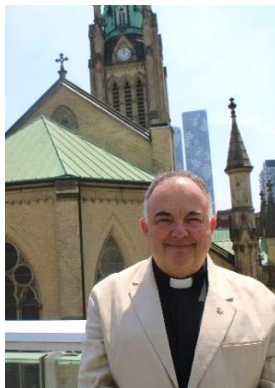


## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL - CONNECTIONS - Sunday, August 31, 2025

**\*Sunday service hours:** Starting next Sunday, September 7, our regular worship schedule resumes. Join us for our 9:00am (Refreshed *Worship Together*) & 11:00am (Choral Eucharist).

\*Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am. Coffee Hour after 9:00am & 11:00am.

### Message from the Dean



Summer is quickly coming to its end! Schools are set to re-open! I hope you had some time to recharge and relax. When we return to our regular Sunday services at 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 4:30pm, next Sunday, September 7, we will be refreshing our 9:00am Eucharist with a new name, ***Worship Together***, and an ethos of intergenerational participation. Following the just-ended Children's Community Choir Day Camp, we will be launching the choir proper in September.

We have some great events coming up!

Invite your friends, we look forward to seeing you:

- Sept. 7: *Worship Together*, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Anniversary of Accession.
- Sept. 16: I will be running my online course *Everyday Witness*. Read more below: [www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/) or scan the QR codes for more information and to register.

Details here:



Register here:



- Sept. 27: Annual Walk-a-thon at Edward Gardens in the morning
  - Sept. 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Night Fundraiser in the evening
  - Oct. 4: Blessing of the Animals on the West Lawn
  - Oct. 5: Special Vestry Meeting
  - Oct. 25: Organist David Briggs in concert with *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925).  
Get tickets on [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025) or Eventbrite
  - Oct. 12-Nov. 9: Sermon Series (mornings) on Stewardship: "*Abundant Grace, Faithful Response: Stewardship for God's Mission*"
  - Oct. 26-Nov. 23: Sermon Series-Evensong guest preachers on the topic '*A Renewed Church*'
  - Monthly Family Fun Nights and Community Playdates continue through the Fall
- And then, of course, there is All Souls, All Saints, Remembrance Day, and Advent! May this season of rest prepare us to receive the ongoing renewal offered to us by the Holy Spirit. This summer, let's take a pause to breathe so that, come Fall, we can be ready to play our parts, all of us, giving, praying, serving, and inviting, all for the sake of our city, which God loves and for which Jesus died.

Your friend, Dean Stephen Hance

## **Saturday, Sept. 6 at 10:00am: Monthly Community Playdate**

Bring your family for a fun morning and enjoy coffee (on us) while the kids play, create, and connect with other families. Bring a friend and **register** at [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/)

## **Sept. 7 at 12:30pm & Sept. 10 at 7:30pm: Information Sessions**



Nominations are open: All parishioners are welcome to join the list of those willing to serve in our parish's Vestry or our Diocesan Synod. Nominations (self or other) for elected or appointed positions of Wardenship, Cathedral Council, and Synod representation are invited (1-year commitment).

- **Info Sessions: Sept 7, 12:30pm** (In-person, Lecture Room) & **Sept 10, 7:30pm** (Online – Please RSVP for Zoom link: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865)

- **Special Vestry Meeting: Oct 5.**

For more info: Visit [stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2025) or talk with a member of the Vestry Nomination Committee, Don Solomon, Louis Nettleton, or Carol Kysela at coffee hour.

## **Sunday, Sept. 7: Blessing of the Backpacks (9:00am & 11:00am services)**

We invite families to join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year! Bring your favourite backpack to church to be blessed & stay tuned for some exciting family faith-events.

## **Sunday, Sept. 7: 9:00am Worship Together Service, Join Us!**



This refreshed service is designed for all ages and abilities! Let's participate *together*, learn *together*, pray *together*, dream *together*, and much more. This is a service to be involved in worship, leadership & community life *together*. Info: [stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/)

## **Sunday, Sept. 7 at 4:30pm: Anniversary of Accession**

Join us as the Cathedral Community will celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of King Charles' Accession to the Throne (Sept 8) at Evensong. Preacher: The Rev. Canon Michael Burgess.

## **Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 2:00pm: Invitation from the York Group**

The Rev. Matthew shares how his faith has evolved and the role of lay pastoral visiting.

### **Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9:30am: Rehearsals Begin for Our Children's Choir**



We invite all children aged 6-16 who love music & singing to join our free Children's Community Choir. Rehearsals are on **Saturdays beginning Sept. 20, 9:30am to 10:30am** in the Cathedral Centre. Open to all! Info: Cara Halpin, Children's Community Choir Director at [chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **Friday, Sept. 26 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night at St. James**



Join us at 6:00pm for a time of family fun with complimentary pizza, drinks, detours, roadblocks, and chances to win prizes. After we share a meal together, the race will begin. Theme: *The Amazing Race: St. James Cathedral edition!*  
**Please RSVP:** [stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/)  
**Questions?** Karyne Whalen at [kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10:30am: Refugee Walk-a-thon 2025**

#### **Mark your calendars! Marjorie Rudder Walks for Refugees at Edwards Gardens**



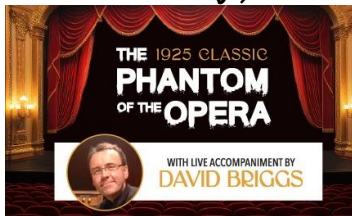
Join Marjorie Rudder and the St. James and Community Refugee Committee in celebrating its 10th anniversary of sponsoring refugee resettlement with a fundraising walkathon. Invite your friends to help reach the \$15,000 fundraising goal. Walk & show your support by donating to this cause!  
Link to donate: [stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025)

### **Saturday, Sept. 27 at 6:00pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia Night to support our Drop-In!**



Come and have a fun evening with friends & family with prizes for winners, entertainment intermission, 50/50 draw, and a silent auction. All proceeds will support neighbours in need. Thank you!  
**Call for Volunteers:** Many roles available. To know more contact Kathy Biasi at 416-3647865, Ext.222/[kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)  
**Tickets available:** Team table (8 players max.) & Individual. All tickets include the **Trivia Game + Meal**.  
**Get yours now:** [stjamescathedral.ca/trivia-night-2025/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/trivia-night-2025/)

### **Saturday, Oct. 25 at 8:00pm: Phantom of the Opera with David Briggs**



World-renowned organist David Briggs performs a live improvised score to the 1925 silent film *The Phantom of the Opera* on St. James Cathedral's 5,000-pipe organ. Enjoy the film on a large screen within the Cathedral's architecture and acoustics.  
**Tickets:** [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025) or Eventbrite.



## THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Morning Prayer – online only at 8:30am**

**Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm**

Tuesday to Saturday via the Cathedral YouTube channel

Tuesday to Saturday in St. George's Chapel.

**Monday, September 1 - Labour Day:** The Cathedral and the Office are closed.  
The Dean returns from summer vacation on Tuesday, September 2.

**Visit us:** This week, the Cathedral is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00am–3:00pm.  
This week, the Cathedral Centre offices are open Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am–4:00pm.

**Donation envelopes:** If you want to renew your envelopes for 2026, please contact Serena Li at [sli@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sli@stjamescathedral.ca) or call (416)364-7865 Ext. 229.

**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:** Organ Recitals are back on Sept. 9, at 1:00pm. Organist: Jean-Paul Feo.

**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 Services – September 7, 2025

**8:00am:** Said Eucharist

**9:00am:** Worship Together

**11:00am:** 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 13th  
Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

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