

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

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

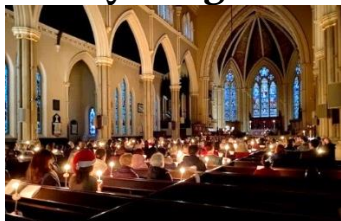
Children & Families: Sunday school at 11:00am. **Coffee Hour:** After 9:00am & 11:00am.

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!



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

G.F. HANDEL

Messiah

THE CHOIR OF ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
WITH THE CHAPEL CHOIR OF TRINITY COLLEGE, UofT
AND ORCHESTRA



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)	
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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.

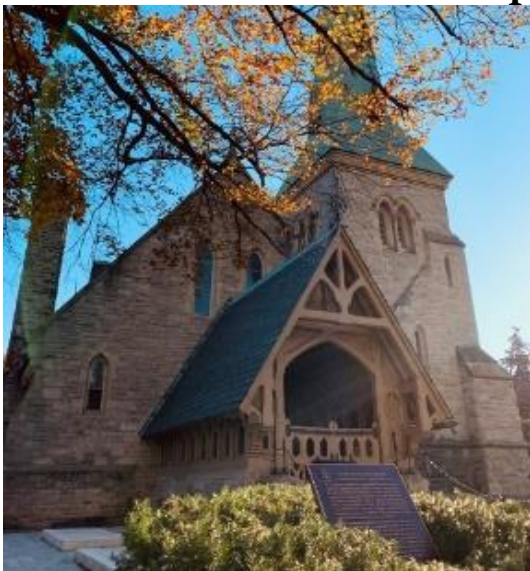
There are two wreath arrangements available: \$75 each (includes applicable taxes)

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:

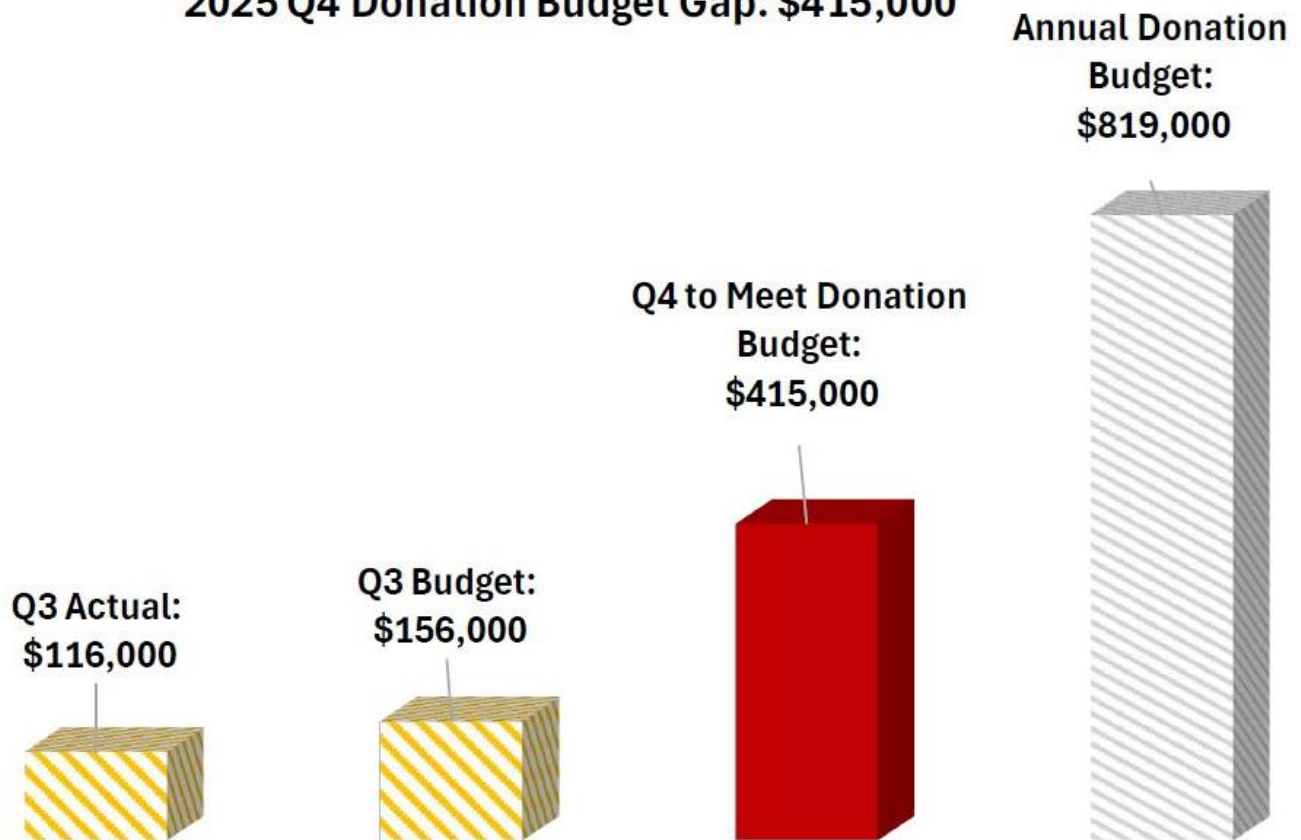
The Rev'd Canon Dr. Stephen Fields at sfields@stjamescathedral.ca, (416) 364-7865, ext. 221

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!

For more ways to give, please visit
stjamescathedral.ca/donate/give-online
or scan our QR code:



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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St. James exists today through the gifts
of time, talent, and treasure of both
past and present members of the
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