

## **ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, November 17, 2024**

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

**Today:** Messiah ticket sales after the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

Ornaments in support of St. James Drop-In after 9:00am & 11:00am services.

The Young Adults Group is hosting coffee hour after the 11:00am services.

### **Advent is coming at St. James – You are invited**

The season of Advent, the four weeks before Christmas Day, begins on December 1 and you are invited to participate in small group study and reflection during this wonderful time!



**Advent for Everyone:** An online teaching series with our Bishops on Tuesday evenings on Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 as part of our Season of Spiritual Renewal. Register at: [toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal](https://toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal)

**Sunday Sermon Reflection:** The Vicar will preach a Homily Series 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 during the 9:00am or 11:00am Coffee Hour for guided conversation, reflection, and prayer.

**Sign up this week** at [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca), indicating your preferred time slot.

Questions? Contact Canon Beth Benson or The Rev. Matthew Waterman

### **Saturday, November 23 at 10:30am: Annual Family Advent Fair**



Join us for our free Annual Family Advent Fair in the Lecture Room.

We will gather to welcome the Season of Advent with a special “Journey to the Manger” and enjoyable activities like Advent wreath-making, family advent bags, Christmas card-making, and food. Contact: Karyne Whalen at [kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **Wednesday, November 27 at 12:15pm: Holy Eucharist with the York Group**

The York Group is inviting to Holy Eucharist in St. George's Chapel followed by a bring-your-own lunch & time of fellowship in the Lecture Room. No RSVP is needed.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 27 & Nov. 28 at 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James**

Join us in St. George's Chapel. Invite your friends! Free entry & donations are welcome.

### **Sunday, December 1: Organ recital & Advent Lessons and Carols Service**



From Darkness to Light! We invite you to enter into the season of Advent with this seasonal favourite service of readings and music.

**4:00pm:** Organ Recital by Nathan Jeffery.

**4:30pm:** Advent Lessons and Carols Service.

Also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel.

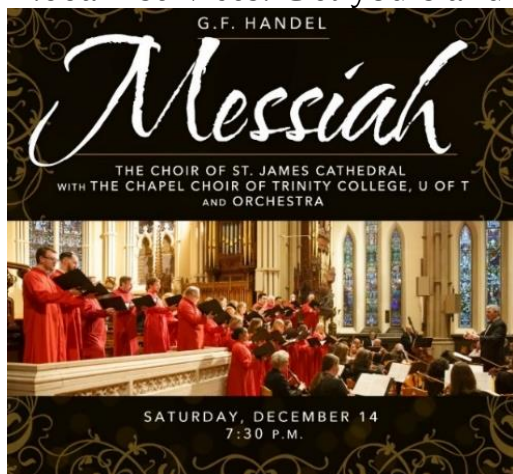
## Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30pm: Blue Christmas Service



We know that Christmas can be a difficult time for some of us. Those loved ones who sat with us at the Christmas Dinner table, are now in God's nearer presence. Come and share in a moment of remembrance and hope. Let's trim the tree by hanging a dove and then light a candle as we celebrate the coming of the One who is our Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

### (New) Messiah ticket sales on Sundays—Secure your seats today!

Starting this Sunday, Messiah tickets will be available for purchase after 9:00am and 11:00am services. Get yours and get ready for a magical night!



Embrace the festive spirit with your family & friends and celebrate the joy of the Christmas season with us.

The Choirs of St. James Cathedral and Trinity College U of T, with the Orchestra of St. James perform Messiah by G.F. Handel **on December 14 at 7:30pm.**

**General tickets: \$40**

**Add-on: \$25** Wine & Cheese reception.

**Patron package: \$250** (2 tickets, reserved seating, Patron names in the program, Wine & Cheese reception included). A charitable tax receipt of \$120 will be issued at the beginning of the new year.

**Get your tickets in one of these ways:** Eventbrite.ca, E-transfer, or Front Desk.

**On Sundays: Today, Nov. 24 & Dec. 1, 8.**

For more information, please visit: [stjamescathedral.ca/messiahconcert2024/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/messiahconcert2024/)

### “Christmas Dreams” ornament in Support of St. James Cathedral Drop-In



By buying this ornament you are supporting the St. James Cathedral Drop-In. **Sunday sales today & December 1** after the 9:00am and the 11:00am services.

Special thanks to Fabric Land for their generous donation for this project and the time and energy of our volunteers.

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



St. James Cemetery & Crematorium is offering a Seasonal Wreath program to help you to express your appreciation to your loved ones and all faithful departed.

Use this meaningful opportunity and book your beautiful wreath in advance. There are two wreath options available.

Info: St. James Cemetery & Crematorium at 416-964-9194, visit [stjamescemetery.ca](http://stjamescemetery.ca), or email [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca)



# A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS

## ADVENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

4:30PM Advent Lessons & Carols\*

## BLUE CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

6:30PM A Service of Remembrance & Hope

## CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

4:00PM Festive Organ Recital\*

4:30PM Lessons & Carols\*

7:30PM Choral Eucharist\*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

8:00AM Said Eucharist

9:00AM Sung Eucharist\*

11:00AM Choral Eucharist\*

\* Livestreamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel:  
[youtube.com/@stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/@stjamescathedraltoronto)

# MERRY MOMENTS

## 30 MINUTES OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS, SHORT READINGS, & PRAYERS FOR EVERYONE

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

4:00PM

6:00PM

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

1:00PM

5:30PM

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

10:00AM

1:00PM

## Christmas Memorial Flowers



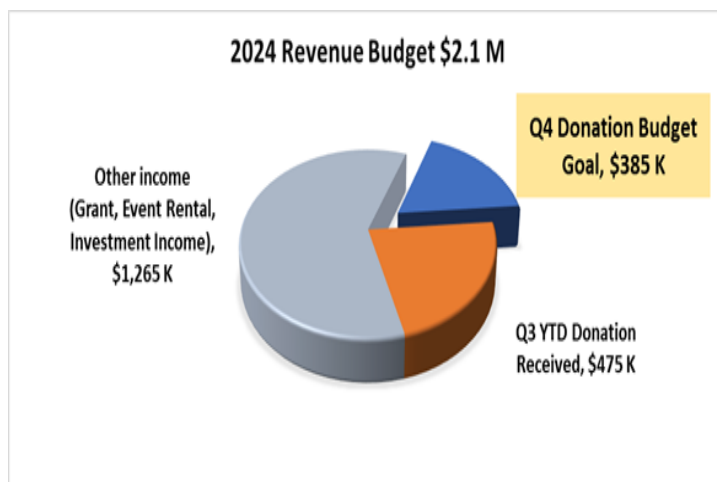
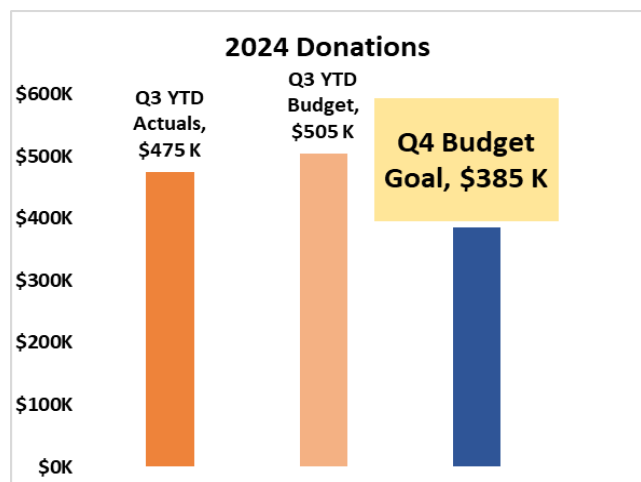
Remember a loved one at Christmas through the memorial poinsettias placed in the Cathedral for the season. Send names by email to [sli@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sli@stjamescathedral.ca), place them in a clearly marked envelope on the collection plate, or call at 416-364-7865, Ext. 229. Donations of \$45 (minimum) per name or per couple will be designated to the Cathedral Flower Fund.

Payment options: E-transfer to [gifts@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:gifts@stjamescathedral.ca) (Specify Memorial Flowers), Credit card, online, or cheque. Please submit names by **December 9**.

## Rorate Masses at St. Bart's, Regent Park:

Greet the dawn by candlelight on December 7, 14, and 21 at 7:30am. Featuring Gregorian chant and medieval polyphony "Drop down, ye heavens!" Info: [stbartstoronto.ca/rorate/](http://stbartstoronto.ca/rorate/)

## FINANCIAL UPDATE – Q3 2024



We have almost achieved our donations budget by the end of Q3, thanks to our faithful and generous supporters who have donated this year. The numerous gifts and pledges we received during our recent Stewardship Campaign are an encouraging message to us that we can count on you to provide for the ministry and its operating needs. Our Q4 donation budget is set at \$385K. By meeting our Q4 donation budget and other income budget, we will be able to make our 2024 revenue budget of \$2.1M.

**Pre-authorized giving PAG** is the most cost effective way of giving as the transaction fees to the Cathedral are lowest among all donation methods. With PAG, you don't have to worry about writing a cheque, sending an online payment, or forgetting to donate. By signing up for PAG, you make a clear statement of what is important to you, and the Cathedral can rely on your continued support. 138 parishioners (20%) have already signed up.

If you have not signed up, we encourage you to contact Rose Wang, our Bookkeeper at [rwang@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:rwang@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865 Ext. 258 to sign up today. You can designate any donation amount and update it anytime as needed.

For more ways to give, please visit:

[stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online/](https://stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online/)



## 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.

The Dean will be away until November 18, 2024.

**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 Nov. 19 at 1:00pm. Organist: Peter Bayer.

**Wednesday: Scripture Circle** gathers at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre. All are welcome.

**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 + plots available.

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**Next Sunday, Nov. 24:** St. James Cemetery & Crematorium will host the coffee hour after the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

### Sunday Services – November 24, 2024

**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 Reign of Christ:**

2 Sam 23:1-7

Ps 132:1-13

Rev 1:4b-8

Jn 18:33-37

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