

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, November 19, 2023

***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at both the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

***Today - Coffee Hour:** St. James Cemetery & Crematorium is hosting coffee hour following the 9:00am and the 11:00am services. All are invited to attend.

***Messiah ticket sales:** After the 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm services.

Stewardship: Our Responsibility before God and to Others



The creation story suggests that after God had made everything, “God saw that it was good”, and then said:

“Let us make humankind in our image... let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” (Gen. 1:26)

From the beginning, we were ordained to the work of stewardship. This ministry is at the heart of the Gospel. Stewardship is neither a program nor a fundraising campaign. It is about organizing our lives and all we have been given by God in accordance with the teaching of Jesus. It is a way of life that flows from our faith in God and encompasses all we have and all we do. We undertake this ministry with the understanding that God is the generous giver who, in love, created the earth in abundance, provided for all its inhabitants, and trusted us to take care of it in a way that others may benefit.

The importance of stewardship to our faith is evidenced by how often it is mentioned in the Bible. In one place we are reminded how we should live. *“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”* (1 Peter 4:10). The life of stewardship is one of selflessness and generosity. It means looking out for our neighbors and loving them as much as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

The Three P’s of Stewardship

This is what the church is called to do. Certainly, it is what we at St. James Cathedral do. This work is achieved by prayer, but not only prayer. Our **P**rayer becomes authentic when we **P**articipate in the worship and work of the cathedral. This work takes us out the doors beyond the walls into the lives of many who may not even enter them. The power of our prayers is magnified when we **P**ay (contribute) our fair share of our financial resources to ensure that ministry costs are met. Remember the words of Paul to the Corinthian church, *“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”.* (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Every blessing.

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

STAY UP TO DATE

St. James Cathedral Photo Directory

How many people can you identify sitting around you in the pews on Sunday morning? We are creating a photo directory of our Cathedral family. Please send your **current photo** with your name to wardens@stjamescathedral.ca before **Friday, December 29**. Sending your photograph means you consent to it appearing on the Cathedral platforms.

Honouring Dean Peter Wall

On January 7, 2024, this congregation will say goodbye to the Very Reverend Peter Wall, our Interim Dean and Priest-in-Charge. On behalf of our St. James community, we are sincerely grateful to Dean Peter for his ministry; he has served us faithfully and well with kindness, care, and especially humour – he will be very much missed. We wish him and Anne all the best for the future. **Please join us after the 11:00am service on January 7, 2024** to celebrate Dean Peter and his ministry at St. James Cathedral. More information to come.

Friday, November 24, 2023: Flu and COVID Shot Clinic

St. James Drop-In is offering a flu and COVID shot clinic.

Date/time: Friday, November 24, 2023 between 12:30pm – 3:30pm.

Location: St. James Cathedral Event Centre (Library)

ADVENT CALENDAR AT ST. JAMES

Saturday, Nov. 25 at 10:30am: Neighbourhood Family Advent Fair (Free)

Join us from **10:30am to 12:30pm** at the Cathedral Centre of St. James. We will gather to welcome the Season of Advent (which begins on December 2nd) with a special journey and enjoyable activities like face painting, wreath making, family resources, games, storytelling, snacks, photo booth, and much more! **To register or volunteer**, contact kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca (416) 364-7865.

Wednesdays at 7:00pm: Advent conversations on Zoom

Let us prepare to welcome Christmas as we consider the themes of this Holy Season that are also our focus for the four **Wednesday Evenings in Advent (Nov 29, Dec 6, 13 & 20)**.

To register: info@stjamescathedral.ca or (416) 364-7865.

Sunday, December 3: Organ recital & Advent Lessons and Carols Service

From Darkness to Light: Enter into the season of Advent with this seasonal favourite service of readings and music! **At 4:00pm:** Organ Recital by Nathan Jeffery & **at 4:30pm:** Advent Lessons and Carols Service. Also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel.

COMING TO ST. JAMES, JOIN US!

Christmas Memorial Flowers



A beautiful way to remember a loved one at Christmas is through the memorial poinsettias placed in the Cathedral for the season. Names can be emailed to sli@stjamescathedral.ca, placed in a clearly marked envelope on the collection plate, or called into 416-364-7865, ext. *229. We are asking for donations of \$40 (minimum) per name or per couple. Donations will be designated to the Cathedral Flower Fund. Payment options: e-transfer to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca (*Specify Memorial Flowers*), credit card, online, or cheque. **Submit names by Wednesday, December 6.**

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

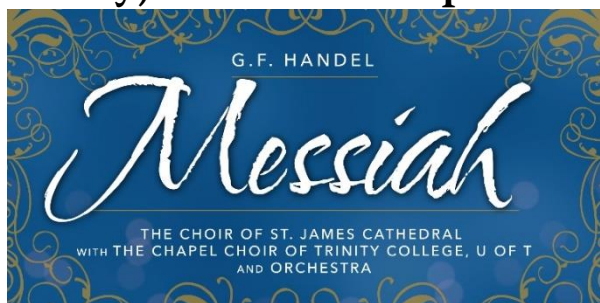


We know that Christmas can be a difficult time for some of us. Those loved ones who sat with us at the Christmas Dinner table, or who exchanged gifts with us, are now in God's nearer presence. We will never forget them. Let's remember them together. Come to the "Blue Christmas" celebration at St. James Cathedral on **Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00pm** and share in a moment of remembrance and hope. Help us 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.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

The Best Christmas Gifts: Messiah tickets and Cathedral Ornaments!

Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30pm: Messiah by G.F Handel at St. James Cathedral



Get tickets and ornaments in one of these ways:

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

***Eventbrite (only tickets):** Search for "Messiah by G. F. Handel St. James Cathedral"

***E-transfer** to bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca (*Please specify your phone number/ email and add "Messiah" and/or "Ornaments" in the message.*)

***Front Desk** of the Cathedral Centre: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

***Cheque** payable to St. James Cathedral (65 Church Street, Toronto, ON M5C 2E9).

For information and ornament orders: info@stjamescathedral.ca or (416) 364-7865.

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 **November 21 at 1:00pm. Organist: Jonathan Oldengarm.**
Admission is free, and donations are encouraged.

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

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.

***Seasonal Wreath program + plots available at St. James Cemetery:** More information
416-964-9194 / cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca / www.stjamescemetery.ca

Ways to Give

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

***In-person/by mail:** 65 Church Street, Toronto, ON, M5C 2E9

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

***E-Transfer:** at 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. Unless otherwise specified, donations will go towards the operations of St. James Cathedral. If you have questions, please contact Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca

We count on you, thank you for your support!

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, November 26

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

(also live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at youtube.com/tordio135).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto).

**Readings for next Sunday, November 26:
the Last Sunday after Pentecost:**

The Reign of Christ

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24

Ps 100

Eph 1:15-23

Mt 25:31-46

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