

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, September 24, 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.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. reminded us of a statement made by Theodore Parker, a Unitarian minister who called for the abolition of slavery. In the third of “Ten Sermons of Religion” published in 1853, titled “Of Justice and the Conscience”, Parker said, *“I do not pretend to understand the moral universe, the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. But from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice”*.

That arc touches our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit siblings. Survivors of the residential school system in Canada that operated between 1867 and 1996 advocated for recognition and reparations and demanded accountability for the intergenerational impacts of the harm caused. Their efforts culminated in The Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (May 8, 2006), the establishment of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (June 2, 2008), an apology by the government (June 11, 2008), and the creation of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation in the fall of 2015.

Thirteen years before the agreement, the late Archbishop Michael Peers brought our church into this arc with his historic confession and apology. *“I acknowledge and I confess before God and you, our failures in the residential schools. We failed you. We failed ourselves. We failed God. am sorry, more than I can say, that we were part of a system that took you and your children from home and family. I am sorry, more than I can say, that we tried to remake you in our image, taking from you your language and the signs of your identity. I am sorry, more than I can say, that in our schools so many were abused physically, sexually, culturally, and emotionally. On behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada, I present our apology.”*

Our work of healing continues. I invite us to use September 30 for the purpose for which it is intended, to recognize the legacy of Canada’s residential school system and for us to continue to learn the many truths of this blight on our nation’s history. We must not rest in our efforts to rectify and transform the systemic and structural injustices that were established by the cultural genocide perpetrated against First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and communities in our country.

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

COMING TO ST. JAMES

October 27-29: African Fashion Exhibit “*Many Threads, One Cloth*”



AFRICAN FASHION MANY THREADS, ONE CLOTH
OCTOBER 27-29, 2023

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*Search for “*African Fashion Exhibit Toronto*” on Eventbrite.ca to get tickets.
Visit stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

Sunday, November 5: Holy Baptism

Celebration of Holy Baptism has been scheduled for Sunday, November 5 at the 9:00am service. There will be three preparation meetings and a rehearsal prior to November 5. For more information, please send an email to Vicar at sfields@stjamescathedral.ca or Canon Beth Benson at bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL, JOIN US!

Today: North American Guild of Change Ringers (NAGCR)



The Cathedral and its Guild of Change Ringers are delighted to host the North American Guild of Change Ringers this weekend for their Annual General Meeting.

We welcome 34 visiting bell ringers from 15 different Towers as we make the 12 Bells of Old York available for all levels of ringing experience, novice to expert.

Please join us in welcoming our visitors.

This Saturday, September 30 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals 2023



St. Francis of Assisi is key to many stories about the love of the natural world, especially animals. To mark his feast day, it became a tradition for people to bring their pets and animals to be blessed. Join us as we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi by taking part in a special service for pets and their friends and family, all are welcome. *In case of rain, the service will be held in the Cathedral.

PET DEMO EVENT: At the conclusion, we will offer (weather-pending):

- One Health Partners: Therapy dogs and a miniature white horse.
- Toronto Dog Moms: Care and first aid.
- Pet Valu: Providing treats, essential items, good nutrition, and safety practices.
- Pet Spa Toronto: Grooming and nail care.
- The Police Mounted Unit will also be in attendance.

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.

Canon Beth Benson will be away on holiday from September 25 until October 20 (inclusive).

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 **September 26 at 1:00pm. Organist: Peter Nikiforuk.**
Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

"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:

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

***12:15am: Requiem Eucharist** (Remembering our loved ones who died recently)

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. **Coffee Hour:** After the 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

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SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, October 1

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, October 1

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

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