

St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Holy Week is the most sacred week in the Christian calendar. During these days, Christians remember and enter deeply into the central mystery of our faith: the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time when the Church slows down to pray, reflect, and walk with Christ through the final events of his earthly life. In doing so, Christians are reminded that through the cross, God's love confronts suffering, injustice, and death, and that through the resurrection, new life and hope are made possible.

At the Cathedral, we will keep this holy time through prayerful and reflective worship. On Monday and Tuesday (6:00pm), we will pray the **Stations of the Cross**, with a reading of "Lent" by Mary Druce, which will also be heard during the Maundy Thursday Vigil. On Wednesday (6:00pm), we gather for **TeneBrass** (Tenebrae, a moving Service of Shadows with brass music). The week culminates in the sacred **Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday leading into Easter**, when the Church proclaims the victory of Christ's love over death. The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields - Sub-Dean & Vicar

What's On

Questions for Week 5: "Seeing God Anew" (Job 42)

1. Job says, "I had heard of you... but now my eye sees you." What do you think it means to move from knowing about God to truly encountering God?
2. Job repents not of sin, but of a limited view of God. What are some ways we might unintentionally "shrink" God?
3. God rebukes Job's friends for speaking wrongly about Him, even though they were trying to defend God. What does this teach us about talking to or about God in times of suffering?
4. Job's restoration is described as grace, not reward. How does that change the way we think about God's blessing and presence in our lives?

March 26 from 1:15pm-2:00pm • Choral Meditations for Lent

Join us for the final lunchtime concert of sacred music and reflection, sung by members of the Cathedral Choir and friends. **March 26: "At the Cross"** - Featuring John Browne: *Stabat mater*

March 27 at 6:00pm • Family Fun Night – Theme: Bingo

Families, children, and youth of all ages are invited to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! Dinner and light refreshments provided. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight/

March 29 • Annual Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Join us in support of the essential work of the Drop-in Centre, providing health and foot care clinics. Palm Sunday sales after the 9:00am & 11:00am services. 3 buns for \$5. Cash, credit/debit.

What's Next

April 3 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm • Step by Step: a Kids' Journey through Holy Week

Children in Grades 1-8 are invited to join in this 2-hour program of stories and hands-on activities that explore Jesus's final days in Jerusalem. RSVP here: stjamescathedral.ca/holyweek2026

April 5 • Easter for Everyone & Egg Hunt for families and children

At 1:30pm: *Easter for Everyone*, a 30-minute family-friendly service featuring the Children's Community Choir. At 2:00pm, Easter Egg Hunt. Details & RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/easter

April 19 from 2:00 to 4:00pm • Signs of New Life! Collaborative Art Show

Meet the artists & enjoy a reception supporting our Drop-In and outreach ministries. Browse & buy artwork from Anglican parishes. Proceeds support artists and programs. Cash preferred.

April 26 at 11:00am • St. George's Society

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

April 26 at 4:30pm • Diocesan Confirmation Service

Join us as we celebrate Holy Confirmation and share in this joyful occasion.

May 3 at 4:30pm – Ordinations of Deacons

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

May 23 & 24 • Doors Open 2026

Mark your calendars! We are looking forward to welcoming thousands of visitors over the Doors Open weekend at St. James Cathedral and St. James Cemetery. More to come, stay tuned.

What's Needed

March 27 from 9:00am to 12:00pm • Palm Cross Making

Please join the members of the Altar Guild in the West Aisle of the Cathedral to help make the crosses for Palm Sunday. Join the fun! RSVP: Yosola at yosiegal@hotmail.com

March 28 & 29 • Annual Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser – Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed on March 28 (dough and bun-making sessions) and March 29 (bake, frost, and sell on Palm Sunday). Register here: stjamescathedral.ca/hotcrossbuns

April 3 • Drop-In: Call for Volunteers on Good Friday

The Drop-In will be open on Good Friday and is in need of extra hands. Are you available to help? Please get in touch with Kathy Biasi at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865 Ext. 221.

April 5 at 2:00pm • Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Volunteers Needed

We need help hiding eggs, supervising the hunt, replenishing eggs, or serving refreshments. No experience needed. Info: Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca if you'd like to help.

All are welcome to join us for Holy Week and Easter services at St. James



Palm Sunday: March 29

8:00am: Said Eucharist
9:00am: Sung Eucharist. *Blessing of the Palms; Passion Reading from Matthew*
11:00am: Choral Eucharist. *Blessing of the Palms; Passion Reading from Matthew*
4:30pm: Choral Evensong

Holy Monday: March 30

8:00am: Holy Eucharist
8:30am: Morning Prayer (in-person/online)
12:15pm: Holy Eucharist
6:00pm: The Way of the Cross, followed by a reading of “*Lent*” by Mary Druce

Holy Tuesday: March 31

8:00am: Holy Eucharist
8:30am: Morning Prayer (in-person/online)
11:00am: Chrism Mass
6:00pm: The Way of the Cross

Holy Wednesday: April 1

8:00am: Holy Eucharist
8:30am: Morning Prayer (in-person/online)
12:15pm: Holy Eucharist
6:00pm: “*TeneBrass*” *A Service of Shadows, Tenebrae & Brass*

Maundy Thursday: April 2

8:30am: Online Morning Prayer
7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Holy Eucharist; Institution of the Lord’s Supper; Foot Washing; Stripping of the Altar; Watch at the Altar of Repose and reading of “Lent” by Mary Druce

Good Friday: April 3

11:00am: Confessions at St. George’s Chapel
12:00pm-2:00pm: Children & Youth program – Good Friday for Kids (New - Please RSVP)
12:00pm-3:00pm: Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: April 4

8:30pm: The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Baptism

Easter Day: April 5

8:00am: Said Eucharist
9:00am: Sung Eucharist
11:00am: Choral Eucharist
1:30pm: **Easter for Everyone** with Children’s Community Choir (New)
2:00pm: Easter Egg Hunt (Please RSVP)
4:30pm: Choral Evensong

For more information and to RSVP (Good Friday for kids and Easter Egg Hunt), please visit:
stjamescathedral.ca/holyweek2026

This Week at St. James

Organ Recital: Tuesday at 1:00pm. Organist: JP Farahat (St. Basil's Church, Toronto).

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

Children's Choir: Rehearsals on Saturdays at 9:30am. Info: 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 Scripture: Mar. 29 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

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

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. Confirm your email after registration

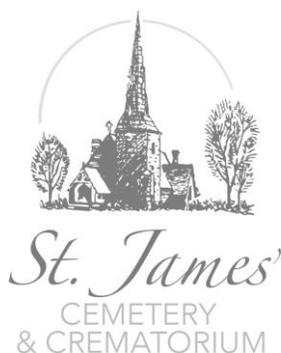


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St. James Cemetery & Crematorium

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 or contact us at 416-964-9194 or cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca