

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 22, 2024

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

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

Thank you to Canon Beth: Join us today after the 11:00am service in Snell Hall.

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



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!

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

Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 4:30pm:

Epiphany Lessons and Carols with the Chalking of the Doors

Join us for this beautiful service of readings and carols as we worship in the footsteps of the wise men and celebrate the Epiphany. The choral music, congregational carols, and readings will trace the story of the wise men and the early ministry of Jesus. We will also dedicate the building through the ancient ceremony of the chalking of the doors, blessing the cathedral and all who will enter during the coming year. This is a beautiful way to mark the beginning of the New Year. The service will begin with an organ recital at 4:00pm.

All are most welcome!

Sunday, February 2 at 4:30pm: Matthew's Ordination

Good news! Deacon Matthew Waterman will be ordained a priest on Sunday, February 2 (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) at 4:30pm in the Cathedral. More details to come.

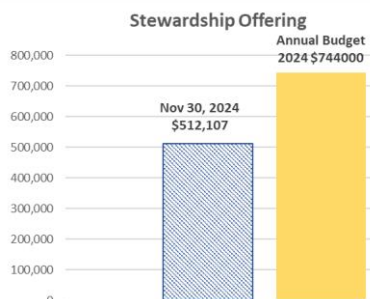
Today after the 11:00am service: Thank you to Canon Beth



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.

Make a special year-end gift

We are grateful for your generous support throughout the year. Please make a special end-of-year gift in four different ways. To receive a tax receipt for 2024, please donate by Dec 31.

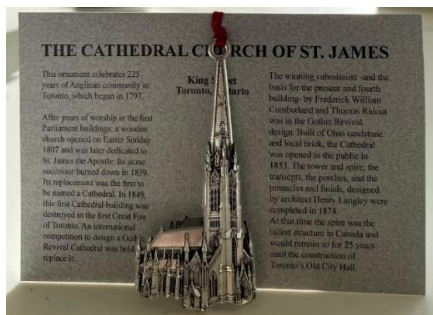


E-Transfer: to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca If you require a tax receipt, please provide name and address in the message. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more in 2025.

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 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 gifts: 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 from 9:00am to 3:00pm until tomorrow December 23.

Give an elegant and beautiful gift to your family, friends, and neighbours.

This is the perfect ornament for any Christmas tree!

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



12:15pm: Said Eucharist

1:30pm-2:45pm: Receiving Line and Reception.

2:45pm: Festive Music with brass quintet*

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

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

January 8-February 23: Scripture Circle - Epiphany Encounter with Christ

Join us during Epiphany on Wednesdays at 11:00am and Sundays following the 11:00am service for a Scripture Circle series designed for newcomers to the Cathedral and for established members looking to encounter Christ afresh.

We will look at the mysterious and symbolic description of Jesus in Revelation 1.12-16 and learn about how Jesus continues to minister to us and among us today.

The World Day of Prayer 2025 is coming to St. James Cathedral



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement with an annual prayer service that gathers Christians worldwide for a time of learning, prayer, and fellowship.

Preparation begins soon and you are invited!

WDP Festival Day: January 11, 2025 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto. Registration begins at 9:00am.

More info: wdpcanada.ca

World Day of Prayer hosted by St. James Cathedral on March 8, 2025 at 2:00pm. More information to come.

January 22 at 2:00pm: York Group event with the Refugee Committee



The York Group warmly invites you to join us for a speaker event in the Cathedral Centre with Rebecca McTaggart, Co-Chairperson of the St. James and Community Refugee Committee. Come and hear about some of the individuals currently being assisted through this important and life-changing work. No RSVP needed.

Sunday, March 9, 2025: Vestry Meeting

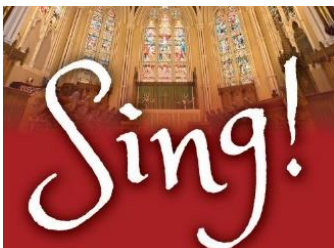


Our 2024 Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025 in Snell Hall chaired by our Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. There will be one combined service at 10:00am and the Vestry meeting will follow after the service.

More information will come. Stay tuned.

This is a message from The Wardens.

Sing with us!



The Choir of St. James Cathedral welcomes applications for singers with musical experience. If you would like to join one of our choirs or know of others who would like to, contact Thomas Bell, Director of Music at tbell@stjamescathedral.ca, who would be delighted to hear from you.

All voices are welcome!

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am

will stop on Tuesday, December 24, and resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025 via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm

will stop on Tuesday, December 24, and resume on Friday, December 27 in the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

Cathedral Centre will be closed from Dec. 24 at 3:00pm until Jan. 1. Regular hours will resume on Jan. 2.

The Cathedral will be closed on Dec. 26 and re-open on Dec. 27 for regular services.

The Drop-In will be celebrating New Year on Friday, Dec. 27 at 1:00pm.

Services: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Readings for December 24:

Christmas Eve

Is-9:2-7

Ps-96

Tit-2:11-14

Lk 2:1-20

Readings for December 25:

Christmas Day

Is 61:10-62:3

Ps 98

Heb-1:1-4

Jn-1:1-14

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

The Cemetery office will be closed on Dec 25, 26, and Jan 1.

The Cemetery Gates hours stay the same from 8:00am to 5:00pm, seven days a week.

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

Add a special touch of remembrance for the season to honor your loved one!



Joining the Seasonal Wreath program at St. James Cemetery & Crematorium is one of the best ways to express your appreciation to your loved ones and all the faithful departed. Book your beautiful wreath in advance. For more information call 416-964-9194, visit stjamescemetery.ca, or email cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca

Preplan your funeral and cemetery services



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 be pleased to help you preplan your interment and other cemetery services. Protect yourself from future inflationary increases, too. For more information: Contact the Vicar at sfields@stjamescathedral.ca or George Vrozos our Cemetery Manager.

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