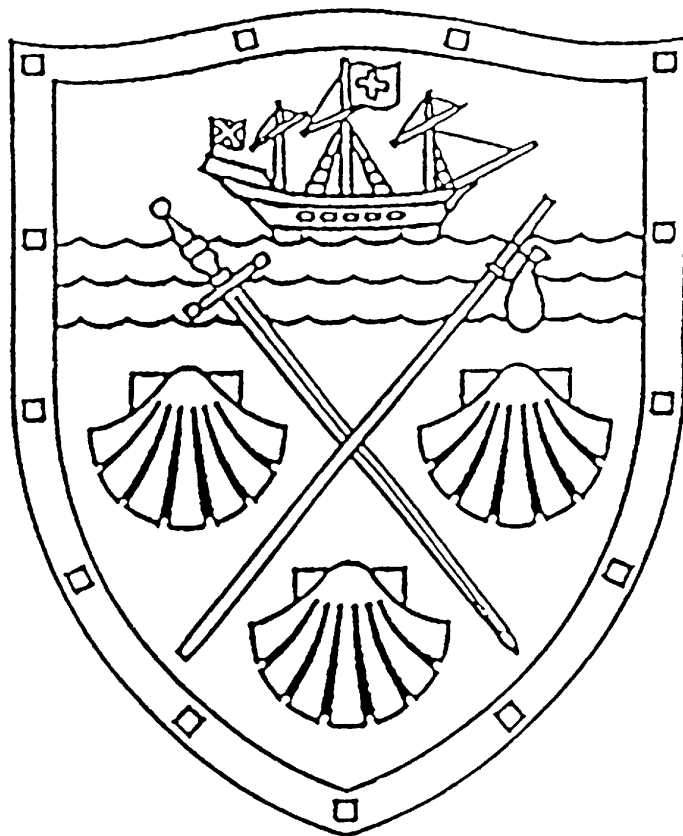




The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Choral Eucharist at 11:00am

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, and the Métis peoples, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Liturgical Note:

In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

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(scroll to the bottom of the page).

Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

Sunday School meets every week at the 11:00am service.

Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
please email Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

Accessibility

A Wheelchair Accessible all-gender Washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.

Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

Coffee Hour

Please join us at Snell Hall following the 9:00am & 11:00am service.

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Today at St. James

Presider: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Homilist: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance

Deacon of the Mass: The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Anointer: The Reverend Matthew Waterman • Sub-Deacon: Paul Seddon

Litanist: The Reverend Lynn Braye

First Reader: Richard Harrop • Second Reader: Ruth Davis

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

*Communion Ministers: Stanley Baptiste, David Grant, Billie-Anne Robinson,
Paul Seddon and Brainerd Blyden-Taylor*

Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell • Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo

Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee

Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

The flowers in the Cathedral are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Nicholas & Adele Haddad

Alan and Betty Hirst

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning.

Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Our practice during this liturgy is to stand when we sing and during the proclamation of the Gospel, sit for other Scripture readings (including the Psalm) and the Homily, and stand, sit, or kneel for prayer. These are guidelines and we invite you to assume a posture that is most comfortable for you during the service.

Music of the Mass: Missa Brevis by Walter MacNutt

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

Tune: Stuttgart

All Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver; born a child, and yet a King;
born to reign in us for ever: now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley
Music: Melody Psalmody Sacra, Gotha, 1715; harm. William Henry Havergal, alt.
Tune: Stuttgart

Children are invited to gather around the Advent wreath and join the procession before proceeding to the Library for Sunday School; they will return at the offertory.

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The First Candle - Hope

Leader Light and hope, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Leader The four candles in the Advent wreath are lit, one by one, each Sunday in Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Each time we light a candle, we reflect on a particular theme. Today we light the first candle, the candle of **HOPE**.

The first candle is lit.

In days of uncertainty, God's word promises a future filled with light. Isaiah speaks of nations streaming to the mountain of the Lord, beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Christ tells us: "Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." As we wait for Christ, the Light of the world, we place our hope in the One who comes to make all things new.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, our Hope and our Salvation.**

Leader Let us pray.

Silence

Almighty God, you sent your prophets to proclaim a coming kingdom of justice and peace. Kindle in us the flame of hope, and keep us watchful for the day when Christ shall appear in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Litany

Please refer to the Litany insert

Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, so that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reader The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation

shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

Chant by Martin Luther

Choir I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem;
Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
‘May they prosper who love you.
‘Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.’
For my kindred and companions’ sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.

The Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Reader Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Thomas Bell





God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

We offer each other a sign of peace.

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Tempus Adest Floridum

All

When the King shall come again
all his power revealing,
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing;
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert, trees take root,
fresh from his creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping!

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean,
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people homeward bound
all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

Text: Christopher Idle

Music: Melody *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

Text: Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance

his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

People **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Presider And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

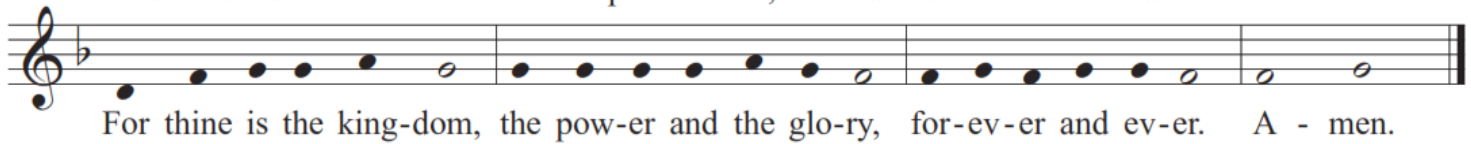
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Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

The musical notation is a four-part setting of the Lord's Prayer. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notation is divided into two main sections: 'Presider' and 'All'. The 'Presider' part is written on a single staff, while the 'All' part is written on three staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.'

Presider *All*

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.



Silence

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

- *All are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament or a blessing.*
- *Please approach the High Altar in single file and fill the altar rail from the right side. Exit through the door by the organ.*
- *Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the Lady Chapel.*
- *It is not permitted to dip the bread in the wine for health reasons.*
- *You are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest.*
- *Prayers for healing and anointing are available at the Baptistry.*

Communion Hymn

Tune: Watchet auf

All Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
“The hour has come!” we hear them saying,
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya! The wedding song swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng!

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
 Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
 She stands and waits with eager eyes;
 See her Friend from Heaven descending,
 Adorned with truth and grace unending!
 Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
 Now come, Thou precious Crown,
 Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
 Hosanna! Let us prepare to follow there,
 Where in Thy supper we may share.

Motet
Choir

Vigilate

William Byrd

Vigilate, nescitis enim quando dominus domus veniat, sero, an media nocte, an galli cantu, an mane. Vigilate ergo, ne cum venerit repente, inveniatis vos dormientes. Quod autem dico vobis, omnibus dico: vigilate.

Watch ye therefore – for ye not know when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning – lest coming, he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say to unto all: watch.

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord

People

Amen.

Presider

Glory to God,

People

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. And the blessing of God almighty, the One who loves us, the One who liberates us, and the One who leads us into all truth, be with you now and always.

People

Amen.

Hymn

All

Tune: Helmsley

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
O, come quickly! O, come quickly! O, come quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

Text: John Cennick, Charles Wesley, Martin Mada, alt.
Music: Melody attrib. Thomas Olivers and Martin Madan.

Dismissal

Deacon Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world that
God loves.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:

The Anglican Church of Australia; St. James Cathedral and Lay Pastoral Visitors

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ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, November 30, 2025

Regular services at 8:00am, 9:00am (*Worship Together*), 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

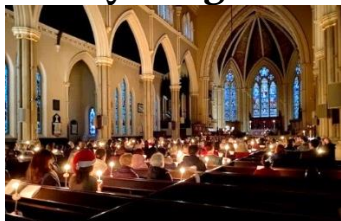
Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am. **Coffee Hour:** After 9:00am & 11:00am.

Advent begins today at St. James



The season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas Day, begins today, Nov. 30. You are warmly invited to join us in reflection, prayer, and celebration during this special time! Please share this invitation with your neighbours, friends, and family. All are welcome to come and share in the warmth and joy of Christmas with us.

Today: Organ Recital & Advent Lessons and Carols Service by Candlelight



From Darkness to Light: Enter into the season of Advent with this seasonal favourite service of readings and music!

4:00pm: Organ Recital by Jean-Paul Feo

4:30pm: Advent Lessons and Carols Service.

Invite your family & friends.

“Merry Moments” returns to St. James!

A festive poster for 'Merry Moments' at St. James Cathedral. The background is red with a geometric pattern. At the top, there are white string lights. The word 'Merry' is in a large, gold, cursive font, and 'MOMENTS' is in a bold, gold, sans-serif font below it. To the right of 'Merry' is the text 'AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL'. Further right, it says '30 MINUTES OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT' in white, followed by 'Traditional Christmas Carols, Short Readings & Prayers for Everyone' in a smaller white font. At the bottom right, the dates 'DECEMBER 16, 18, 20' are listed in white.

Merry
AT ST. JAMES
CATHEDRAL
MOMENTS

30 MINUTES OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT
Traditional Christmas Carols, Short Readings
& Prayers for Everyone
DECEMBER 16, 18, 20

After last year's wonderful response, we're delighted to once again offer these **30-minute Advent and Christmas “taster” services filled with beloved carols, readings, and a short homily**. These joy-filled gatherings are perfect for anyone, and especially those who may not usually attend church or find a full carol service a bit long. **Multiple services** will take place **on Dec. 16, 18 & 20**, so you can find one that fits your schedule, at lunch, after school pick-up, or between errands.

New this year: Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 20, at 10:30am**, when our **Children's Community Choir** will lead Merry Moments. After the service, enjoy a **Nativity Animal Petting Zoo** on the West Lawn from **11:00am to 1:00pm**, with hot chocolate and snacks for all! Invite your friends and neighbours to this joyful, family-friendly event in the spirit of Christmas with us!

Until Dec. 8: Christmas Memorial Flowers



Remember a loved one this Christmas through memorial poinsettias placed in the Cathedral for the season.

Please submit names to Serena Li at sli@stjamescathedral.ca, or place them in a clearly marked envelope on the collection plate. Donations of \$45 or more per name/couple will go to support the Cathedral Flower Fund.

Payment options: E-transfer to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca (please include “*Memorial Flowers*” in your message), credit card, or online. **Please submit names by December 8.**

Dec. 9 at 6:30pm: Blue Christmas – A Service of Hope



Christmas can be difficult for a variety of reasons.

One may have lost a loved one, a job, suffered a broken relationship, or even be missing family or friends who are living in a different city, province, or country.

Come and share in a special Service of Hope, sing carols, hear the good news that the Christ Child brings, and help us trim the tree by hanging a dove and lighting a candle as we celebrate the coming of the one who is our Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Share the Joy: Ways to support our Drop-In program this Christmas!



Volunteer with us: On Christmas (Dec. 19), on Boxing Day (Dec. 26), and in the New Year (Jan. 2). Shifts will run between 9:00am to 5:30pm. Come spread some holiday cheer!

Give a sweet treat: Help fill our Christmas bags with candy canes and chocolates that will be shared with our Drop-In guests this season.

Share a card of love: Donate any unused Christmas cards so our participants can send warm greetings to their friends and family.

On behalf of the Drop-In program, thank you for the ongoing support and care you show at this time and throughout the year. Your generosity helps make the Drop-In a welcoming, safe, and caring community for all our neighbours and volunteers.

For details or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Biasi – Outreach Manager at 416 364-7865 Ext. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

St. Bartholomew's Food Drive. Thank you for your support



If you can, please support the food program at St. Bartholomew's Church by donating nonperishable food items in the red bin located at the King Street entrance of the Cathedral.

Donations will be accepted until Dec. 31.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Save the dates & celebrate the Christmas season with us. All are welcome!
Back by popular demand, we will blend again cherished traditions with exciting services.
Bring your family and friends to share in the joy and warmth of the season. Join us!



Christmas

AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:30PM Advent Lessons & Carols*

BLUE CHRISTMAS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30PM A Service of Hope

MESSIAEN'S LA NATIVITÉ

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30PM Organ Recital by Rashaan Allwood

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:30PM Christmas Lessons & Carols*

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00PM Festive Organ Recital*

4:30PM Lessons & Carols*

7:30PM Choral Eucharist*

CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00AM Said Eucharist

10:30AM Choral Eucharist*

MERRY MOMENTS

30 MINUTES OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS,
SHORT READINGS & PRAYERS
FOR EVERYONE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

4:00PM Merry Moments

6:00PM Merry Moments

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:00PM Merry Moments

5:30PM Merry Moments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:30AM Merry Moments

with the Children's Community Choir

11:00AM - 1:00PM **Nativity Animals**

on the West Lawn with hot chocolate and snacks

1:00PM Merry Moments



* Livestreamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel:
youtube.com/@stjamescathedraltoronto

Dec.13 at 7:30pm: *Messiah*. Regular/Patron tickets. Get yours now.

Tickets: stjamescathedral.ca/messiah2025 - **Regular ticket: \$45 per person**

Patron packages: \$300 (2 tickets, reserved seating, names in the program, Wine & Cheese reception, tax receipt of \$170 issued in January) or **\$150** (1 ticket, reserved seating, name in the program, Wine & Cheese reception, tax receipt of \$85 issued in January).

To become a Patron: (416)364-7865 Ext. 258 or bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca

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Messiah

THE CHOIR OF ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
WITH THE CHAPEL CHOIR OF TRINITY COLLEGE, UofT
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
7:30 P.M.

Thomas Bell, Conductor
Maeve Palmer, Soprano
Hillary Tufford, Mezzo-soprano
Bud Roach, Tenor
Dion Mazerolle, Baritone

TICKETS:
Early Bird: \$40
(UNTIL NOVEMBER 1)
Regular: \$45
(FROM NOVEMBER 2)



Merry Moments with Children's Community Choir & Nativity Petting Zoo



Join us on **Saturday, December 20**
at **10:30am** as our Children's Community
Choir leads us in Merry Moments.

After the service, head out to the West Lawn
for a **Live Nativity Animal Petting Zoo**
from **11:00am to 1:00pm**, complete with hot
chocolate and snacks for everyone.

Bring your friends and neighbours to share
in the joy and spirit of Christmas!

This is a family-friendly event open to all.

Mark your calendars: Upcoming Musical Events in December at St. James!

Dec. 2 at 1:00pm: Music for the Advent Season - Jean-Paul Feo (St. James Cathedral)

Dec. 9 at 1:00pm: *"The organ at St. James Cathedral: History & Demonstration"* - Thomas Bell

Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30pm: *Messiah* by G. F. Handel.

Tickets: stjamescathedral.ca/messiah2025 - **Regular ticket: \$45** per person

Doors open: 6:15pm - Seating: First-come, first-served

Messiah Concert: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Messiah (special): Handel composed *Messiah* in just 24 days. We shall present a slightly abridged version concluding at 9:30pm.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Cadence Brassard (Toronto)

Friday, Dec. 19 at 7:30pm:

***La Nativité du Seigneur* by Olivier Messiaen played by Rashaan Allwood.**

Nine musical meditations on the birth of Jesus are interspersed with poems and Bible readings. *La Nativité* is of the most startlingly original works ever created for the organ. Olivier Messiaen, a deeply devout musician, conceived a series of nine musical tableaux which reflect not only upon the actual events of the nativity – the shepherds, the wise men – but the profound implications of these events for us today. The organ portrays the story in music, which ranges from quiet, timeless introspection to shattering excitement. Biblical readings and poems by George Herbert, W.H. Auden, Malcolm Guite, Tennyson, and others will intersperse the musical reflections. It's a free concert, donations welcome.

St. James Cemetery & Crematorium Announcements

Monthly Eucharist: Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 11:00am at the Chapel of St.-James-the-Less.

Add a special touch of remembrance for the season to honor your loved one!



Joining the Seasonal Wreath program at St. James Cemetery & Crematorium is a special way to express your appreciation to your loved ones and all the faithful departed.

Don't miss this meaningful opportunity—book your beautiful wreath in advance.

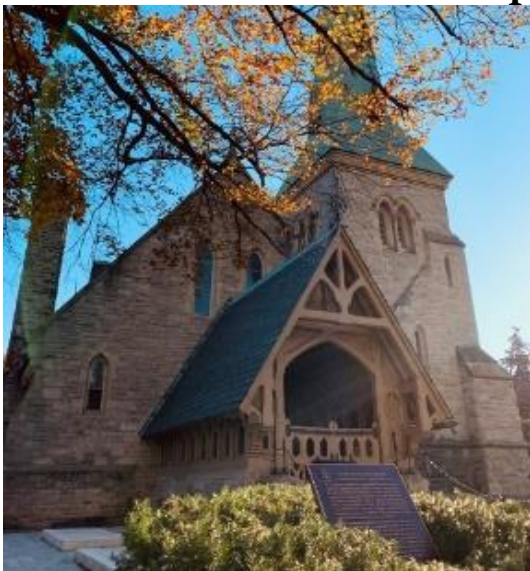
There are two wreath arrangements available: \$75 each (includes applicable taxes)

Option 1: Red Roses & Pinecones

Option 2: Poinsettias & Pinecones

If you are interested, please contact St. James Cemetery & Crematorium at 416-964-9194, visit stjamescemetery.ca, or email cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca

Pre-plan your service anytime



Preplanning gives you peace of mind and the opportunity to make your wishes known.

Cathedral clergy are available to assist with funeral plans and our cemetery staff would be pleased to help you preplan your interment and other cemetery services.

Protect yourself from future inflationary increases, too.

For more information, please contact:

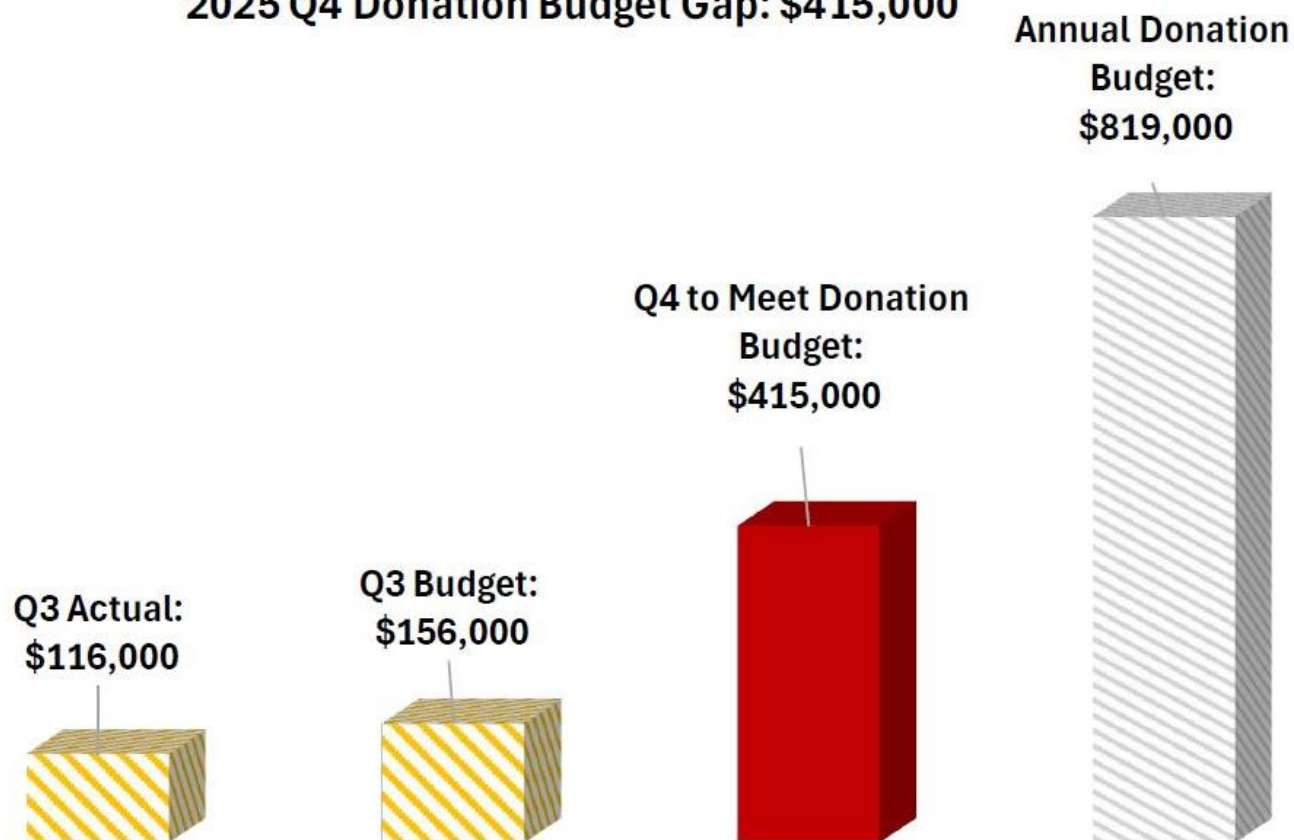
The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields at sfields@stjamescathedral.ca, (416) 364-7865, ext. 221

George Vrozos - Cemetery Manager at cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca, (416) 964-9194

or visit stjamescemetery.ca

2025 Q3 & Q4 Financial Updates

2025 Q4 Donation Budget Gap: \$415,000



Thank you for your faithful and generous donations this year! As we close Q3, we face a significant challenge: **donations are 25% below our target**, creating a gap in our budget.

To meet our **annual donation budget of \$819,000**, we need to raise **\$415,000 by December 31, 2025**. Your gift today can make a real difference and help keep the ongoing missions and ministry of St. James strong.

Did you know that Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) is the best way to give? It makes a clear statement about what is important to you. It is secure, convenient, cost-effective, and has the lowest processing fee among all donation methods. Will you sign up today and make a lasting commitment? Contact Candice Chan, our Bookkeeper, at 416-364-7865 Ext. 258 or bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca to sign up today!

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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.

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/



Tuesday: Organ Recitals in the Cathedral at 1:00pm. Free admission, donations welcome!

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

Thursday: Early Music at St. James at 1:00pm. Free admission, donations welcome!

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

Saturday: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals from 9:30am to 10:30am on Dec. 6, 13, 20, and resuming on Jan. 10, 2026.

St. James Cemetery: Seasonal Wreath program, Pre-planning services & Plots available.
Info: 416-964-9194, cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca or visit stjamescemetery.ca

Sunday Services – Dec. 7, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together*

11:00am: Choral Eucharist*

4:30pm: Choral Evensong*

**Live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*

Readings for

The Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11: 1-10

Ps 72: 1-7, 18 - 19

Rom 15: 4 - 13

Mt 3: 1-12

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