

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS – Sunday, February 4, 2024 Celebrating Black History Month at St. James

- \***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets at 9:00am & 11:00am services.
- \***Coffee Hour:** Following 9:00am & 11:00am services.
- \***Visit us:** The Cathedral is open from 10:00am–3:00pm, Monday-Saturday.
- \***Today at 4:30pm:** We welcome the Chapel Choir of Trinity College, University of Toronto.



It has been said that Black people have been given the shortest month of the year to celebrate their heritage and history. Perhaps we should celebrate a *“Season of Freedom”*, beginning with Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday (January 15) and ending with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21).

Between these bookends we celebrate the birthday of Lincoln Alexander, on January 21<sup>st</sup> (the first Black Canadian to be elected to the House of Commons, and Lieutenant Governor of Ontario), Black History Month, also known as Afrikan Heritage Month, also known as Afrikan Liberation Month, and Freedom Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in February) – an opportunity for the church to deepen its understanding of God’s heart for justice, discover, and fight to end the realities of modern slavery.

This year’s theme is *“Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate, a Future to Build”*. Black excellence is more than the extraordinary success of Black persons in their chosen fields. It also has to do with the amazing capacity of every Black Canadian to thrive and succeed, starting with Mathieu Da Costa, the Black African who served as an interpreter for French and Dutch traders and explorers in the early 17th century, through Michaëlle Jean, who served as the 27<sup>th</sup> Governor-general of Canada, since Canadian Confederation, to Matthew Waterman, our postulant.

Our Music Director has chosen choral and congregational music to support our observance of the month. Canon Anthony Jemmott (Feb. 18) and I (Feb. 11) will reflect on the theme during our homilies. **Mark your calendar for a special Coffee Hour on February 25 after the 11:00am service.** In addition to a musical presentation, there will be a display of “Black Excellence” and samples of African and Caribbean finger foods.

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

## STAY UP TO DATE

**Today at 9:00am & 11:00am: Ministry of The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine**  
We will welcome Archbishop Fred Hiltz and The Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert.

### ST. JAMES CEMETERY & CREMATORIUM

**Wednesday, February 7 at 11:00am: Eucharist at St. James Cemetery**  
On the first Wednesday of the month, St. James Cemetery invites to the Chapel of St. James-The-Less for Holy Eucharist. Visit 635 Parliament Street, Toronto.



### BECOMING THE STORY WE TELL

#### **Making an Intentional Lenten Journey:**

The Season of Lent is a gift intended especially for those who are turning to the way of Christ in some new way. If this is the moment for you to become intentional about following the way of Jesus talk to Canon John Hill or email: [bst@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bst@stjamescathedral.ca)

#### **Join a Small Group for reflection through Lent and Eastertide**

Lent and Eastertide will be an opportunity for us to enter more deeply into the mystery of our salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you want to join, register now. **Small groups will begin the week of February 18.** Registration forms and online registration are available. **For more information** talk to Canon John Hill during coffee hour or email [bst@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bst@stjamescathedral.ca)

### VESTRY 2024

**Only on Sunday, March 10, we will have one main service at 10:00am and the Vestry meeting will follow after the service.**

Vestry Meeting will be chaired by our new Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. A light lunch will be served.

#### **Sunday, February 11 after 9:00am & 11:00am services Town Hall – Nominating Committee**

If you would like more information about the nominating process for Vestry Elections, you're invited to attend a town hall meeting on Sunday, February 11. There will be one following both the 9:00am & 11:00am service.

Meetings will be held in the 2nd-floor Lecture Room. For more information on the Nominating process, please visit the News section at [www.stjamescathedral.ca](http://www.stjamescathedral.ca) under Vestry 2024 or contact Bill Benson at: [billbenson0520@gmail.com](mailto:billbenson0520@gmail.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 11 at 10:30am: Crosses from last Palm Sunday



Last year's blessed palm crosses and branches may be brought to the Cathedral and placed in the baskets provided.

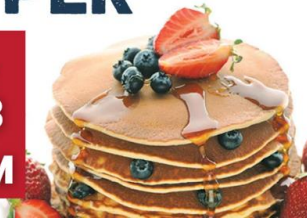
They will be burned at 10:30am between the 9:00am and 11:00am services next Sunday, February 11, and the ashes used in the Ash Wednesday services on February 14.

### Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

# PANCAKE SUPPER



**TUES.  
FEB. 13  
5:30PM**



Mark the last day before Lent with a pancake supper. Gather your friends and family. There will be activities for kids, music, and more! This is a free event & donations are welcome. **RSVP:** Call (416)364-7865, add your information to the RSVP list at the back of the Cathedral, or email [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca).

**Call for volunteers:** To help with set-up, serving, and clean-up from 4:00pm-8:30pm. If you are interested in helping, sign the volunteer list at the back of the Cathedral.

### Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Services



All services include the Imposition of Ashes.

- **7:30am:** Said Eucharist
- **12:15pm:** Sung Eucharist
- **6:30pm:** Choral Eucharist (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel*).

The Cathedral will also be open for prayer on Ash Wednesday from 7:30am – 7:30pm.

### Sunday, February 25: Black History Month at St. James Cathedral



The theme for this year is *“Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate, a Future to Build”*. A small group of volunteers is working to put together a small event to conclude Black History Month on **Sunday, February 25 after the 11:00am service.**

If you are interested in being a part of the group already working on this event, please send an email to [yosiegal@hotmail.com](mailto:yosiegal@hotmail.com), [wrmndt@gmail.com](mailto:wrmndt@gmail.com), or [morgan5591@rogers.com](mailto:morgan5591@rogers.com) Stay tuned!

## 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 **February 6 at 1:00pm. Organist: Joshua Duncan Lee**  
Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

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

**THURSDAY: February 22 at 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James** in St. George's Chapel.  
*Artist: Louise Hung, Virginal.* Admission by donation is encouraged.

**FRIDAY: Drop-In from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.**

We welcome our guests in Snell Hall for a nutritious meal.

### 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:** Plots, services, and products available.

**Contact:** 416-964-9194 [www.stjamescemetery.ca](http://www.stjamescemetery.ca) 635 Parliament Street, Toronto.

### Sunday Services – February 11, 2024

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Sung Eucharist *(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](http://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)).*

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

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong with the Choir of St. Jude's Anglican Church, Oakville *(also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](http://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)).*

**Readings for February 11:**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

2 Kgs 2:1-12

Ps 50:1-6

2 Cor 4:3-6

Mk 9:2-9

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