

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, October 29, 2023

***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

***Coffee Hour:** Join us after the 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

No Peace in the Land of the Holy One



“Death, injury, grief, loss of homes and livelihoods is on a scale not seen in these lands since 1967. Everyone is shocked by the extreme violence which has broken out. All killings of innocents and targeting of children and women must be condemned. But the trouble has been brewing for years. A system which subjects two million West Bank Palestinians to military occupation and also incarcerates two million Gazans in an open-air

prison is unsustainable and will inevitably lead to extreme violence”. (*The Very Revd Canon Richard Sewell, St. George’s College, Jerusalem*).

We are horrified at the brutality and carnage that was visited upon the patrons at the Supernova Music Festival where approximately *260 people died*. Such attacks on innocent civilians must be condemned and condemned again. In the same breath, we must condemn the way Palestinians continue to be treated in their own land.

I am a witness to the horrendous conditions under which Palestinians live in the Land of the Holy One. I saw it in Dheisheh (2010) and again in Hebron (2013). It was bad in Dheisheh, it was bad in Hebron. In Hebron, we saw a fence (not a wall, that is another story). This fence separated Palestinian and Israeli children. On one side of the fence, one set of children was playing on slides in an area with lush green lawns. On the other side, another set was begging tourists and pilgrims for money as they battled the dust of the barren land). One cannot begin to imagine the impact that such an experience will have on the psyche and development of those children.

I met a man who had the key his father took when he had to flee his home during the 1948 expulsion. People have kept their keys to this day with the hope of returning to their homes. Western governments can no longer pretend that this horror does not exist or will just go away. This problem was created by the United Nations, and I believe that it is up to the UN to resolve it.

As the death toll rises above 5,000, we continue to agitate and pray for peace and that God will shine the light of God’s presence in the land where the spiritual seed of Abraham, Palestinians, Jews, and Christians, are its joint stewards.

We pray that the beams of that light show the way of justice and mercy and a vision of peace, turning hatred into love, fear into trust, and despair into hope.

The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields (*Sub-Dean & Vicar*)

COMING TO ST. JAMES

Wednesday, November 8 at 1:00pm: Free Orchestral Concert

We are looking forward to the talented *Orchestra Conservatorio de Musica Celaya* from **Mexico** performing at St. James Cathedral. Admission is free, and donations are encouraged.

Sunday, November 12 at 4:30pm: Celebrating Barbados 57th Anniversary of Independence

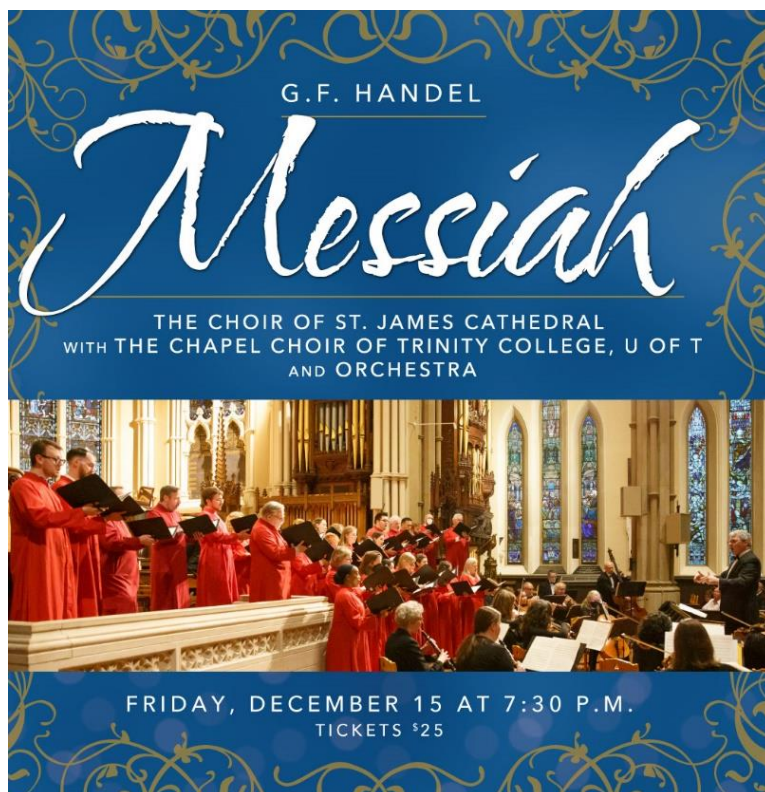
Join us at the 4:30pm service: We will celebrate Barbados' Independence at St. James Cathedral. This service will be also live streamed via the Cathedral YouTube channel.

Saturday, November 25 at 9:00am: Wycliffe College's Women's Breakfast

The York Group is hosting in a livestream Wycliffe College's Women's Breakfast from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the Lecture Room. Breakfast will be provided. To **register**, please call (416) 364-7865 or send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca by **November 19**.

Friday, December 15 at 7:30pm: Messiah by G.F Handel

St. James Cathedral Choir, the Chapel Choir of Trinity College UofT, Orchestra, and soloists present Handel's masterpiece, Messiah. Artists from OCAD will paint canvases images based upon the libretto. Tickets are \$25, join us with your family and friends!



Get your tickets in one of these ways:

***Eventbrite.ca:** Search for “*Messiah St. James Cathedral*”

***E-transfer to**

bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca
(Please specify “*Messiah*” and add your phone/email in the message).

***Front Desk** of the Cathedral Centre:
Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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

*On **Sundays** after the 9:00am and the 11:00am services **beginning on Sunday, November 5**.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

This Thursday, November 2:

A Service to Commemorate Our Departed Loved Ones



This year, there will be two services on All Souls' Day.

***10:00am: St. James Cemetery** (635 Parliament Street Toronto)

***12:15pm: St. James Cathedral**

Names of departed loved ones will be read aloud at the service.

If you wish to include a name, please email info@stjamescathedral.ca by Sunday, October 29 or clearly print it in the **All Souls Binder, which will be in the Narthex on Sunday, October 29.**

This Thursday, November 2 at 2:00pm in Snell Hall

The York Group's Book Presentation:

"No Man's Land" written by Dr. Sarah McKinnon

Dr. Sarah McKinnon is a former professor of art history and academic administrator. She has worked at OCAD U and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. To **register:** (416) 364-7865 or send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca by **Tuesday, October 24.**

This Sunday, November 5 at 9:00am: Holy Baptism

Please pray for *Jacqueline Layton, Andac Andy Akin, and Luis Darkiel Candelaria Belen* preparing for baptism, and for *Michael Quaglia* who will reaffirm his baptismal vows next Sunday.

Sermon Series

There will be a series of homilies on the theme of "Stewardship" in November:

November 5: All Saints' Sunday – The Life of a Saint

November 12: Remembrance Day – The Life of Sacrifice

November 19: The Life of Stewardship

November 26: The Life of Service

Drop-In Winter Donations



Any gently used fall or winter clothing that you no longer need would be greatly appreciated: Men's winter boots, coats, sweaters, or gloves are all needed items. Also, men's jeans in waist sizes 30 to 36, large sweatpants, and men's underwear (X and XL).

For more information: Kathy Biasi

kbiais@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865 *222.

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 Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

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: Organ recital on **October 24 at 1:00pm. Organist: Ian Sadler**
Admission is free, and donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY: The **Scripture Circle** gathers at **11:00am in the Cathedral Centre** to read and reflect on Scripture together. No experience is needed, all are welcome.

FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We welcome our guests in Snell Hall for a healthy meal and fellowship. Thanks to all our volunteers!

SUNDAY: Children & Families: Our Sunday Children's Program meets at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

The Young Adults Group will be hosting **coffee hour** on **November 5** following the 9:00am and the 11:00am services. Please join them to learn more about their plans for the group, including a trip to Toronto Island Park on November 12.

For more information contact Mathew Waterman at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca

Planned Giving

Did you know you can make a gift of listed securities to St. James Cathedral, receive a charitable donation receipt for the value of the shares AND pay no capital gains tax? Giving doesn't get much better than that, and it's an easy process too. Top up your annual giving to St. James Cathedral with a gift of securities. For further information, please contact wardens@stjamescathedral.ca



SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, November 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

(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).

Readings for next Sunday:

All Saint's Sunday

Rev 7:9-17

Ps 34:1-10,22

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12

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