

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, November 16, 2025

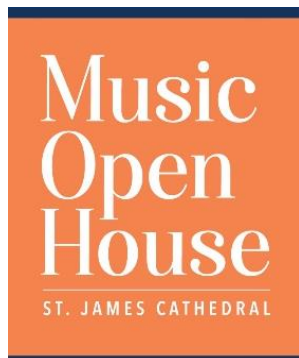
Regular services at 8:00am, 9:00am (*Worship Together*), 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am.

Today: Refugee Committee Anniversary – Coffee Hour (after 9:00am & 11:00am services)

Today at 4:30pm: Evensong Sermon Series with The Ven. Theadore Hunt.

Nov. 22: Music Open House – St. Cecilia's Day



Celebrate this special day and the gift of music with us! Open to all.

9:30am–10:30am: Children's Community Choir Open Rehearsal

10:30am–11:15am: Organ Recital by Thomas Bell

11:15am–12:00pm: Cathedral Choir Open Rehearsal/Performance

12:15pm: St. Cecilia's Day Eucharist with the Cathedral Choir

For more information, visit stjamescathedral.ca/musicopenhouse/

For musical enquiries, please contact Thomas Bell, Director of Music at tbell@stjamescathedral.ca

Nov. 23 at 1:00pm: The York Group's AGM – Lecture Room

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the York Group's Annual General Meeting. Dean Stephen Hance will be the speaker and will address the topic "*What I learned from the Church of England*". There will be a short business agenda with a light lunch, followed by a time of fellowship. RSVP to info@stjamescathedral.ca or by calling 416-364-7865, Ext. 221.

Beginning on Nov. 24 at 7:30pm: Online weekly Baptism Preparation



Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, on Jan. 11. Preparation sessions start on Nov. 24 online at 7:30pm.

Register here: stjamescathedral.ca/worship/baptism-and-weddings.

Once you register, the online meeting link will be sent to you by email.

Merry Moments returns to St. James!



After last year's wonderful response, we're delighted to offer once again 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.

Nov. 29: HMCS York Band Concert to support our Drop-In program



HMCS York Band presents: Film & Broadway Favourites! Featuring music from Harry Potter, James Bond, Jurassic Park, Star Wars, and more! Doors open (1:00pm), show (2:00pm). No reserved seating. Donations to the St. James Drop-In program are welcome on the day of the concert or here: stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online

Nov. 30: Organ recital & Advent Lessons and Carols Service by Candlelight



Enter into the season of Advent with this seasonal favourite service of readings and music! All are welcome! Join us with family & friends.

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

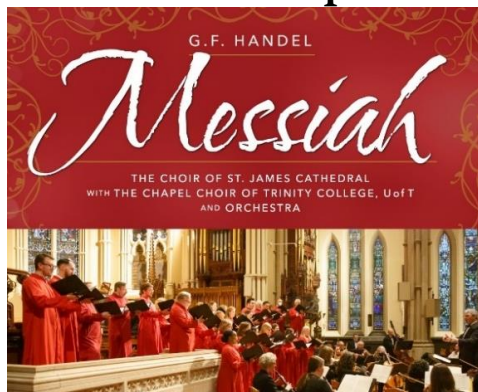
4:30pm: Advent Lessons & Carols

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 familiar 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*. Celebrate Christmas with us. RSVP today.



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

Drop-In Winter Donations – Any gently used clothing is appreciated



Our Drop-In program is seeking the following donations to help keep our community members warm & comfortable. Men's/women's winter boots, coats, hoodies, sweaters, and gloves, Men's jeans (30 to 44), sweatpants (L), & Men's/women's underwear (XL/XXL).

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

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!

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



Until Dec. 8: Christmas Memorial Flowers

Remember a loved one this Christmas by placing memorial poinsettias in the Cathedral for the season. 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 support the Cathedral Flower Fund. Payment: E-transfer to gifts@stjamescathedral.ca (add "Memorial Flowers" in your message), credit card, or online. **Please submit names by Dec. 8.**

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.

The Dean is away at a meeting of the Intercontinental Church Society Board of Trustees, followed by his Clergy cell group.

The Rev. Canon Kristen Pitts is away (until Nov. 20).

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 Rehearsal from 9:30am to 10:30am with a special rehearsal schedule 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 – Nov. 23, 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 Reign of Christ

Jer 23:1-6

Ps 46

Col 1:11-20

Lk 23:33-43

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