

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS – Sunday, August 13, 2023

*Summer Worship Schedule: Services at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 4:30pm.

*Sunday Children's Program will continue at 10:00am.

*Coffee Hour will follow the 10:00am service.

You were asking...making the sign of the cross



Sitting, standing, kneeling, speaking, and singing – our bodies are active in worship! A great example of this is making the sign of the cross or “crossing oneself”. This is a ritual practice that dates back to early Christianity. It is still widely practiced in Roman Catholic, Anglo-Catholic, and Lutheran traditions. Making the sign of the cross on a person’s forehead is a gesture we often connect to Baptism, the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, and Anointing. We hear these words as the cross is traced on the forehead: *I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ’s own forever; remember you are dust and to dust you shall return; through this holy anointing may our Lord in his love and mercy uphold you by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.* Making the sign of the cross is a declaration of faith in God and a reminder that we belong to Christ. It is a faithful response and a sign of the Holy Spirit’s healing, liberating presence.

And there are moments in our celebration of the Eucharist when you might notice someone near you making the sign of the cross. Some examples:

- Speaking or hearing the Triune name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- At the announcement of the Holy Gospel (three small crosses are made, one each over the forehead, lips, and heart);
- At the words, "resurrection of the dead" in the Creed;
- At the Absolution;
- At the words, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," following the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy) in the Eucharistic Prayer;
- Before receiving Holy Communion;
- At the Blessing at the conclusion of the service.

We trace the sign of the cross over our body with our right hand (or finger) starting with our forehead, making a vertical line to our chest and then a horizontal line from left to right. Making the sign of the cross is for many people an act of worship - a profession of faith and a simple, powerful prayer. And while it is a common practice, I view it as *all may, some should, none must!*

The Rev. Canon Beth Benson - Interim Associate Priest

STAY UP TO DATE

Sing with us. Choir Auditions are open!



The Choir of St. James Cathedral welcomes applications for both professional section leads and experienced amateur singers! The choir sings an extensive repertoire of largely Anglican repertoire interspersed with music from other traditions. Fluent sight-reading skills are necessary. We practice on Thursday evenings and sing for both Choral Eucharist and Evensong on Sundays. Our Director of Music, Thomas Bell, would love to hear from you: tbell@stjamescathedral.ca

Announcement from Interim Dean Peter Wall

To the Cathedral Community of St. James Cathedral,

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to tell you that Lisa Scapillato has submitted her resignation as *Administrative Assistant, The Dean's Office*, effective August 15.

Lisa has been a key member of the Cathedral staff, a highly valued colleague, and a devoted friend to so many for seven and a half years. As we in the office know, Lisa has forgotten more about how the Cathedral operates and 'is' than any of the rest of us will ever even know...

She has welcomed, trained, comforted, and rescued two Deans and an Interim Dean, and has done the work of two or three people cheerfully, creatively, effectively, and comprehensively, always with good cheer, a positive outlook, and immense professionalism. Our loss – deep as it will be – is her next employer's gain. We will have the opportunity over the next couple of days to appropriately bid her – not goodbye – but *adieu*. We do so with enormously grateful hearts and all the best wishes that we can.

I urge members of the broader Cathedral community to take a chance to wish Lisa every good wish and to remember her in your prayers.

With deep appreciation,

Peter Wall, Interim Dean - St. James Cathedral

COMING TO ST. JAMES, JOIN US!

First Annual Trivia Fundraiser for St. James' Friday Drop-In Spring 2024



The Drop-In is planning a Trivia Night Gala fundraiser and we need your help! If you enjoy writing trivia questions, being part of a new initiative, and creating an evening full of fun for everyone, we would be happy to have you join the working group. If you are curious or interested in lending a hand, please contact Kathy Biasi at 416-364-7865 *222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

The first meeting of the Drop-In Trivia Gala Working Group will be Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Inaugural Recital on the new organ console with Organist David Briggs Friday, September 22 at 7:30pm - Tickets available, buy now!



Scan QR here

Tickets are \$25, join us with your family and friends!

Get your tickets in one of these ways:

*Search for "David Briggs Recital" on Eventbrite.ca

*E-transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca

(Please specify "David Briggs Recital" in the message).

*At the Front Desk of the Cathedral Centre:

Monday to Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

*By cheque, payable to St. James Cathedral (65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9).

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

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

Monday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Monday to Friday in St. George's Chapel.

Vicar away: Canon Stephen Fields will be on holiday from August 1-29.

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 on September 12 and thereafter each week for the full year.

***NEW* "Stay tuned":** To receive information about upcoming musical events at the Cathedral, please send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca or call (416)364-7865

WEDNESDAY:

Scripture Circle: We are taking a summer break and will resume on September 13 at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome!

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 continues at 10:00am.

Coffee Hour follows the 10:00am service.

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, August 20

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, August 20

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

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