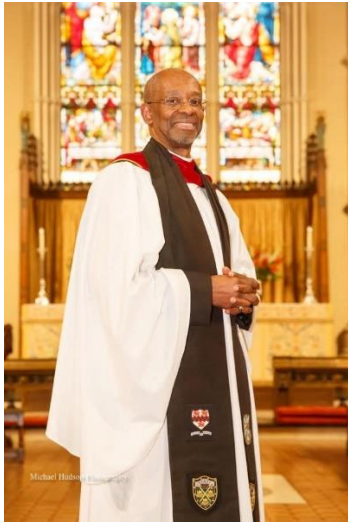


ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 7, 2025

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.

Notice of Retirement



We announce the retirement of our Vicar and Sub Dean, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, from full-time ministry, effective June 30, 2026. Ordained in 1981, he has served the church in New York, Barbados, and Toronto, including here at St. James Cathedral since 2021. His ministry has been marked by a deep commitment to proclaiming Christ, advocating for the poor and marginalized, and challenging the Church to confront racism. We give thanks for his ministry and for all who have shared in his journey, as he looks forward to continuing to serve the Church as God calls after a time of rest. His final Sunday of full-time service at the Cathedral will be May 31, 2026, the 45th anniversary of his ordination to Diaconate.

Our Merry Moments service returns



We're delighted to once again offer these 30-min Advent and Christmas 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 prefer a shorter service. This service is offered multiple times to accommodate a variety of schedules:

Tuesday, Dec. 16: 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 18: 1:00pm & 5:30pm

Saturday, Dec. 20: 10:30am (see below) & 1:00pm

The 10:30am service on Dec. 20 will be led by our Children's Community Choir.

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.

This is a family-friendly event for the whole community, so bring your friends and neighbours to share in the joy and spirit of Christmas!

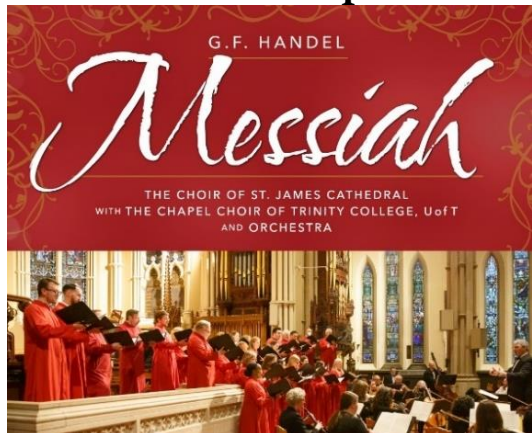


Dec. 9 at 6:30pm: Blue Christmas – A Service of Hope



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.

Dec.13 at 7:30pm: Messiah is almost sold out! Get your tickets now.



Messiah concert is this Saturday! Doors open: 6:30pm.

Tickets: stjamescathedral.ca/messiah2025

Regular ticket: \$45 per person

Patron packages:

\$300 (2 tickets, reserved seating, names in the program, Wine & Cheese, tax receipt of \$170 issued in January).

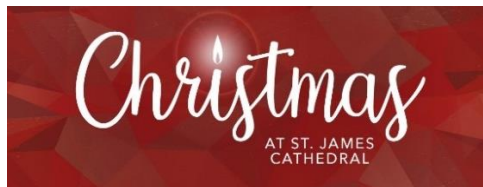
\$150 (1 ticket, reserved seating, name in the program, Wine & Cheese, tax receipt of \$85 issued in January).

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

Dress Rehearsal is open to the public on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm.

Donations are welcome to support the St. James and Community Refugee Committee.

Dec. 24 & 25: Christmas Eve & Christmas Day



Let's celebrate together the miracle of the Incarnation when the blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love came to us in the child of Bethlehem. Join us with family, friends, and invite your neighbours!

Wednesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

4:00pm: Festive Organ Recital*

4:30pm: Lessons & Carols*

7:30pm: Choral Eucharist*

Thursday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day

8:00am: Said Eucharist

10:30am: Choral Eucharist*

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

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 & 5:30pm.

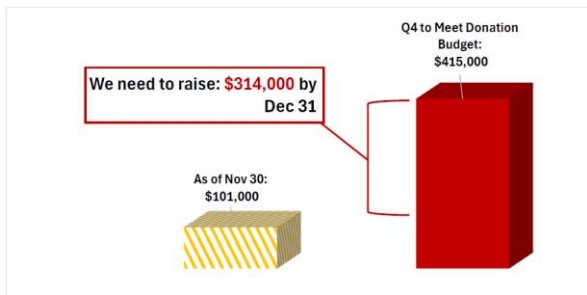
Share a card of love: Donate any unused Christmas cards so our participants can send warm greetings to their friends and family.

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 by donating nonperishable food items in the red bin located at the King Street entrance of the Cathedral. Donations accepted until Dec. 31.

'Tis the Giving Season!



Your generosity fuels the Cathedral's mission. As we approach year-end, donations are 27% below target, and we need \$314,000 by December 31 to reach our annual budget. Be part of the mission. Give today! Every gift matters. Donate by December 31 to receive a 2025 tax receipt.

Choose one of the following easy ways to give:

1. **E-Transfer:** to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca, include name and address for tax receipt. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more in 2026.
2. **Give Online:** www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/
3. **In-Person:** Drop off your donation in the secure mailbox, mounted in the vestibule at the 65 Church Street entrance doors.
4. **Other Ways to Give**, please visit:
stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online
or scan our QR code:



LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, January 1:

New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee

12:15pm: Said Eucharist

1:30pm-2:45pm: Receiving Line and Reception with the ringing of the Bells of Old York

2:45pm: Festive Music for Brass Quintet

3:30pm: Choral Evensong with the presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto



Sunday, Jan. 4 at 4:30pm:

Epiphany Lessons and Carols with the Chalking of the Doors

Join us for a beautiful Epiphany service of readings, hymns, and choral music as we follow the journey of the wise men and reflect on the early ministry of Jesus. We will also bless the cathedral and all who will enter in the coming year through the ancient ceremony of the chalking of the doors. The service begins with an organ recital at 4:00pm. All are welcome!

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 Recital in the Cathedral at 1:00pm. Free admission, donations welcome.

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.

Dec. 19 at 7:30pm: *La Nativité du Seigneur* by Olivier Messiaen played by Rashaan Allwood.

Saturday: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals from 9:30am to 10:30am on Dec. 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. 14, 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 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1–10

Psalms 146:4–9

James 5:7–10

Matthew 11:2–11

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