

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 15, 2024

Sunday Children's Program: Invite the little ones to the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

Coffee Hour: Following 9:00am & 11:00am services in Snell Hall.

2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West Aisle.



NEW!

Merry Moments
AT ST. JAMES
CATHEDRAL

**30 MINUTES OF
HOLIDAY SPIRIT**

Traditional Christmas Carols,
Short Readings
& Prayers for Everyone

DECEMBER 17, 19, 21

This year you may notice something fresh in our Advent and Christmas schedule.

Merry Moments is a new service which we are running six times in the middle two weeks of December. It's a 30-minute Christmas 'taster' service with very well-known music and readings and a short homily from me. All are welcome, of course, but it is aimed particularly at people who *don't* usually go to church, for whom even a full-length carol service may be too much. We are offering six opportunities to attend so that people can find one that suits their schedule - the office lunch hour, after the school pick-up, and so on.

Tuesday, December 17 at 4:00pm & 6:00pm (in-person).

Thursday, December 19 at 1:00pm & 5:30pm (in-person).

Saturday, December 21 at 10:00am & 1:00pm (in-person).

We want everyone who lives and works in our neighborhood to be invited to *Merry Moments* and here is where we need your help. Posters and flyers are available at the back of the Cathedral. **Could you use these to invite friends and neighbors?** A poster in your building, some flyers in the coffee shop you visit, a personal invitation to someone you know?

Let's offer the people of our area the opportunity to have a merry moment this Christmas!

Dean Stephen Hance

Advent at St. James: You are invited to participate!



Sunday Sermon Reflection: The Vicar is preaching on the Sundays of Advent, *The Reign of God: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love for the World.*

Join a Small Group: At 11:00am on Wednesday or Sunday at 9:00am and the 11:00am Coffee Hour.



Christmas gifts for all: Pewter Cathedral Ornaments

Ornaments come in a bag with a ribbon and a cathedral history card. Get yours at \$25 each at the front desk (Monday-Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm) until Dec. 23. The perfect gift for any Christmas tree!

Sunday, December 22 after the 11:00am service: Thank you to Canon Beth



Join us at Coffee Hour to honour Canon Beth Benson for her wonderful ministry at St. James Cathedral. We are grateful for all she has done for our congregation over the past years and for her warm and gracious presence. If you wish to contribute to the farewell gift, donate online, by envelope on the Offertory Plate indicating “*Tribute Gift for Canon Beth*”, by transfer to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca Please note: This gift is non-receiptable.

Preplan your funeral and cemetery services at St. James Cemetery

Preplanning gives you peace of mind and the opportunity to make your wishes known. Cathedral clergy are available to assist with funeral plans and our cemetery staff would help you preplan your interment & other services. For more information, please contact the Vicar at sfields@stjamescathedral.ca, email cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca, or call 416-964-9194.

This is the Giving Season



We are grateful for your generous support throughout the year. As of November 30, we will need an additional donation of \$231,000 to meet our Stewardship Offering budget this year.

If you typically send your annual donation or a special gift by mail during this season, because of the postal strike, we invite you to make your gift via e-transfer to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca or give online through the Donate page on our website www.stjamescathedral.ca To receive a tax receipt for 2024, please donate by December 31.

If you'd like to speak with someone directly about ways to give, please contact us at 416-364-7865 or email Serena at sli@stjamescathedral.ca.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL



Let's celebrate together the miracle of the Incarnation when the blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love came to us in the child of Bethlehem. Everyone is invited. Join us with your family, friends and invite your neighbours!

Please join us for these traditional Christmas services:

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital*

4:30pm: Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols*

7:30pm: Choral Eucharist*

Wednesday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist*

11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

*Services will also be live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto

LOOKING AHEAD – 2025

Wednesday, January 1, 2025: New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee:



12:15pm: Said Eucharist

1:30pm-2:45pm: Receiving Line and Reception with the ringing of the Bells of Old York.

3:00pm: Festive Music*

3:30pm: Choral Evensong with the presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto*

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES: YOU ARE INVITED

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 recitals will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 1:00pm.

Wednesday: Scripture Circle at 11:00am. It will resume on January 8, 2025.

Friday: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We welcome our guests for a nutritious meal.

Sunday: Sunday School at the 9:00am & the 11:00am services.

Coffee Hour: After the 9:00am & the 11:00am services.

St. James Cemetery: Seasonal Wreath program/Pre-planning services/Plots available.

416-964-9194 / cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca / www.stjamescemetery.ca

Sunday Services – December 22, 2024

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*)

11:00am: Choral Eucharist (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*)

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

**Readings for the Fourth
Sunday of Advent**

Mic 5:2-5a

C 18 (Luke 1:46-55)

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

Ways to Give: Make a special end-of-year gift!

We are all so blessed in God's economy and have the joyous opportunity of sharing our blessings with others. Please make a special end-of-year gift in four different ways:

E-Transfer: to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca If you require a tax receipt, please provide name and address in the message. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more in 2025.

Online: stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online/

In-person: Drop off an offering to the secure mailbox which is mounted in the Church Street vestibule at the entrance of the doors at 65 Church Street. Please make donations by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2024.

The Cathedral Church of St. James exists today through the gifts of time, talent, and treasure of both past and present members of the Cathedral community.

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St. James Cathedral,
a symbol of God's presence
and love in the city.

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