

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 31, 2023

\***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at 9:00am & 11:00am services.

\***Coffee Hour:** Following 9:00am & 11:00am services.

\***2024 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up today in the West aisle.

### Merry, Merry Christmas!



As we continue to celebrate the Birth of our Lord this Christmas Season, we are beginning to look forward to the Baptism of our Lord on January 14<sup>th</sup> and the preparation of inquirers to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Making disciples is a shared ministry of the whole community for it is the lived faith of the community that we are called to share with those seeking new birth in Jesus Christ.

Jesus commissioned his disciples, saying, *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.* (Matthew 28:19-20a)

In the ancient Church preparation for Baptism was done in stages over several weeks or months. It was carried out in the community of faith, not in private, and it culminated with the celebration of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. We are looking forward to adapting this practice to our ministry context. In fact, we will soon begin celebrating this process together.

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring baptism, please don't hesitate to contact one of the clergy:

Beth Benson – [bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bbenson@stjamescathedral.ca)

Stephen Fields – [sfields@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sfields@stjamescathedral.ca)

**Merry, Merry Christmas!**

## STAY UP TO DATE

### St. James Cathedral Photo Directory

Please send your **current photo** with your name **today** to [wardens@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:wardens@stjamescathedral.ca). Sending your photograph means you consent to it appearing on appropriate Cathedral platforms. Thank you!

### Christmas Food Drive: St. Bart's Food Bank needs our help



Please donate non-perishable food items in the **red bin located in the Cathedral** (King Street entrance) **by today December 31**. At St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church: Donations may be made to designated "Food Bank," either by cheque or by e-transfer to [stbartstoronto@outlook.com](mailto:stbartstoronto@outlook.com). **Contact St. Bart's:** 509 Dundas St E, Toronto - 416-368-9180 - [stbartstoronto.ca/](http://stbartstoronto.ca/)

### Wednesday, January 3: Holy Eucharist at St. James Cemetery

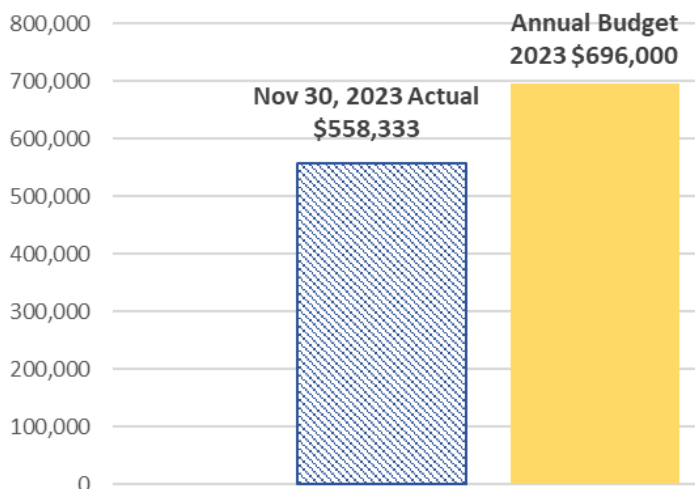
The first Wednesday of each month at 11:00am, St. James Cemetery is inviting for Holy Eucharist at the Chapel of St. James the Less. All are welcome, invite your friends.

### Sunday, January 7: The York Group -All Cathedral Women Survey

The York Group is conducting a survey and would like your feedback. Printed surveys are available at the back of the Cathedral. Please answer the two questions and return your paper no later than January 7, 2024. Thank you very much.

### This is the giving season

#### Stewardship Offering



We thank you for your generous support throughout the year.

As of November 30, our stewardship contribution is 20% behind budget. We will need an additional donation of \$137,667 to make our budget this year.

Your donation helps ensure the continuation of our vibrant ministries. **If you would like to make a year-end donation, please do so by December 31 to receive a tax receipt for 2023.**

## LOOKING AHEAD – 2024

### Monday, January 1, 2024: New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee:



**12:15pm:** Said Eucharist

**3:00pm:** Festive Music\*

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

\*Services will also be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/anglicandioto](https://youtube.com/anglicandioto)

### Sunday, January 7: Dean Peter's Farewell gift and celebration



On **January 7, 2024** we will say goodbye to the Very Reverend Peter Wall, our Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge. We are sincerely grateful to Dean Peter for his ministry. **If you would like to contribute** to Dean Peter's farewell gift, you can make your gift at the Sunday offering -*specifying it is for the Dean's farewell gift*-, online through Tribute & Memorial Offerings *indicating it is for the Dean's farewell gift* - or drop it off at 65 Church St.

Please **join us after the 11:00am service on January 7, 2024** to celebrate Dean Peter and his ministry at St. James Cathedral.

### Sunday, January 14: Installation of the New Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral



On **January 14, 2024**, we will welcome The Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. He will be installed as Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral on Sunday, January 14, 2024, and begin this ministry on January 15, 2024. Dean Stephen will become the 14th Rector of the Cathedral Church of St. James and the 9th Dean of Toronto. Please welcome him and Jacqui with warmth and joy as we all begin a new ministry together in this place.

Please **join us after the 4:30pm service on Sunday, January 14.**

### Sunday, March 10: Vestry 2024



Our 2024 Vestry Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 10, 2024, in Snell Hall after the 11:00am service**, chaired by our new Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. A light lunch will be offered. Look for more information about open positions and the nomination process early in the new year. Information about the deadline for reports and where to send them will also be sent out in early 2024. The Wardens

## SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

**Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am**

from Tuesday, Jan. 2 to Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024  
via the Cathedral YouTube channel

**Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm**

from Tuesday, Jan. 2 to Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024  
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

**\*The Cathedral Offices will be closed** on Monday, January 1.

**\*Visit us:** The Cathedral is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00am–3:00pm.

**\*SUNDAY:**

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

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

**\*TUESDAY:** Our Organ Recitals will be back on Tuesday, January 9 at 1:00pm.

**\*WEDNESDAY:** Our Scripture Circle will be back on Wednesday, January 10 at 11:00am.

### 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](mailto: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 after year-end. If you have questions, please contact [gifts@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:gifts@stjamescathedral.ca)

**\*Online:** <http://stjamescathedral.ca/donate>

**\*In-person:** If you would like to 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 today to receive a tax receipt for 2023.**

**\*By mail:** to St. James Cathedral, 65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9. **(Cheques must be post-dated no later than today, 2023)**

### Sunday Services – January 7, 2024

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](https://youtube.com/tordio135)).*

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

**Readings for January 7:**

**The Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 6)**  
(Transferred)

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-7, 10-14

Eph 3:1-12

Mt 2:1-12

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