

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, February 26, 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.

Holy and Blessed Lent

As we prepared to burn the blessed palms to produce ashes for Wednesday of last week, the Presider read: *Each year we observe the season of Lent with prayer, penitence, and acts of generosity, so that we may come to the Easter feast ready to renew once more the commitment of our Baptism, which gives us life.* What a very helpful sentence – it casts Lent into the best possible light, I believe.

Many of us have experienced Lent, as given to us by the Church, as a rather dour, dark, and foreboding time, imbued with sombre images and hymns, often accompanied by self-denial – the giving up of something, the more exotic the better!

Thankfully, particularly over the last couple of generations, Lent has been somewhat redeemed. Lent has always been, since the earliest days, a time of preparation and a time of fasting, as we all get ourselves ready for Baptism (usually on Easter Eve) and to welcome the Easter feast. Unfortunately, through a number of factors over the last several decades, the season (the word *lent* derives from an old English word meaning ‘lengthen’), has taken on an almost overwhelming character of moroseness, liturgical minimalism, and all sorts of ‘dos’ and don’ts’. There was a long list of things you could not have, do, practice, or *enjoy* during Lent. And the ever present question: ‘what are you giving up for Lent this year?’ And all this cheerlessness while the days are, as the word suggests, lengthening – more light, more soft air, more relief and joy!

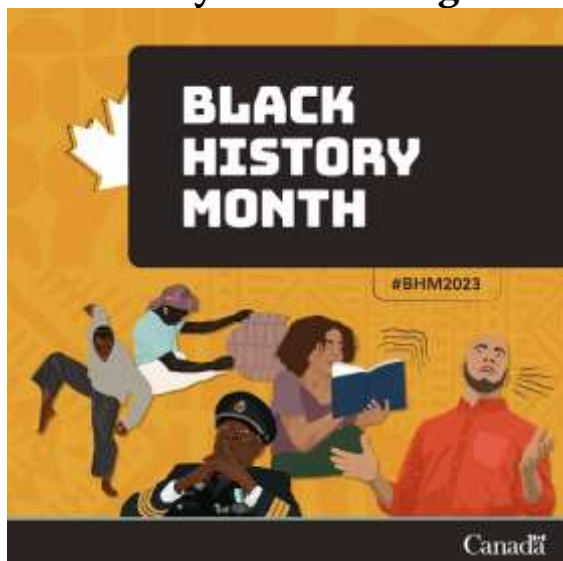
The giving up of things seemed to have totally eclipsed the generous sense of preparation which Lent really is all about. While I can admire the selflessness which is evident in denying oneself something important and enjoyable during this 40+ day season, it is much more meaningful for me to think in terms of *doing* something or *keeping* something these days rather than jettisoning something. It could involve reading more of the Bible, or perhaps some really good commentary on the text; possibly learning about one of the many challenges which face us as a society and the ways in which we might help; taking on a new volunteer activity; committing oneself to regular and robust prayer each day.

So, a Holy Lent might be composed of *doing* something more or new rather than *giving* something up. In that can the generosity of preparing for Easter be well exhibited and taken to heart. Give something up - take something on – do it all with generosity and good cheer. Enjoy and maybe even immerse yourself in the *goodness* and *joy* of this special season. May you experience a holy and blessed Lent.

The Very Rev’d Peter Wall
Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL, JOIN US!

Today: Celebrating Black History Month with Irene Davis Moore



Our guest speaker, Irene Moore, is a member of All Saints' Church, Windsor, where she serves on Parish Council, Social Media Coordinator, and in other capacities. She also serves the National Church on the Dismantling Racism Task Force and the Strategic Planning Working Group. She is the Interim Chair of Black Anglicans of Canada. She speaks and writes frequently on equity, diversity, inclusion, and African Canadian history. In 2022, she was the recipient of the Harriet Tubman Award for Commitment to a Purpose from the Ontario Black History Society and was named to the 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women.

Today: Imre Olah's farewell



Today will be Imre Olah's last day with us for a while. We are deeply grateful for Imre's music during the past six months.

His beautiful playing, his heart for the church, and perennially courteous and pleasant presence will be greatly missed.

We are searching for a suitable candidate to assist at the organ.

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Music for Lent at St. Bart's, Regent Park: Join us on Laetare Sunday for Gabriel Fauré's Messe Basse and Ave Verum, sung by a luminous women's quartet (March 19 at 11:00am).

All the beautiful details can be found here: stbartstoronto.ca/music-for-lent-2023

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

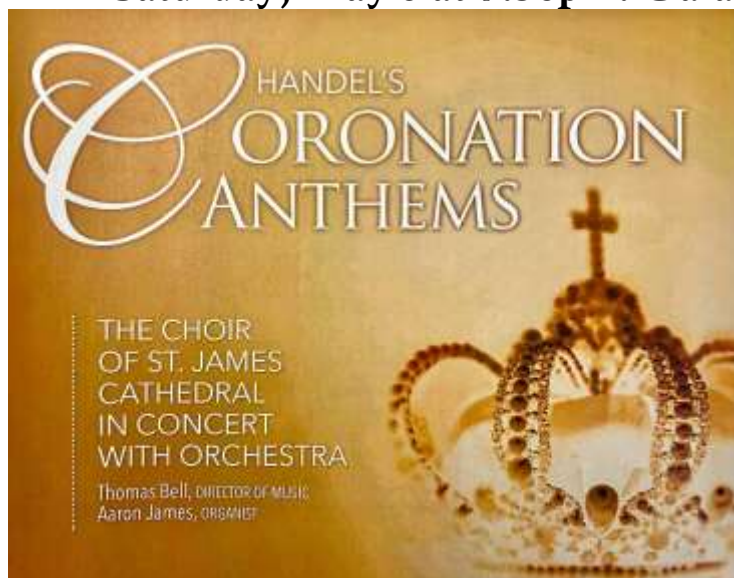


You are invited to join us for the 9th Annual Palm Sunday Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser in support of the essential work of the Drop-in Centre and honouring, especially, its many years of providing health and foot care clinics.

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 Kysela at mckysel@gmail.com

Saturday, May 6 at 7:30pm: Gala concert at St. James Cathedral



We are asking for your kind support of this concert by considering becoming a patron.

For a donation of \$200, patrons will receive acknowledgement in the programme, two tickets, and our deepest gratitude for allowing us to share this magnificent music with the community.

A charitable tax receipt will be issued in the amount of \$150 (net of value of tickets) at the beginning of the new year.

You may gift by cheque to St. James Cathedral or e-transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca (Please specify Coronation Concert Patronage in the message).

Additional tickets will be available for sale at \$25 each (not tax-receiptable).

For further details contact Thomas Bell, Director of Music at tbell@stjamescathedral.ca

VESTRY 2023

Vestry Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Vestry will be held on **Sunday, March 12 at 1:00pm** in Snell Hall. A light lunch will be provided. To view meeting documents and for more information, please visit our website: <https://stjamescathedral.ca/vestry-2023/>

A limited number of printed copies of the Vestry Report are also available in the narthex.

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/>

STAY UP TO DATE

St. James Property and Accessibility Committee

The re-constituted St. James Property and Accessibility Committee held its inaugural meeting earlier this month. While we are still refining our terms of reference, the focus of this committee will be developing capital plans for our property and improvements to accessibility for all. The time commitment for members is monthly meetings (reduced in July and August) as well as independent work on files. If you have skills, knowledge or experience to contribute and are interested in property and accessibility, please contact Don Solomon in person or via wardens@stjamescathedral.ca.

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 at pwrdf.org/Lent2023.

PWRDF is accepting donations

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

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.

Night Prayer: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:30pm during Lent
via the Cathedral YouTube channel.

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

TUESDAY: There will be no organ recital on Tuesday, February 28.

Our next Organ Recital will be on Tuesday, March 7

Organist: Jeremy Tingle. The concert begins at 1:00pm and lasts about 40 min.

Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY: Join the Scripture Circle in-person in the Cathedral Centre at 11:00am.

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 – Sunday, March 5

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, March 5 –
The Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

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