

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, November 26, 2023

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

***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.

The Feast of Christ the King

On this last Sunday of the church year, we are looking backward and forward. It is something akin to standing on a threshold!

We look back over the completed story of the public ministry of Jesus as we have followed him from Christmas to Holy Week, to Easter to Ascension and Pentecost and now this week we celebrate the Reign of Christ. The year that began with anticipation and the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of God's sovereignty!

That progression is relatively familiar. What is perhaps less familiar is that the end of the church year is principally the season of looking forward – forward to the second coming, the consummation of God's Kingdom on earth, and the reign of Christ. Our Gospel readings for the past few weeks have certainly unscored that!

Generosity

is the best way

of becoming more,

more and

more

joyful.

–Archbishop
Desmond Tutu
The Book of Joy

faithworks.ca

And now this week we are at a turning point as we prepare to travel together through the 4-week season of Advent. Advent means *coming*. It is a time of hope-filled anticipation – *Come, Lord Jesus* we will pray! But let's remember that we stand on the horizon of God's future not merely as observers or as people waiting passively, but active partners in making known God's work of healing, reconciliation, justice, and peace-making.

Our gospel text imagines the time when the realm of God is fulfilled on earth – *and* it summons us into a way of living, a way of being in the world, now:

Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Matthew 25.34-36

I cannot imagine a more relevant gospel text for FaithWorks Sunday!

We welcome Peter Mentis as our guest preacher today. As a member of the St. James Cathedral congregation, Peter serves as our FaithWorks Campaign Manager.

Find out all the ways you can support this important programme...and remember - every contribution makes a difference! Find out more here: <https://dot-mobile.plenty.com/>

The Rev'd Canon Beth Benson
Interim Associate Priest

STAY UP TO DATE

Today: The York Group - Survey to all women of the Cathedral

The York Group is conducting a survey and would like to receive your input. They are handing out their survey today, Sunday, November 26 before each service. Please answer the two questions and hand in your paper no later than January 7, 2024. Thank you.

“Tree in the City” ornament in Support of St. James Cathedral Drop-In



By buying this ornament you are supporting the St. James Cathedral Drop-In. **Sunday sales on Dec. 3 & 10:** After the 9:00am and the 11:00am services. Each ornament is \$5. Special thanks to Fabric Land and Halton Signs for their generous donation for this project and the time and energy of our volunteers.

A 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 by **Friday, December 29**. Make sure you are photographed against a neutral background. Sending your photo means you consent to it appearing on appropriate Cathedral platforms. Participation is optional, but we hope everyone will get involved. Thank you!

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. 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.

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 farewell gift-, online through Tribute & Memorial Offerings – again indicating it is in honour of Dean Peter Wall- or drop it off at 65 Church St.

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

Praying for the sick

The concern that Christ showed for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick continues by the Church in its ministry to the sick. To update/remove/place names on the list, please email info@stjamescathedral.ca or speak to one of the clergy.

ADVENT CALENDAR AT ST. JAMES

This Wednesday at 7:00pm: Advent Conversation #1 on Zoom

Let us prepare to welcome Christmas on the four **Wednesday Evenings in Advent (Nov 29, Dec 6, 13 & 20)**. Register for Zoom meetings: 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

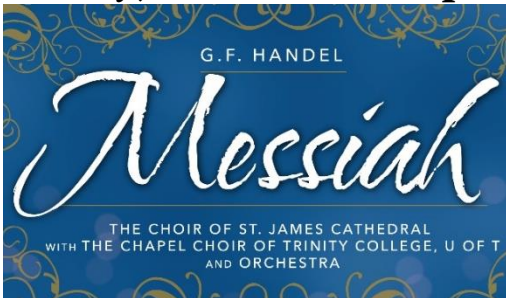
A beautiful way to remember a loved one at Christmas is through the memorial poinsettias placed in the Cathedral for the season. Names can be emailed to sli@stjamescathedral.ca, placed in a marked envelope on the collection plate, or called 416-364-7865 *229. Donations of \$40 (minimum) per name or per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



Ways to get tickets and ornaments:

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

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

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

***Cheque** (65 Church Street, Toronto, ON).

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

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 28 at 1:00pm. Organist: Dr. John Vandertuin.**
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.

***Cheque** payable to St. James Cathedral (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
Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, December 3

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: Advent Lessons and Carols

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

Readings for next Sunday, December 3:

**The First Sunday in Advent
(Sunday Advent)**

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

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