

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, July 13, 2025

**Summer Services:** Until September 1, services at 8:00am, **10:30am**, and 4:30pm.

**Sunday School:** At the 10:30am service. **Coffee Hour:** After the 10:30am service.

### Message from the Dean



Dear friends, when we move back to having the 9:00am and 11:00am Services in September, you will notice some changes at the 9:00am, which come from the work which the 9:00am Working Group has been doing over the last several months, supported by the staff and Cathedral Council.

- The liturgy will be aimed at all ages - not a 'children's service' but a place where all generations seek to worship, learn, and grow together.
- With this in mind, Sunday School will not happen at the 9:00am, but children will stay in the service throughout. (Sunday School will continue at 11:00am.)
- Our liturgy will continue to be a recognizably Anglican eucharist, continuing the 9:00am focus on community and participation.
- Some changes to the set-up for the service will aim to improve visibility and audibility.
- The service will have a new name - Worship Together - which we think reflects our aims.

There will be an in-house '*dress rehearsal*' of Worship Together at 9:00am on Sunday, August 31, before the first service proper on Sunday, September 7. Please bear with us as we learn from trying things out and share your thoughts as you see the service taking shape.

Dean Stephen Hance

### Next Sunday, July 20: Patronal Festival Service & BBQ

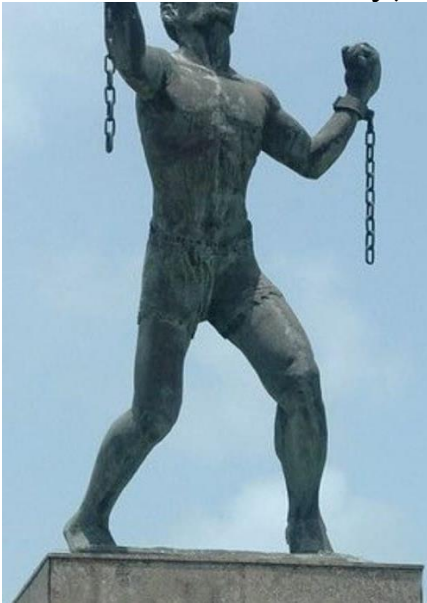


Celebrate with us the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. James!

Immediately **after the 10:30am Patronal Festival service**, we will gather on the Cathedral's West Lawn for food and fellowship.

**Call for volunteers:** We are also looking for help to prepare, serve food, or help with clean-up. If you are interested, please contact us at [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or call (416)364-7865. Thank you for your help.

## Sunday, July 27: Emancipation Day at St. James



The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada has formally designated the last Sunday in July as Emancipation Sunday, following a resolution brought to General Synod by The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields.

The motion urges the Church to create liturgical and educational resources for worship, reflection, and community engagement on this day. It also calls for action against anti-Black racism within the Church and wider society and encourages dioceses to engage meaningfully with Black Anglican communities to ensure the observance has real impact. The Church has officially recognized the Black Anglicans Coordinating Committee of the Diocese of Toronto, which served as a prophetic voice for over 25 years and is now succeeded by Black Anglicans of Canada.

Canon Fields emphasized that this observance offers the Church a space to remember the horrors and legacy of slavery, repent for past and present mistreatment of Black people, and reaffirm their valued and essential place in the Church.

## Drop-In: Call for Summer Volunteers



The summer months are the busiest for our St. James Drop-In program.

If you are free during the summer, are going to be in the city, and you have extra time on Fridays, the Drop-In would appreciate your support.

Contact Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-364-7865 Ext. 222 or [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

Thank you!

## Possible Scam Alert – Beware!



Some parishioners have reported receiving fraudulent emails and text messages requesting money transfers or gift cards from individuals posing as clergy or Cathedral staff. Remember, the Cathedral will never request gift cards or money transfers to individual staff members. Always verify the sender's email ends with the official Cathedral domain (@stjamescathedral.ca). If you receive a suspicious request, **do not respond; delete and block the sender.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us to verify suspicious messages.



## August 25-28: Free Children's Community Choir Day Camp at St. James



We are excited to offer a free Choir Day Camp for children aged 6–12 from Monday, Aug 25 to Thursday, Aug 28. Camp activities include music games, art, drama, guest musicians, and outdoor time from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The week will conclude with a final recital for family and friends on Thursday, Aug 28, at 3:00pm.

**Registration is free:** [www.stjamescathedral.ca/choircamp](http://www.stjamescathedral.ca/choircamp)

For more information, please contact: Cara Halpin, Children's Community Choir Director at [chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca)

## Show Your Support



St. James Cathedral is submitting a request to the City of Toronto for funding to assist with repairs to our clock. Our proposal is currently up for public review on the Toronto Centre Projects website.

Please visit [torontocentreprojects.ca/en/projects/2025-pb-cluster-5](http://torontocentreprojects.ca/en/projects/2025-pb-cluster-5) and search for “*St. James Cathedral*.”

There you will be able to read about the project and sign up to comment, indicating your support for this initiative.

## Thank you! St. James Drop-In's Canada Day BBQ



Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate with us on Canada Day!

*“We were thrilled to welcome around 750 guests—neighbours, friends, and visitors alike. It was a joy to share this special day with you on the West Lawn, filled with great food, meaningful connections, and a strong sense of community spirit. A heartfelt shoutout to our volunteers and collaborators who made this event possible. This day reminded us of the strength and warmth of our neighbourhood, and we’re so grateful to be part of such a caring community.”* Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager

*“It was a joy to connect with so many community members through the Canada Day BBQ and festivities. Thank you to everyone who helped share the love of Christ by feeding our neighbors, both in body and soul.”* The Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts, Canon Missioner

## 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 from Monday to Friday from 10:00am–3:00pm.

The Cathedral Centre offices are open from Monday to Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

**Online Morning Prayer:** Join our clergy and fellow members of the Cathedral from Monday to Friday for Morning Prayer in our **Zoom Chapel**.

To access, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/MPatSJC> or scan the QR code. For more information, visit: [stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/)



**Tuesday:** Tuesday Organ Recitals will be back at 1:00pm on September 9, 2025.

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

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

**Sunday: Sunday School:** At the 10:30am service. **Coffee Hour:** After the 10:30am service.

### Sunday Services – July 20, 2025

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**10:30am:** Choral Eucharist (*live-streamed on the Cathedral channel at [youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto](https://youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto)*).

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

**Readings for The Patronal Festival Feast of St. James**

Jeremiah 45:1-5

Psalms 7:1-10

Acts 11:27–12:3

Matthew 20:20-28

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