

## **ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, January 5, 2025**

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

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

**Reminder:** Pick up your 2025 offering envelopes today in the West aisle. Thank you.

### **Happy New Year!**



How are you feeling about 2025, I wonder? Excited? Hopeful? Anxious? Peaceful? None of us know what a new year will bring for us, and so all of those emotions are quite reasonable as we think about our own lives and the people that we love the most.

We don't know what the year will hold for us as the community here at St. James Cathedral also, but I certainly feel hopeful and excited about what lies ahead as we recruit a new Canon Missioner, as we launch our Children's Community Choir and as we look to go deeper in our own faith and experience in this Season of Spiritual Renewal.

While we don't know what 2025 will bring, we do know who accompanies us into it.

The most repeated command in the Bible, given by the angels to the shepherds amongst other places, is this: "Do not be afraid." Do not be afraid, because while the world can be frightening and the future is unseen, Jesus is with us as our Lord and leader and companion, and he will not let us go. Do not be afraid because God has given us a community to belong to, and together we can weather any storm. Do not be afraid because the Holy Spirit is with us, shaping us and equipping us to be the people we are called to be.

So let us set off into 2025 with hope in our hearts, ready to shine brightly and walk boldly together.

Happy New Year! Dean Stephen Hance

### **Sunday, January 5 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 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. Stay tuned!

## **Tuesday Organ Recital Series at 1:00pm**

Our Tuesday Organ Recital series features some of the region's finest organists and the powerful sounds of St. James Cathedral's 5,000 organ pipes.

**January 7:** Mark Himmelman (Holy Saviour, Waterloo)

**January 14:** TBC

**January 21:** Emmanuel Wong (U of T)

**January 28:** Aaron James (Toronto Oratory, U of T) with Corey Gemmell (violin)

## **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](http://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: 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.



## The Children's Program meets every Sunday



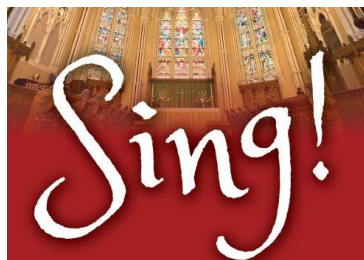
All children ages 3-11 are welcome at St. James Cathedral at the 9:00am and 11:00am services for a fun and playful service about Jesus Christ being the center of children's lives.

Invite the little ones to enjoy and learn in our Sunday Children's Program and celebrate together the blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Contact:

Karyne Whalen - Children's Minister:  
[kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca)

## 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](mailto:tbell@stjamescathedral.ca), who would be delighted to hear from you. All voices are welcome!

## St. James Cemetery & Crematorium announcements

Pre-planning services/Plots available.

Visit: 635 Parliament Street Toronto, Ontario M4X 1R1, Canada

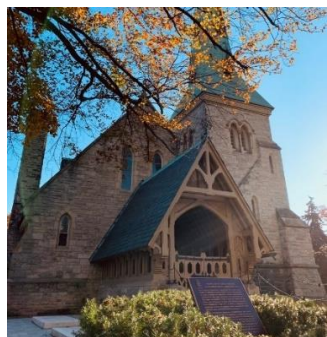
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### Monthly Eucharist:

Wednesday, February 5 at 11:00am at St. James Cemetery.

On the first Wednesday of the month, all are welcome to join St. James Cemetery for a Holy Eucharist to offer our praise to God.

## 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: Please get in touch with the Vicar at [sfields@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sfields@stjamescathedral.ca), or George Vrozos our Cemetery Manager at [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca), or 416-964-9194.

## 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 January 7 at 1:00pm. Organist: Mark Himmelman

Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

### WEDNESDAY:

The Scripture Circle on January 8 at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

**FRIDAY:** Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

We welcome our guests in Snell Hall for a nutritious meal.

### SUNDAY:

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

Coffee Hour: Following the 9:00am and the 11:00am services.

## Sunday Services – January 12, 2025

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

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

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

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

**Readings for**

**The Baptism of Jesus**

Isaiah 43.1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 18.14-17

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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