

# St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, April 26, 2026

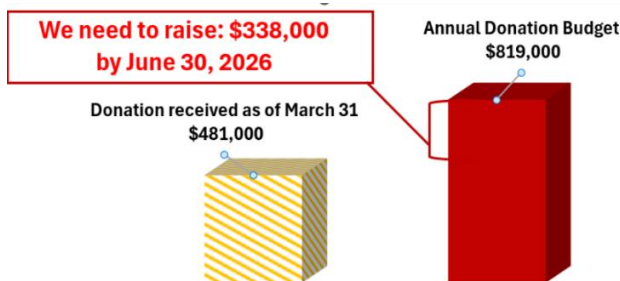
Today's services: 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

**11:00am:** We will welcome members of the St. George's Society to the Choral Eucharist.

**4:30pm:** Diocesan Confirmation Service.

## Financial Update

As we receive the financial update from our Executive Director, we do so in the light of the Easter story we share, a story of faithful giving, sacrificial love, and hope even in the face of challenge. The deficit before us is not simply a number, but a reminder of the real needs of sustaining ministry, supporting those who serve, and caring for the sacred space from which our outreach flows. Yet even here, we are invited into the Easter promise: that what is offered in faith, even when resources feel stretched, can be renewed and made fruitful. This moment calls us not to discouragement, but to renewed commitment, trusting that together our generosity can help strengthen and sustain this vital work. The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, Sub-Dean & Vicar



Thank you for your faithful generosity supporting the Cathedral's mission. As of March 31, donations are 25% below budget and we need **\$338,000** by **June 30** to meet our fiscal-year goal. While staff are working diligently to control costs and reduce the deficit, I encourage you to prayerfully consider increasing your regular giving, beginning to give, or

make a one-time gift in response to the Easter promise. I invite you to experience with us the renewal of faith through the practice of financial giving. Susan So, Executive Director

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## ☀ What's On ☀

### Good News!

The long-awaited Emancipation Plaque has been installed on the front lawn of the Cathedral. It was unveiled in a special ceremony on Emancipation Sunday in July 2024.

### May 2 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

Enjoy coffee on us while the kids play together. Open to all. RSVP: [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate](https://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate)

### May 3 at 4:30pm • Ordinations of Deacons

Join the rest of the Diocese at the Ordination of Jonathan Kang, Christine Lambert, and Grace Rockett to the Sacred Order of Deacons in the Cathedral. Presider: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto. Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields.

## What's Next

### **May 11 • Welcoming the New Vicar/Sub Dean for St. James Cathedral**

We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine as our next Vicar and Sub Dean. We look forward to welcoming Geoff and his partner Mark to our Cathedral community.

### **May 17 at 4:30pm • Thy Kingdom Come: Join the global wave of prayer**

You're warmly invited to Thy Kingdom Come at St. James Cathedral, a special worship service featuring prayers in Cantonese, Tagalog, Twi, Spanish, Tamil and other languages of Toronto. Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites to pray around the world for more people to come to know Jesus. Details: [stjamescathedral.ca/thykingdomcome](http://stjamescathedral.ca/thykingdomcome)

### **May 24 • Baptism this Pentecost**

We are offering Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. For more information, please contact The Rev. Matthew Waterman at [mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:mwaterman@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **May 23 & 24 • Doors Open 2026**

At St. James Cathedral, we will be offering Cathedral tours, organ demonstrations, open rehearsal with the Children's Community Choir, and the always popular bell tower tours with the Change Ringers Guild. At St. James Cemetery, we will be offering guided & self-guided tours.

### **Call for Volunteers**

We hope you will volunteer for this special experience. The Cathedral is looking for volunteers on both days to welcome visitors, provide information, and support various activities.

Volunteer orientation sessions for the Cathedral will be held Sunday, May 17 at 3:00pm and Friday, May 22 at 10:00am. To volunteer at the Cathedral, visit [stjamescathedral.ca/doorsopen](http://stjamescathedral.ca/doorsopen) and fill out the sign-up form. St. James Cemetery also seeks volunteers to provide tours during the weekend. To volunteer with the Cemetery, email [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **May 31 at 11:00am • Vicar's Last Sunday: A Celebration of Ministry**

We will give thanks for the Vicar's 45 years of ordained ministry as he retires June 30, 2026.

**Invitation:** Join us for coffee hour and cake (after 9:00am service) and a farewell reception (after 11:00am service), as we gather to celebrate and give thanks for Canon Stephen's ministry.

**Farewell Gift:** If you would like to express your appreciation by contributing to Vicar's Farewell Gift, you may e-transfer to [bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@stjamescathedral.ca) and specify *Vicar's Farewell Gift* in the message, make your gift at the Sunday offering or drop off your gift at 65 Church Street and specify *Vicar's Farewell Gift* on the envelope. Please note that contributions towards the farewell gift are non-receiptable. Details: [stjamescathedral.ca/vicar](http://stjamescathedral.ca/vicar)

## What's Needed

### **Drop-In • Call for Spring & Summer Volunteers**

Free on Fridays? The Drop-In appreciates your support. Details: Kathy Biasi - Outreach Manager at [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca), 416-364-7865 Ext. 221 or visit [stjamescathedral.ca/dropin](http://stjamescathedral.ca/dropin)

## This Week at St. James

The Vicar will be away from April 28-30, leading the retreat for the candidates to be ordained Deacons on May 3, 2026.

**Organ Recital:** Tuesday at 1:00pm. Organist: Ethan Duan (Metropolitan United Church).

Full schedule: [stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals](http://stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals)

**Scripture Circle:** In-person on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the Cathedral Centre.

**Drop-In:** Fridays 1:30pm-3:30pm. Details: [stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin](http://stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin)

**Children's Choir:** Rehearsals on Saturdays at 9:30am. Info: [stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir/)

## St. James Cathedral Sunday Services

We offer a range of services that reflect our Anglican heritage.

**8:00am Said Eucharist** Simple Communion service in traditional language

**9:00am Worship Together** All-ages Communion service with music\*

**11:00am Choral Eucharist** Sensory-rich service with the Cathedral Choir & Sunday School\*

**4:30pm Choral Evensong** Meditative prayer service with the St. James Cathedral Choir

*\*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Snell Hall after the 9:00am and 11:00am services.*

## Next Sunday's Readings: May 3 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

## Weekdays at St. James

**Morning Prayer (Online):** Join us Monday–Friday at 8:30am live on Zoom or YouTube.

Saturday's prayer is available on YouTube. Details: [stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer](http://stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer)

**Holy Eucharist:** Monday-Saturday at 12:15pm in St. George's Chapel

**St. James Cathedral:** Open for prayer & tourism, 10:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Saturday

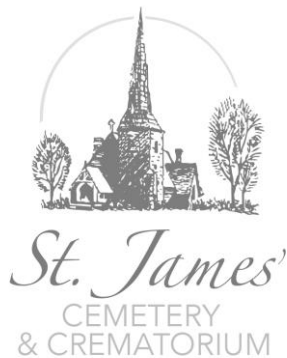
**St. James Cathedral Centre:** Open 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday

**Weekly Newsletter:** Sign up at [stjamescathedral.ca](http://stjamescathedral.ca). Confirm your email after registration

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## St. James Cemetery & Crematorium

### Monthly Eucharist

First Wednesday of each month at 11:00am

**Did you know?** St. James Cemetery offers a full range of cremation and burial services. Pre-planning assures your wishes are honoured and provides support for your loved ones as they grieve.

Our caring team is here to help.

For more information, please visit [stjamescemetery.ca](http://stjamescemetery.ca) or contact us at 416-964-9194 or [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca)