

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, February 23, 2025

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.

Today at 9:00am & 11:00am: Preacher Denise Byard.

Today at 4:30pm: Diocesan Celebration of the Black Heritage of our Church.

Presider: Bishop Andrew Asbil & Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields.

Celebrating Black History Month at St. James



"To gaze into another person's face is to do two things: to recognise their humanity and to assert your own." Lawrence Hill is a Canadian novelist, essayist, and teacher. He is best known for the novel "The Book of Negroes" (2007) and has authored ten books. In 2013, he was selected to deliver the Massey Lectures, where he drew from his work "Blood: The Stuff of Life," (2013).

The Dean and Jacqui Hance visit New Zealand with Compass Rose



++Don Tamihere, the Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia, invited members of the Compass Rose Society to visit the Province from February 19- March 2, 2025.

Dean Stephen and Jacqui will be part of this tour, representing our Diocese.

Dean Stephen says: *"Moving to Canada from the UK, I am very aware of all I have to learn about history of our First Nation peoples, and the ways in which our Anglican Church has engaged with them. I am looking forward to seeing how the Church in New Zealand has approached its own history and context in this regard, and hope that some of what we learn will aid our own reflection here."*

February 26 at 12:15pm: Worship and bagged Lunch with the York Group

The York Group invites you to join them for Holy Eucharist in St. George's Chapel at 12:15pm, followed by a time of fellowship with bagged lunch & drink in the Lecture Room.

Denise Byard - Lay Anointer



Lay Anointers are licensed to served in a particular parish. Our Intern, Denise Byard, is a trained Lay Anointer who has the Bishop's permission to exercise this ministry in another parish. We have sought and received the Bishop's permission for her to serve as a Lay Anointer at St. James.

Trial Change in Communion administration for Lent

To improve the flow of movement during the Communion, instead of administering it at the High Altar, we will use two standing stations on the pavement before the chancel steps.

The kneeling station at the Lady Chapel will remain, with another station at St. John's Chapel, if needed. We hope to reduce congestion while maintaining reverence in the distribution of Communion. We will review this initiative. Thank you for your cooperation.

March 2: Palm Crosses



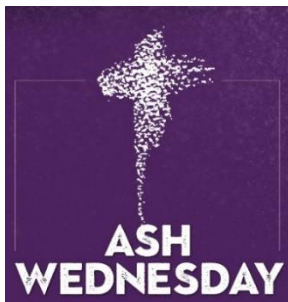
Bring your last year's blessed palm crosses and branches and place them in the baskets provided in the church. They will be burned after the 9:00am and 11:00am services on March 2. The ashes will be used in the Ash Wednesday services at 7:30am, 12:15pm, 6:30pm.

March 4: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Join us for a parish pancake supper from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. There will be food, activities for kids, and music! This event is free, but **please RSVP** on Eventbrite, through our website, email info@stjamescathedral.ca, or call 416-364-7865. Volunteers wanted to set up, serve, and clean up anytime between 4:00pm - 9:00pm. Want to help? Please, contact us.

March 5: Ash Wednesday Services + Children & Youth Exploration Day



Services at 7:30am (Said Eucharist), 12:15pm & 6:30pm (Choral Eucharist). All services include the Imposition of Ashes.

The Cathedral will be open for prayer on Ash Wednesday from 7:30am – 7:30pm. **Ashes to go** at St. James from 1:00pm-2:00pm.

Children & Youth Exploration Day from 10:30am-2:30pm:

To register, visit our website stjamescathedral.ca/explorationday/, call 416-364-7865, or send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca

Scripture Circle & Small Groups on Wednesdays in Lent



#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story is a resource developed by our Dean Stephen Hance for individual or small-group use.

Scripture Circle: Starting on March 5 at 11:00am (in-person).

Small Groups: Starting on March 12 at 7:30pm (online). To register, please contact info@stjamescathedral.ca or call 416-364-7865.

"Lent is a time to immerse ourselves in the biography of Jesus, and to reflect on the story of God's plan of salvation for us and for all creation. In reflecting on the stories in scripture, we can more deeply consider the story of our own life, and God's work and holy intentions unfolding in us." (Diocese of Toronto)

March 8 at 2:00pm: Celebrate The World Day of Prayer at St. James



The World Day of Prayer (WDP) brings Christians together around the world to share a day of prayer, learning and celebration.

Each year women from the host country share their region's concerns and hopes with Christians in 170 countries. This year, women of the Cook Islands have prepared the worship service. The theme is based on Psalm 139:1-18. *"I made you wonderful"*. Art: *"Wonderfully Made"* by Tarani & Tevairangi Napa. For more information visit stjamescathedral.ca

March 16: Baptism preparation begins

Baptism preparation classes will be held on Sundays at 12:45pm, starting on March 16. Holy Baptism will be administered at the Easter Vigil on April 19 at 9:00pm. Contact The Rev. Matthew at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

March 16: York Group Annual General Meeting



All women of the Cathedral are warmly invited to attend the York Group's Annual General Meeting planned for Sunday, March 16 at 1:00pm in the Lecture Room. There will be a short business agenda followed by a light lunch and time of fellowship.

Please RSVP to info@stjamescathedral.ca or call the office at 416-364-7865 to register.

March 16: International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination



As we observe the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we will inaugurate "The Marley Mass", a service inspired by the theology and lyrics of Reggae superstar, Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley and written by The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields. The service features seven of Marley's iconic songs. Join us at 4:30pm.

April 12 & 13: Annual Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser – Volunteers wanted



Join us in support of the essential work of the Drop-in Centre providing health and foot care clinics. **Volunteers wanted:** April 12 (dough and bun making sessions) and April 13 (bake, frost, and sell on Palm Sunday). If you are interested in offering your help, please call us at 416-364-7865, or send us an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca Thank you!

St. James Outreach Program is looking for volunteers for working groups

We are looking for volunteers to sit on two working groups (the Drop-In Program and "Food for Thought" Drop-In Trivia night). If you are interested, please contact Kathy Biasi our Outreach Program Manager, at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865 *222.

VESTRY 2025

The **Vestry List** is available for viewing today at the back of the church after service or at the Front Desk Mon-Fri 9:00am-4:00pm. Email changes to Serena at sli@stjamescathedral.ca

Pre-Vestry Meeting will be held on Zoom at 6:00pm on Thursday, March 6.

If you are a member of Vestry and would like to receive the link to attend, please email info@stjamescathedral.ca or call 416-364-7865.

Vestry Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 9. There will be one combined service at 10:00am** and Vestry meeting will follow after the service.

Vestry reports are available in the narthex. Visit our website for Vestry documents.

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.

The Rev. Matthew Waterman will be away this week for his Winter Break.

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 25 at 1:00pm. Angus Sinclair (St. John's, Kitchener).
Admission is free & donations are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY: The Scripture Circle gathers at 11:00am (Community Room).

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

SUNDAY: 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.

Sunday Services – March 2, 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: Choral Evensong (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*)

**Readings for March 2:
The Last Sunday after
Epiphany**

Exodus 34.29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Luke 9.28-43

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