

## ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, September 21, 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.

**Today at 11:00am:** We welcome our friends from Wycliffe College who join us for the Founders' Day service. The preacher is the new Principal, Dr. Kristen Deede Johnson.

### ***Worship Together: Every Sunday at 9:00am, Join Us!***



Our 9:00am service *Worship Together* has been refreshed to more fully accommodate worshipers of all ages and abilities.

For questions, volunteering, and more information, please visit:

[stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether/)

## **Tuesday, September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**



Each year, on September 30, we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

This day is an occasion for us to engage in meaningful conversations about healing, forgiveness, & reconciliation between Indigenous & non-Indigenous communities.

Ever committed to the cause of justice, our Cathedral community observes this day with special prayers.

The Cathedral will also observe the day with silent bells on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

### **A Prayer For The National Day For Truth And Reconciliation**

*"God of truth and compassion, we remember before you the children taken from their families, the survivors of residential schools, and all whose lives were scarred by injustice in this nation. Open our hearts to hear the truth of their stories, to honour their dignity, and to walk in the way of reconciliation. Heal the wounds of the past, guide us in justice and peace, and help us to live together in respect, so that a new future may be born in this land. Through Christ, our hope. Amen."*

(The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields)

## **Oct. 3 & 4: Blessing of the Animals - St. James Cathedral & Cemetery**



Join us on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10:30am on the Cathedral's West Lawn as we celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi with a special service for pets, their friends & family.

Demonstrations will follow the service.

Info: [stjamescathedral.ca/blessing\\_animals/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/blessing_animals/)

Additionally, St. James Cemetery will be offering a Blessing of the Animals on Friday, Oct. 3, at 10:00am at the Chapel of St. James-the-Less (635 Parliament St., Toronto).

## Support Needed: Help Us Restore Our Beloved Clock!



We're asking the City of Toronto for help in funding repairs to our community clock, and your voice can make a difference!

Ways to show your support:

1. Contact the Councillor's office:

(416) 392-7903 or [councillor\\_moise@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_moise@toronto.ca)

2. Join Councillor Moise's upcoming Town Hall Meeting on Wed, Sept. 24, at 6:00pm at St. Lawrence Community Centre, Room B, 230. RSVP: [www.chrismoise.ca/events](http://www.chrismoise.ca/events)

Let's work to preserve this important part of our neighbourhood!

## FALL EVENTS, JOIN US!

### Help us spread the word: There's so much happening here at St. James!

Let your neighbours know about upcoming events by picking up flyers from the racks at the back of the church and posting them on any community boards you have access to. You can also help by sharing our Facebook/Instagram posts highlighting events you're excited about.

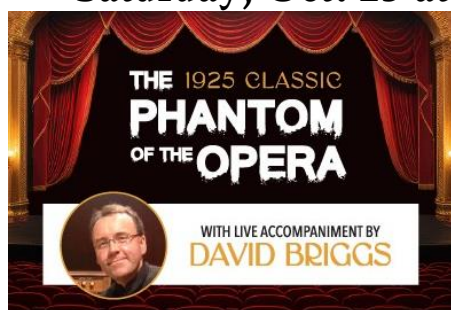
#### September:

- Sept 16 – Nov 11 (Tuesdays), 12:00pm-1:00pm: Dean's online course, *Everyday Witness*. Register: [toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/](http://toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/)
- Sept 22 at 7:30pm: Baptism Preparation - Online
- Sept 26 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night. Info + RSVP: [stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/)
- Sept 27 at 9:30am: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals (Free & open to all ages 6-16)
- Sept 27 at 10:30am: Walk-a-thon. Donations: [stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/refugee-walkathon-2025)
- Sept 28 at 9:00am: Holy Baptism
- Sept 28 at 12:30pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting - Lecture Room
- Sept 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Our Cathedral bells will be silent.

#### October:

- Oct 1 at 6:00pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting (Online)\*  
\*Please RSVP for the Zoom link: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865
- Oct 4 at 10:00am: Community Playdate (Snell Hall). RSVP [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/)
- Oct 4 at 10:30am: Blessing of the Animals in the West Lawn (or in the Cathedral if it rains)
- Oct 5: The Cathedral observes the Feast of the Creator
- Oct 5: Special Vestry Meeting after the 11:00am service in Snell Hall
- Oct 25 at 7:30pm: Organist David Briggs in concert with *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925)
- Oct 12-Nov 9: Sermon Series (mornings) on Stewardship: "*Abundant Grace, Faithful Response: Stewardship for God's Mission*"
- Oct 26-Nov 23: Evensong Sermon Series. Schedule: [stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch](http://stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch)

## 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 are (truly) going fast!**

**Get yours now:** [stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/phantom2025)

David Briggs' CDs will be on sale (cash only).

## Oct. 26 – Nov 23 at 4:30pm: Evensong Sermon Series - *A Renewed Church*



As the two-year *Season of Spiritual Renewal* in our Diocese nears its climax in Epiphany 2026, the Cathedral invites the rest of the Diocese to join us on Sundays for a sermon series.

For more information about homilists & topics, please visit:

[stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch](http://stjamescathedral.ca/arenewedchurch)

## SPECIAL VESTRY 2025



### Today: Vestry List

The Vestry List is available for viewing at the back of the church after service, or at the front desk Monday - Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm. Those listed are eligible to vote at the Special Vestry this year. Please email additions/modifications to Serena Li at [sli@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:sli@stjamescathedral.ca)

## Sept. 28 & Oct. 1: Pre-Special Vestry Meetings (In-Person & Online)



Pre-Special Vestry Meetings are opportunities for those who wish to learn more about the 2026 budget and the June 30, 2025, financial statements. There will be two Pre-Vestry Meetings:

**In person:** Sunday, September 28, at 12:30pm in the Lecture Room.

**Online:** Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00pm.

(Please RSVP for Zoom link: [info@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:info@stjamescathedral.ca) or 416-364-7865)

### October 5: Special Vestry Meeting

Our next Special Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5, 2025, in Snell Hall, chaired by our Dean, the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. The meeting will follow the 11:00am service. Light lunch will be served. Visit [stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2025](http://stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2025)



## 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/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer/)



**Tuesday:** Organ Recitals at 1:00pm in the Cathedral. 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.

### St. James Cemetery:

**Blessing of the Animals:** Celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi at St. James Cemetery on Friday, October 3, at 10:00am.

**Plots, products & services are available.** Contact: 416-964-9194 / [www.stjamescemetery.ca](http://www.stjamescemetery.ca)  
[cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca) / 635 Parliament Street Toronto, Ontario

## Sunday Services – September 28, 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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