

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, December 3, 2023

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

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

\***Messiah ticket sales & Cathedral Ornaments:** After 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm services.

\***Ornaments** in support of St. James Cathedral Drop-In.

\***Today at 4:00pm:** Organ recital & Advent Lessons and Carols.

### The Advent Wreath: Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love



A new liturgical year dawns! It begins with the Advent season.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “*The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.*” For me, the significance of these words is magnified when I call to mind the four themes that we pray during the four weeks of the season. I share these “notes” to remind those who know and to teach those who do not, about the symbolism of the candles in the Advent Wreath.

The four candles of Advent symbolize the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. A fifth candle, The Christ Candle, is lit at Christmas time to represent the birth of Jesus. It is white and larger than the other candles and is placed in the center of the wreath.

- **The first candle (Hope)**, sometimes called the Prophecy Candle, recalls the prophet Isaiah’s telling of the promises of God to God’s people and the birth of the one who would be the agent of liberation for the people.
- **The Peace/ Bethlehem Candle**, the second candle in the wreath, not only speaks to us about the peace for which we yearn, the peace that Christ offers, but also reminds us of the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem where the Prince of Peace was born, and from where the light of peace shone forth for all the world, even to this day.
- The pink candle, the symbol of **Joy**, burns on the third Sunday of Advent, also called *Guadete* Sunday. “Guadete” means “rejoice”. It is an invitation to joy in the joy of the shepherds who were the first to hear the good news of great joy from the angelic chorus. This third candle is also called the “*Shepherd’s Candle*”.
- The fourth candle, also called the “**Angel’s Candle**”, represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God manifested in the life and work of Jesus. It is this love that we proclaim in word and deed as we share in the mission of God, engendering hope, in the lives of the hopeless, making for peace, for we are the children of God, and bringing joy to many a broken heart.

I commend the Advent Wreath as a useful means of devotion at the family table. We will light these candles in the cathedral every Sunday and every Wednesday evening during our weekly ZOOM conversations.

*The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields (Sub-Dean & Vicar)*

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

### Christmas Offering Envelope: Make a special end-of-year gift!

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At this time of year, we remind you of your own stewardship and your faithfulness to this place and the many other good works which you do. We are all so blessed in God's economy and have the joyous opportunity of sharing our blessings with others. Please use the enclosed envelope to make a special end-of-year gift, or make an online gift, including an e-transfer to the Cathedral. Gifts can also be dropped off in the mailbox at the 65 Church St door. These gifts, so important for all, will allow us to welcome the new Dean to a Cathedral in strong and positive financial health.

### STAY UP TO DATE

#### Wednesday, December 6: Monthly Eucharist at St. James Cemetery

Beginning December 6, the first Wednesday of the month, all are welcome to join the Holy Eucharist at 11:00am in The Chapel of St. James the Less.

#### Wednesday, December 6: Advent Conversation #2 on Zoom

Let us prepare to welcome Christmas on **Wednesday Evenings in Advent (Dec 6, 13 & 20)**. Register for Zoom meetings: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or (416) 364-7865.

#### Sunday, December 10: Stephen Vail Preaching Program



*The Stephen Vail Preaching Program: New Voices in our Church*

This Program was named in recognition of the former Dean's, The Very Rev. Stephen Vail, commitment and work with the Postulancy Committee of our Diocese and his capacity as a Preacher of the Liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ. The program provides Assistant Curates in their second year of ordained leadership an opportunity to preach at the Cathedral at its 9:00am and 11:00am liturgies. *The Inaugural preacher will be The Rev. Jillian Ruch, Assistant Curate, St. Bride's Church, Mississauga.*

#### Friday, December 29: St. James Cathedral Photo Directory

We are creating a photo directory of our Cathedral family. Please send your **current photo** with your name to [wardens@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:wardens@stjamescathedral.ca) by **Friday, December 29**. Thank you!

#### Sunday, January 7, 2024: Dean Peter's Farewell gift and celebration



We will say goodbye to the Very Reverend Peter Wall. **If you would like to contribute** to Dean Peter's farewell gift, make your gift at the Sunday offering -specify farewell gift-; on the website through Tribute & Memorial Offerings -in honour of Dean Peter Wall- or drop it off at 65 Church St. **Join us after the 11:00am service** to celebrate Dean Peter and his ministry.

# Christmas

AT ST. JAMES  
CATHEDRAL

Sunday, Dec. 24	Monday, Dec. 25	Monday, Jan. 1, 2024
<b>Christmas Eve:</b> <b>8:00am:</b> Said Eucharist <b>9:00am:</b> Sung Eucharist <b>11:00am:</b> Choral Eucharist* <b>4:00pm:</b> Festive Organ Recital* <b>4:30pm:</b> Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols* <b>7:30pm:</b> Choral Eucharist*	<b>Christmas Day:</b> <b>8:00am:</b> Said Eucharist <b>9:00am:</b> Sung Eucharist <b>11:00am:</b> Choral Eucharist*	<b>Bishop's Levee:</b> <b>12:15pm:</b> Said Eucharist <b>3:00pm:</b> Festive Music* <b>3:30pm:</b> 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 <a href="https://youtube.com/anglicandioto">youtube.com/anglicandioto</a> .		

## Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00pm: Blue Christmas Service

Some of our loved ones are now in God's nearer presence. Let us remember them together and share a moment of remembrance and hope. Light refreshments after the service.

## Friday, December 15 at 7:30pm: Get tickets for Messiah by G.F Handel



\*On Sundays after 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm services.

\*Eventbrite: "Messiah by G. F. Handel St. James Cathedral".

\*Front Desk: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm. \*Cheque.

\*E-transfer: [bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca) (Add phone number/email. Specify "Messiah" / "Ornaments" in the message).

## Fridays, December 22 & 29: Volunteer with the Drop-In

The Drop-In will be celebrating Christmas on Dec. 22 and New Year on Dec. 29.

4-hour shifts will be available starting at 9:00am until around 4:30pm/5:30pm. To volunteer please, contact Kathy Biasi at (416) 364-7865, ext. \*222, or [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

## Christmas Food Drive

Please donate non-perishable food items in the red bin located in the Cathedral (King Street entrance). Donations will support food programs at St. Bart's Church in Regent Park.

## 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 December 5 at 1:00pm. Organist: Peter Bayer**

**WEDNESDAY:** The **Scripture Circle** gathers at **11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.**

**THURSDAY: December 7 at 1:00pm:** Early Music as St. James presents lutenist Esteban La Rotta in a recital of 15th-century music for the lute. Admission free, donations welcome.

**FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.** We welcome our guests in Snell Hall.

**SUNDAY: \*Children & Families:** 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.

**\*St. James Cemetery: Seasonal Wreath program + plots available.** For more information, please contact 416-964-9194 / [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca) / [www.stjamescemetery.ca](http://www.stjamescemetery.ca)

### Ways to Give

Your financial support of the Cathedral is so important to our continuing ministries.

**\*Cheque** (65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9).

**\*E-Transfer:** at [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 Serena Li at [sli@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sli@stjamescathedral.ca)

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

### SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, December 10

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist

**11:00am:** Choral Eucharist

*(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at [youtube.com/tordio135](http://youtube.com/tordio135)).*

**4:30pm:** Choral Eucharist

*(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](http://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)).*

**Readings for next Sunday, December 10:  
The Second Sunday in Advent**

Is 40:1-11

Ps 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Pet 3:8-15a

Mk 1:1-8

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