

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 8, 2024

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

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

**Thank you from the Drop-In** to everyone who supported the Christmas ornament sales.

We have 29 left. If interested, please contact Kathy Biasi at [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

**Today:** Cohen Eucharist at 4:30pm, Reception at 5:30pm, Snell Lecture at 6:00pm & book launch "*Rags of Light: Leonard Cohen and the Landscape of Biblical Imagination*" with Dr. Brian Walsh pastor & theologian.



This year you may notice something fresh in our Advent and Christmas schedule.

*Merry Moments* is a new service which we are running six times in the middle two weeks of December. It's a 30-minute Christmas 'taster' service with very well-known music and readings and a short homily from me. All are welcome, of course, but it is aimed particularly at people who *don't* usually go to church, for whom even a full-length carol service may be too much. We are offering six opportunities to attend so that people can find one that suits their schedule - the office lunch hour, after the school pick-up, and so on.

We want everyone who lives and works in our neighborhood to be invited to *Merry Moments* and here is where we need your help. Posters and flyers are available in the Cathedral.

Could you use these to invite friends and neighbors? A poster in your building, some flyers in the coffee shop you visit, a personal invitation to someone you know?

Let's offer the people of our area the opportunity to have a merry moment this Christmas!

## Last call - Christmas Memorial Flowers by Monday, December 9

Send names to [sli@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sli@stjamescathedral.ca), call 416-364-7865, Ext. 229. Donations of \$45(min) per name/couple. E-transfer to [gifts@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:gifts@stjamescathedral.ca) or cheque (*Add Memorial Flowers*).

### Advent at St. James: You are invited to participate!



*Advent for Everyone:* Online series on Dec. 10 & 17.

Info: [toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal](http://toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal)

*Sunday Sermon Reflection:* The Vicar will preach on the Sundays of Advent, *The Reign of God: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love for the World*.

*Join a Small Group:* At 11:00am on Wednesday or Sunday at 9:00am and the 11:00am Coffee Hour.

### Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30pm: Blue Christmas Service

A service of remembrance & hope. Let's 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.

### Open free dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 14 from 2:30pm-5:30pm



All tickets for the *Messiah Concert* are sold out.

No RSVP is needed for the dress rehearsal.

Doors open: 2:15pm

Rehearsal time: From 2:30pm to 5:30pm.

Suggested donations of \$20 to support our Drop-In program.



### Special gift for Christmas: Pewter Cathedral Ornaments

Ornaments come with a ribbon and a Cathedral history card in a bag.

Get yours at \$25 each at the front desk (Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm).

### Sunday, December 22 after the 11:00am service: Thank you to Canon Beth

Join us at Coffee Hour to honour Canon Beth Benson for her wonderful ministry at St. James Cathedral. We are most grateful for all she has done for our congregation over the past several years and particularly for her warm and gracious presence. *If you wish to contribute to the farewell gift, please donate online, by envelope on the Offertory Plate indicating "Tribute Gift for Canon Beth" or by transfer to [bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca)* This gift is non-receiptable.

### Preplan your funeral and cemetery services at St. James Cemetery

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 help you preplan your interment & other services. For more information, please contact the Vicar at [sfields@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sfields@stjamescathedral.ca), email [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca), or call 4169649194.

# Christmas

AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL



## A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS

### ADVENT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

4:30PM Advent Lessons & Carols\*

### BLUE CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

6:30PM A Service of Remembrance & Hope

### CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

4:00PM Festive Organ Recital\*

4:30PM Lessons & Carols\*

7:30PM Choral Eucharist\*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

8:00AM Said Eucharist

9:00AM Sung Eucharist\*

11:00AM Choral Eucharist\*

\* Livestreamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel:  
[youtube.com/@stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/@stjamescathedraltoronto)

## MERRY MOMENTS

### 30 MINUTES OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT

TRADITIONAL  
CHRISTMAS CAROLS,  
SHORT READINGS,  
& PRAYERS  
FOR EVERYONE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

4:00PM

6:00PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

1:00PM

5:30PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

10:00AM

1:00PM

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES: YOU ARE INVITED

**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 Dec. 10 at 1:00pm. Organist: Imre Olah.  
Our organ recitals will be on a break and will resume on January 7 at 1:00pm.

**Wednesday: Scripture Circle** gathers at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre. All are welcome.

**Friday: Drop-In** from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We welcome our guests for a nutritious meal.

**Sunday: Sunday School** at the 9:00am & the 11:00am services.

**Coffee Hour:** After the 9:00am & the 11:00am services.

**St. James Cemetery:** Seasonal Wreath program/Pre-planning services/Plots available.  
416-964-9194 / [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca) / [www.stjamescemetery.ca](http://www.stjamescemetery.ca)

### Sunday Services – December 15, 2024

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

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

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

**4:30pm:** Choral Evensong (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*)

**Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent**

Zeph 3:14-20

C 3 (Is 12:2-6)

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:7-18

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