

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 29, 2024

Sunday Children's Program: Invite the little ones to the 9:00am & 11:00am services.

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

2025 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the West Aisle.

Merry, Merry Christmas!



After the weeks of waiting, we are at last here, firmly into the Christmas season. The presents have been exchanged, food and drink consumed in large quantities, and around us, the world is moving on. But the church calendar keeps us here a bit longer, and for good reason. Because the good news we share and celebrate at Christmas takes a while to sink in, so here it is again. The God who created the universe chose to come among us as a fragile baby, to share our world and our experience, to become one of us. God became as we are so that we might become as He is. Familiarity might dull the wonder for us. But wonderful it is.

Take some time this Christmas to reflect, to wonder, and to worship.
Dean Stephen Hance

Make a special year-end gift

We are grateful for your generous support throughout the year. Please make a special end-of-year gift in four different ways. To receive a tax receipt for 2024, please donate by Dec 31.



E-Transfer: to 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 in 2025.

Online: stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online/

In-person: 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 by December 31.

If you'd like to speak with someone directly about ways to give, please contact us at 416-364-7865 or email Serena at sli@stjamescathedral.ca.

Sunday, January 5 at 4:30pm:

Epiphany Lessons and Carols with the Chalking of the Doors

Join us for this beautiful service of readings and carols as we worship in the footsteps of the wise men and celebrate the Epiphany. The choral music, congregational carols, and readings will trace the story of the wise men and the early ministry of Jesus. We will also dedicate the building through the ancient ceremony of the chalking of the doors, blessing the cathedral and all who will enter during the coming year. This is a beautiful way to mark the beginning of the New Year. The service will begin with an organ recital at 4:00pm.

All are most welcome!

Wednesday, January 1: New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee



12:15pm: Said Eucharist

1:30pm-2:45pm: Receiving Line and Reception.

2:45pm: Festive Music with brass quintet*

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

*Services will also be live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto All are welcome!

Tuesday Organ Recital Series at 1:00pm

Our Tuesday Organ Recital series features some of the region's finest organists and the powerful sounds of St. James Cathedral's 5,000 organ pipes.

January 7: Mark Himmelman (Holy Saviour, Waterloo)

January 14: TBC

January 21: Emmanuel Wong (U of T)

January 28: Aaron James (Toronto Oratory, U of T) with Corey Gemmell (violin)

January 8-February 23: Scripture Circle - Epiphany Encounter with Christ

Join us during Epiphany on Wednesdays at 11:00am and Sundays following the 11:00am service for a Scripture Circle series designed for newcomers to the Cathedral and for established members looking to encounter Christ afresh.

We will look at the mysterious and symbolic description of Jesus in Revelation 1.12-16 and learn about how Jesus continues to minister to us and among us today.

The World Day of Prayer 2025 is coming to St. James Cathedral



The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement with an annual prayer service that gathers Christians worldwide for a time of learning, prayer, and fellowship.

Preparation begins soon and you are invited!

WDP Festival Day: January 11, 2025 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on 1585 Yonge Street, Toronto. Registration begins at 9:00am.

More info: wdpcanada.ca

World Day of Prayer hosted by St. James Cathedral on March 8, 2025 at 2:00pm. More information to come.

January 22 at 2:00pm: York Group event with the Refugee Committee

The York Group warmly invites you to join us for a speaker event on January 22 at 2:00pm in the Cathedral Centre with Rebecca McTaggart, Co-Chairperson of the St. James and Community Refugee Committee. Come and hear about some of the individuals currently being assisted through this important and life-changing work. No RSVP needed.

Sunday, February 2 at 4:30pm: Matthew's Ordination



Good news!

Deacon Matthew Waterman will be ordained a priest on Sunday, February 2 (The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) at 4:30pm in the Cathedral.

More details to come. Stay tuned!

All are welcome.

Sunday, March: Vestry Meeting



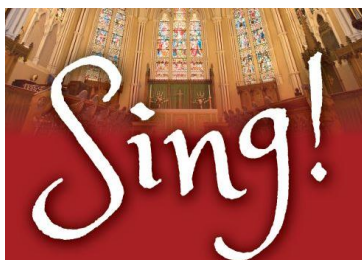
Our 2024 Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025 in Snell Hall chaired by our Dean the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance.

There will be one combined service at 10:00am and the Vestry meeting will follow after the service.

More information will come. Stay tuned.

This is a message from The Wardens.

Sing with us!



The Choir of St. James Cathedral welcomes applications for singers with musical experience.

If you would like to join one of our choirs or know of others who would like to, contact Thomas Bell, Director of Music at tbell@stjamescathedral.ca, who would be delighted to hear from you. All voices are welcome!

St. James Cemetery & Crematorium announcements

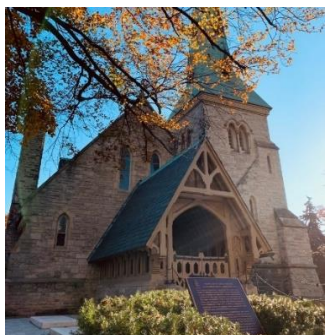
Pre-planning services/Plots available.

The Cemetery office will be closed on January 1.

The Cemetery Gates hours stay the same from 8:00am to 5:00pm, seven days a week.

Contact: 416-964-9194 / cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca / www.stjamescemetery.ca

Preplan your funeral and cemetery services



Preplanning gives you peace of mind and the opportunity to make your wishes known. Cathedral clergy are available to assist with funeral plans and our cemetery staff would be pleased to help you preplan your interment and other cemetery services.

Protect yourself from future inflationary increases, too.

For more information: Please get in touch with the Vicar at sfields@stjamescathedral.ca, or George Vrozos our Cemetery Manager at cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca, or 416-964-9194.

SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK

Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am
will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025
via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm
Monday to Saturday
In the Cathedral - St. George's Chapel.

The Cathedral Offices will be closed until January 1.
Regular hours will resume on January 2.

Visit us:

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

Our Organ Recitals will be back on Tuesday, January 7 at 1:00pm.
Our Scripture Circle will be back on Wednesday, January 8 at 11:00am.

Sunday Services – January 5, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Sung Eucharist (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*)

11:00am: Choral Eucharist (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*)

4:30pm: Epiphany Lessons and Carols with the Chalking of the Doors (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*)

Readings for

The Feast of the Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

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