

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, March 2, 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: Join us after the 9:00am & 11:00am services to burn the last Palm Sunday crosses.

Spring Forward: Daylight Saving Time Begins next Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1hr before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8. Join us on time for services at 8:00am, 10:00am (combined service before Vestry) & 4:30pm only on this day.

Trial Change in Communion Administration for Lent



Dear friends, for the six weeks of Lent, to improve the flow of movement during the Communion, we will administer the sacrament at two standing stations on the pavement instead of at the High Altar. For those whose preference is to kneel to receive the kneeling station at the Lady Chapel will remain, with an additional station at St. John's Chapel, if needed.

The current flow, with people trying to get in and out at the same time, results in congestion in the narrow chancel, chaos, and irreverence. This change aims to reduce this congestion while maintaining reverence during the distribution of Communion.

In addition, we have also had one recent security issue related to the fact that most people come up into the chancel to receive and I want to avoid a repeat for the sake of the musicians and chancel party. Please bear with us as we try this new approach.

We will review this arrangement and evaluate its success. We appreciate your cooperation and welcome your feedback during this trial period. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dean Stephen.

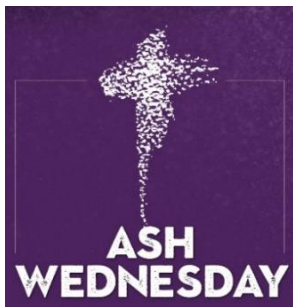
This Tuesday, March 4: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. All are welcome!



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.

This Wednesday, 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 7:30am-7:30pm on Ash Wednesday.

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

March 5 & 12: 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.

"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."

During the Season of Lent, the Cathedral will provide 3 opportunities to engage in the Lenten Journey to Easter:

1. **The Scripture Circle:** (Wednesdays) Starting on March 5 at 11:00am (in-person).
2. **#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story: A Sermon Discussion Group:** (Wednesdays) Starting on March 12 at 7:30pm (online). To register for The Scripture Circle and/or #LiveLent, please visit our website, contact info@stjamescathedral.ca or call 416-364-7865 and indicate your preferred group. *You may also engage in a daily personal reflection using the resource of #LiveLent materials available on our website.*
3. **Becoming the Story We Tell:** (Wednesdays) (in-person or online). For persons who desire to learn more about the way of Jesus and to take some new steps in following him. Please send an email to bst@stjamescathedral.ca with your name and your preference (in-person gathering or online).

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



Join us for the annual World Day of Prayer service. We are delighted to host this event and we look forward to welcoming our neighbours and friends from downtown churches.

The lively 2025 service was written by the women of the Cook Islands with the theme, *"I Made You Wonderful"*, Ps 139: 1-18.

Our thanks to the York Group for their participation and support of this event. This service will be also live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel. For more information visit our website: 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



Join us at 4:30pm 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 7 of Marley's iconic songs led by MOKA, Caribbean Fusion Band. Service in person & live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

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, send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca, or visit our website.

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, 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. Light lunch will be served.

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

A word about Vestry

You may be aware that we are changing our fiscal year, so the official year-end will be June 30, instead of December 31. Ending the fiscal year in June better reflects the church's natural business year and will give staff more "breathing room" to organize and revise budgets for the coming year, close the books, and prepare for the audit. As a result, after Vestry in March, we'll have an interim period to get the new fiscal year started on July 1, 2025. Another Vestry to cover the interim period will follow in early October. The Dean is proposing that to make this transition as smooth as possible all the Wardens and officers stay in their roles until the Vestry in early October. There will be an official motion to this effect raised at Vestry. This is why you won't see a call for Nominations for our March Vestry. Now, if you are really keen to put your name forward, you can, but remember that there will be a full election in the fall. Questions? Please see Dean Stephen Hance or the Wardens.

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 March 4 at 1:00pm. Organist: Jean-Paul Feo (St. James Cathedral). 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.

St. James Cemetery: Plots, products & services available.

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

Sunday Services – March 9, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

10:00am: 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 9:

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalms 91.1-2, 9-16

Romans 10.8b-13

Luke 4.1-13

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