

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, July 9, 2023

***Summer Worship Schedule:** Services at **8:00am, 10:00am, and 4:30pm.** Our Sunday **Children's Program** will continue at **10:00am** and **Coffee Hour** will follow the **10:00am** service.

***Today:** The Young Adults' Group will be hosting coffee hour following the 10:00am service. Please join them to learn more about the mission and activities of the Young Adults' Group and what they have planned for the coming months.

Wow, what a Canada Day celebration!



The West Lawn was our dining room on July 1, and it was buzzing with guests from our Drop-In community, parishioners, and our neighbours. The rain held off, the grill was fired up and the music played! Our heartfelt thanks to **Kathy Biasi** for her vision of welcome and hospitality and for her cheerful attention to every detail; and to our **AMAZING** staff and the **MANY** volunteers who prepared the food, served it, welcomed our guests and cleaned up. Is it true that 700 burgers were served (with cheddar cheese and fried onion toppers)? The best-ever watermelon and Canada Day Cake(s) were a special treat. This is our St. James Cathedral Community at its very best!

The editorial in the July 1 Globe and Mail caught my attention with this masthead: “Canada is an idea worth celebrating”. The editor holds together our significant challenges as a nation with our shared identity as Canadians. That identity was first expressed in the British North America Act, 1867. “Peace, order, and good government is more than just a constitutional clause, it is also a promise...not where we are but our destination.” That promise is alive and well in many ways – and falling short in others. There are gaps between promise and reality. And perhaps that calls us yet again to renew our baptism promises - to live as faithful citizens, to be a generous and grateful people who are willing and able to welcome and respond to the needs of others. And to notice and celebrate God's goodness every day.

May God keep this land glorious and free!

The Rev'd Canon Beth Benson – Interim Associate Priest

STAY UP TO DATE

Walk-a-thon: Ramble for Refugees – Hike for Humanity Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10:00am



The St. James Cathedral and Community Refugee Committee invites you on a leisurely 5km walk through one of Toronto's most beautiful ravines at Edwards Gardens, located at the Southwest corner of Lawrence Ave. East and Leslie St. (TTC Accessible, Parking Lot and On Street Parking). Bring your camera, your family and friends and, importantly, walking shoes! Meet committee members and hear about what they do.

If you would like to receive more information about the committee and its work or inquire about volunteer opportunities, please call 416-364-7865, ext. *801 or send an email to StJamesTorontoRefugee@gmail.com

Raising funds for St. James Cathedral and Community Refugee Committee

On June 4, The St. James Cathedral and Community Refugee Committee launched a fundraising campaign where they will be looking to raise \$75,000 to support more refugee families coming to Canada, including a family of 8 individuals who are closely connected to one of St. James' parishioners.

If you want to make a financial contribution towards the campaign: "Ramble for Refugees – Hike for Humanity", follow this link: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/p2p/refugee-walkathon2023/>

Lara's First Canada Day

"Lara is the daughter of Omar and Roula and the first Canadian-born child from among the many families that St. James and Community Refugee Committee has sponsored or supported."

Read more about Lara in the full article written by Rebecca McTaggart, Co-chair of The St. James and Community Refugee Committee on:

<https://stjamescathedral.ca/community/refugee-response/>

WE COUNT ON YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Summer Sunday afternoons at St. James, join us!



You are invited to join us in person & online for **Choral Evensong**, one of our most treasured liturgies – **each Sunday at 4:30pm** – beautiful music and words; a grace filled way to mark the beautiful summer's Sunday afternoon!

To view each Sunday's Evensong leaflet, visit our worship page:

<https://stjamescathedral.ca/worship/>

Patronal Festival BBQ – Sunday, July 23, following the 10:00am service



Join us for a celebration of the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. James! Immediately after the 10:00am service, we will gather on the Cathedral's West Lawn for food, fun, and fellowship. **We are also looking for volunteers** to help prepare, serve food, or help with clean-up. If you are interested, send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416)364-7865.

Call for Volunteers – Children's Ministry - Patronal Festival BBQ



We are looking for volunteers for approximately 30-60 minutes during the BBQ to help supervise the games which have been planned for the children. We are also in need of **2 kiddie pools and 12 buckets** for our children's games. If you have these items (or wish to donate them), please send an email at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

We are grateful for the support of our Children's Ministry and thank you for your willingness to help. **If you are interested in helping with the Children's games** at the Cathedral BBQ on July 23, please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Monday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday to Friday in St. George's Chapel.

Dean away: Interim Dean Peter Wall is on holiday. He returns July 21.

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

TUESDAY: Our Tuesday Organ Recitals are not taking place through July and August. We'll be back in September, each week, for the full year.

Friday, September 22 at 7:30pm: Inaugural Recital on the new organ console



We are delighted that **Organist David Briggs** will play the inaugural recital on the new organ console.

David is regarded as one of the world's finest improvisors, with a very busy schedule on both sides of the Atlantic.

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of this beautiful new console!

Tickets: \$25

Get tickets here:

(Eventbrite
QR code)

*Search for "Recital David Briggs" on [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca).

For more information, please send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416) 364-7865

WEDNESDAY: Scripture Circle continues at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

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.

SUNDAY: Our Sunday Children's Program will continue at 10:00am and Coffee Hour will follow the 10:00am service.

Road Closures: Many of you who drive to church will be aware that summer road closures have begun. For more information, visit the City of Toronto website: toronto.ca/services-payments/streets-parking-transportation/road-restrictions-closures/

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, July 16

8:00am: Said Eucharist

10:00am: Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135).*

4:30pm: Choral Evensong *(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).*

Readings for next Sunday, July 16

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23