

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, March 9, 2025

***Children & Families:** Sunday school meets today at the 10:00am service.

***Coffee Hour:** Please join us next Sunday after the 9:00am & 11:00am services. Thank you.

Today only: Services at 8:00am, 10:00am (combined service before Vestry) & 4:30pm.

Vestry 2025

The Annual Meeting of Vestry is today, Sunday, March 9 after the 10:00am service.

Join us at 11:30am in Snell Hall. Light lunch will be provided from 11:30am-12noon. Visit

stjamescathedral.ca/vestry-2025/ for Vestry documents.

A message from our Dean Stephen Hance about the Lenten Season



“Lent is a time to lay some things down and to give some attention to the state of our hearts, our souls. To ask questions like:

- *What is the state of my relationship with God at this point?*
- *What do I need forgiveness from, and from whom do I need to seek it?*
- *Who do I need to forgive and be reconciled to?*
- *What wrong attitudes or actions have become so familiar to me that I have stopped noticing them?*
- *What do I want to take up, to become more the person God wants me to be in the next season of my life?”*

From Dean Stephen's Ash Wednesday homily.

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 at 11:00am (in-person).

2. **#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story (A Sermon Discussion Group):**

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 4163647865 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:** Starting on March 12 at 7:30pm.

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 16: Baptism preparation begins

Baptism preparation classes will be held on Sundays at 12:45pm in the Library. Holy Baptism will be administered at the Easter Vigil on April 19 at 9:00pm. For more information, contact The Rev. Matthew at mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca or visit stjamescathedral.ca/worship/baptism-and-weddings/

March 16: York Group Annual General Meeting in the Lecture Room



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. There will be a business agenda followed by a light lunch and a time of fellowship. **RSVP:** info@stjamescathedral.ca / 416-3647865

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.

Easter Memorial Flowers



A beautiful way to remember a loved one at Easter is through the memorial flowers that will be placed in the Cathedral for the season. Please email names to Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca. We are asking for donations of \$45(min) per name/couple. Payment methods: E-transfer to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca or cheque. (Please clarify: Easter Memorial Flowers).

The deadline for submitting memorial names is **Monday, March 31.**

Friday, April 11: Palm Cross Making & Brass Cleaning



Please join the members of the Altar Guild from 9:00am-12:00pm in the West Aisle of the Cathedral to help make the crosses for Palm Sunday and to clean the Brass appointments in the Cathedral. Join in the fun!

Scissors and light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP:

Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye at yosiegal@hotmail.com

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 would like to volunteer, please call 416-364-7865, send an email to info@stjamescathedral.ca, or visit our website for more information.

Holy Week & Easter Services (April 13-20)



- **April 13:** Palm Sunday (8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm)
- **April 14:** Holy Eucharist (8:00am), Morning Prayer (8:30am) & Chrism Mass (11:00am)
- **April 15:** Holy Eucharist (8:00am), Morning Prayer (8:30am)
- **April 14 & 15:** The Way of the Cross (6:00pm)
- **April 16:** Holy Eucharist (8:00am), Morning Prayer (8:30am) & “TeneBrass” *A Service of Shadows, Tenebrae & Brass* (6:00pm)
- **April 17:** Virtual Morning Prayer (8:30am) & Maundy Thursday Liturgy (7:00pm)
- **April 18:** Confessions (11:00am and 3:00pm) & Good Friday Liturgy (12:00noon)
- **April 19:** The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Baptism at 9:00pm
- **April 20:** Easter Day (8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 4:30pm) & Easter Egg Hunt (1:30pm)

All our Holy Week services will be in-person & online on our YouTube Channel.

Detailed schedule: stjamescathedral.ca/holyweek2025/

April 20 at 1:30pm: Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Volunteers wanted



All families and children are welcome!

Please, share this event with your friends and invite the little ones of your family.

The Children’s Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 20 after the 11:00am service.

If you want to offer your help please contact Karyne Whalen our Children’s Minister at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca by **Friday, April 4.**

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 11 at 1:00pm. Organist: Michael Pirri (St. Aidans in the Beach). 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 16, 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: International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination
The Marley Mass service (*also on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*)

Readings for March 16:

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.31-35

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