emile Rhineland



It is with a grateful heart that I wish to take this time to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Interim Dean, Vicar, staff, wardens and members of the Cathedral family for the kind words and warm wishes given to me at my retirement celebration. It was a joyous time well spent. May God continue to shower us with his blessings and direct our paths in all our endeavours. Remain blessed, Emile Rhineland

Cathedral Centre Front Desk

We are pleased to welcome back Raisa Kocaqi as our new Front Desk Administrator!
The Cathedral Centre will now be open from Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm

Becoming the Story We Tell

The *Becoming the Story We Tell* program is returning to St. James this Lent and Eastertide. *Becoming the Story We Tell* is a process of spiritual formation that allows participants to engage more deeply in the very heart and soul of our story, reflecting on Scripture and Sacraments together in small groups. There will be in-person and online groups, with meetings on weekdays and evenings. For more information, email bst@stjamescathedral.ca

Refugee Committee update: A family story, an incredible journey

It is not often that a Canadian gets the opportunity to help a family reunite after 14 years of working, saving money, completing endlessly long sponsorship applications, and hoping that the Government of Canada will approve the resettlement of a young family of four. It is a joyous experience and one that is embraced by committee members. Read the full article on www.stjamescathedral.ca and support us!

PWRDF NEWS

Lenten Resource from PWRDF

This Lent, PWRDF is presenting a collection of its favourite reflections from partners and volunteers, with music, videos, stories and more. Subscribe to receive a daily message in your inbox at pwrdf.org/Lent2023.

PWRDF is accepting donations

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is now accepting donations in response to the earthquake in Turkey/Syria. For more information and to make a donation, visit the PWRDF website <https://pwrdf.org/>

WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT THE CATHEDRAL: YOU ARE INVITED

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Tuesday to Friday via the
Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

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

Family Day: The Cathedral & Cathedral Centre offices will be closed and staff & clergy will be off tomorrow, Monday, February 20 for Family Day.

VISIT US: This week, the Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, and the Cathedral Centre offices are open from 9:00am–4:00pm, Tuesday-Friday.

TUESDAY: Organ Recital on Tuesday, February 21

Organist: Aaron James. The concert begins at 1:00pm and lasts about 40 min.
Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY: At 11:00am

Join the Scripture Circle in-person in the Cathedral Centre.

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! On Sundays, bring your favourite cookie or square. Be prepared to share the recipe! A listing of ingredients will help those with dietary restrictions.

SUNDAY SERVICES – February 26, 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, February 26–
The First Sunday in Lent:**

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

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