

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, September 28, 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 9:00am: Holy Baptism

Today at 12:30pm: Pre-Special Vestry Meeting in the Lecture Room.

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/

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 conversations about healing, forgiveness, & reconciliation between Indigenous & non-Indigenous communities.

Our Cathedral community observes this day with special prayers and silenced bells.

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.

For more information, please visit:

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 are asking the City of Toronto for help in funding much-needed repairs to our community clock, and your voice can make a difference! To show your support, please:

1. Vote (only for residents of Ward 13). Voting period: Oct 1-31.
2. Send a petition to the city by contacting Councillor Moise's office: (416) 392-7903 / councillor_moise@toronto.ca

Let us 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!

Pick up flyers (at the back of the church) and post them on any community boards you have access to, and share our Facebook/Instagram posts. Thanks for your help.

September:

- 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 or 416-364-7865
- Oct 2 at 1:00pm: Early Music at St. James with Lazzuli Baroque - St. George's Chapel
- Oct 4 at 9:30am: Children's Community Choir Rehearsals (Free & open to all ages 6-16)
- Oct 4 at 10:00am: Community Playdate (Snell Hall). RSVP 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 the 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

Join Our Volunteer Team at St. James Drop-In



Volunteer

Want to give back in a simple, meaningful way? St. James Drop-In needs a few friendly helpers on Fridays for just a couple of hours. Tasks: wipe tables, clean kitchen, wash dishes. No skills needed—just a positive attitude! Support the community and meet great people. More information, please contact: Kathy Biasi – Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca or 4163647865 Ext. 222.

SPECIAL VESTRY 2025



October 5: Special Vestry Meeting in the Snell Hall

Our next Special Vestry Meeting will be chaired by our Dean, the Very Rev'd Dr. Stephen Hance. The meeting follows the 11:00am service. Light lunch will be served. To see Vestry Documents (Agenda, Budget, and Financial Statements), visit stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2025

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 June 30, 2025, financial statements and the 2026 budget.

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 or 416-364-7865)

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

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

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

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 preaching at St Michael & All Angels Church, St. Clair, this morning.
The Vicar will be attending the Consecration of Archdeacon Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal on Friday, October 3, at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal (Oct 2-4).

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 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.

Sunday Services – October 5, 2025

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together

11:00am: Choral Eucharist (*live-streamed on the Cathedral channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*).

4:30pm: Choral Evensong (*live-streamed on the Cathedral YouTube channel at youtube.com/stjamescathedraltoronto*).

Readings for The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lam 1:1-6

Ps 137

2 Tim 1:1-14

Lk 17:5-10

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