

## **ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL-CONNECTIONS - Sunday, December 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.

**2026 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick-up today in the West Aisle.

### **Merry Christmas from Dean Stephen Hance**

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. I have found myself drawn to this verse from John chapter 1 in my preparation for Christmas this year. Partly it's the literal darkness of this time of year. Partly it's the darkness of the world around us. So much bad news, sometimes it's tempting to give up hope. The Nativity story is realistic about the darkness. Evil rulers, inhospitable innkeepers, and an attempted killing that leads to the massacre of the innocents. But the story also insists that in the coming of the Christ-child, light breaks in. It's a light which shines within us, and upon us, and which we are called to reflect in our world, and because of it, we have hope after all. May you know God's light in your life this Christmas time, and be empowered to share that light with those around you.

### **Special Children & Youth Activity Next Sunday**

Next Sunday we will celebrate Epiphany, which commemorates the Magi's journey to honour the infant Jesus. As part of the festivities, children and youth are invited to find 3 stars hidden in the Cathedral. Those who find all 3 will receive a prize. Join in the fun!

### **Share the Joy this Christmas!**

**Volunteering with the Drop-In:** Extra hands needed for New Year's (Jan. 2). Shifts between 9:00am-5:30pm. Info: Kathy Biasi 416-364-7865 ext. 222 or [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **Epiphany Home Blessings**

To request a visit from a member of the clergy and a lay pastoral visitor for a home blessing and chalking of your door, please email [pastoral@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:pastoral@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **Make a Special Year-End Gift**

We are grateful for your generous support throughout the year. Please make a special end-of-year gift. Donate by December 31 to receive a 2025 tax receipt. Easy ways to give:

1. **E-Transfer:** to [gifts@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:gifts@stjamescathedral.ca), include name and address for tax receipt. Tax receipts will be issued for gifts of \$20 or more in 2026.
2. **Give Online:** [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/)
3. **In-Person:** Drop off your donation in the secure mailbox, mounted in the vestibule at the 65 Church Street entrance doors.
4. **Other Ways to Give,** please visit:  
[stjamescathedral.ca/donate/giveonline](http://stjamescathedral.ca/donate/giveonline)  
or scan our QR code:



## **Thursday, Jan. 1: New Year's Day & Bishop's Levee**

**12:15pm:** Eucharist and carols

**1:30pm-2:45pm:** Receiving Line and Reception with the ringing of the Bells of Old York

**2:45pm:** Festive Music for Brass Quintet

**3:30pm:** Choral Evensong with the presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto

## **Sunday, Jan. 4: Epiphany Lessons & Carols with the Chalking of the Doors**

Join us at 4:30pm for a beautiful service of readings, hymns, and choral music.

The service begins with an organ recital at 4:00pm. All are welcome!

## **Saturdays from 9:30am: Children's Community Choir (Resuming Jan. 10)**

Singers from ages 8-16 of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome! Rehearsals from 9:30am to 10:30am, and no fee or audition is required. Details: [stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir](http://stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir)

## **Saturday, Jan. 10, 10:00am - 11:30am: Community Playdate**

Bring your children and enjoy coffee on us while the kids play together. Free and open to all, so invite your neighbours! Details: [stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/playdate/)

## **Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4:30pm: Installation of Canons**

Canon Kristen Pitts will be installed as Canon Missioner with the newly appointed Honorary Canons of the Cathedral. All are invited.

## **Sunday, Jan. 18 at 4:30pm: Memorial Evensong for Giles Bryant**

Giles Bryant, Director of Music at St. James Cathedral 1979-1999, profoundly influenced the lives of many in our community. We will honour his life and work. Reception follows.

## **Monday, Jan. 19 at 2:00pm: The York Group and Will Postma**

The York York welcomes Will Postma, CEO of Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF), as the guest speaker. No RSVP. Info: [stjamescathedral.ca/community/york-group](http://stjamescathedral.ca/community/york-group)

## **Friday, Jan. 30 at 6:00pm: Family Fun Night**

Bring your whole family for an evening of fun for all ages. Dinner is provided. Free and open to all. Theme: The Great LEGO Build Off. Details: [stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/](http://stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/)

## **SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK**

### **Online Morning Prayer at 8:30am**

will resume on Jan. 2, 2026, on YouTube.

### **Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm**

Monday to Saturday - St. George's Chapel.

**The Cathedral** is open Mon-Sat from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

**Cathedral Centre** will reopen on Jan. 2.