

St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, May 17, 2026

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

1:00pm: Cathedral Tour – 40-minutes. All are invited. *Discover the beauty inside.*

3:00pm: Doors Open - Volunteer orientation session.

4:30pm: Thy Kingdom Come. A special worship service featuring prayers in Cantonese, Tagalog, Twi, Spanish, Tamil and other languages of our city. Reception follows.

Message from Dean Stephen Hance



Dear friends, it's good to be home! Thank you for your prayers and support as Jacqui and I have been away on sabbatical leave. I knew that the sabbatical would be a mix of vacation/renewal for us and care for family. That has been the case but the balance has had to be more towards family care than we would have hoped. Both of my parents have deteriorated during our time away and very quickly I needed to get Mum into care and Dad into hospital. We had a stressful few weeks and both are now in a care facility, Mum in a specialist dementia unit. Although it was a tough time, I'm glad we were able to be there. There were good times too - in New Zealand on vacation, in Canterbury for Holy Week, and in San Diego for the Dean's conference. I want to thank my colleagues, clergy and lay and volunteers, who did such a wonderful job of leading while I was away. Now we get back to our life together in prayer and service and mission. Blessings!

Message from Canon Geoffrey



It is an honour and privilege to join you at St. James' Cathedral as Sub-Dean & Vicar Designate. Some of you know that SJC has a very special place in my heart, being my home parish where I was baptized and nurtured in the faith. Singing in the choir, serving as acolyte and crucifer, even working as summer Verger for three summers are all part of my experience I cherish. While the city around us has changed enormously over the years, the message of the Gospel at the heart of the Cathedral's ministry remains strong and constant.

St. James is a vibrant witness of the love and light of Jesus Christ and the hope he brings to a needy world. The inscription of welcome at the entrance reminds us well of our mission: We who minister and worship here welcome you to this Cathedral. Let it speak not only of human crafts and skills, "but of the splendour and mercies of God in whom we live and move and have our being". I am excited to be sharing this ministry with you, grateful for the encouragement and warm welcome being given and for the faith at the heart of our common life. Geoffrey+

☀ What's On ☀

May 22 at 6:00pm • Family Fun Night

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

May 26 at 2:00pm • Cathedral Tour - *Discover the beauty inside*

☀ What's Next ☀

May 23 & 24 from 10:00am to 5:00pm (Cathedral & Cemetery) • Doors Open 2026

At St. James Cathedral visitors can enjoy guided tours, organ demonstrations, an open rehearsal with the Children's Community Choir, and bell tower tours with the Change Ringers Guild.

At St. James Cemetery, guided and self-guided tours will be available. (See page 3)

Call for Volunteers: We hope you will volunteer for this special event. The Cathedral is seeking volunteers on both days to welcome visitors, provide information, and support activities.

St. James Cemetery is also seeking volunteers, please contact cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.

Volunteer orientation sessions: Sunday, May 17 at 3:00pm and Friday, May 22 at 10:00am.

To volunteer at the Cathedral, visit stjamescathedral/doorsopen and complete the sign-up form.

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

We will mark the final Sunday of full-time ministry at St. James Cathedral for our Sub-Dean and Vicar, The Reverend Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, on Sunday, May 31 as he prepares for retirement on June 30, 2026. We will give thanks for the Vicar's 45 years of ordained ministry.

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 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

June 4 at 1:00pm • Early Music at St. James – St. George's Chapel

Blockflöte, Bergamo and Bach. Toronto Baroque Players: Ryoko Hou, harpsichord, Samuel Rothermel, viola & Ivan Vutev, viola da gamba. Music by Telemann, Rameau, Marino, and Bach.

June 6 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate

Enjoy coffee on us while the kids play together. Open to all. RSVP: stjamescathedral.ca/playdate

June 13 at 10:00am • Children's Community Choir Concert

Join us for a joyful Children's Community Choir concert and experience the beauty of young voices in harmony. Reception follows. Invite your family, friends and neighbours.

June 14 at 4:30pm • Jazz with Pride

Celebrate the Toronto Jazz Festival and Pride Month at *JAZZ with Pride*, a Jazz Vespers service featuring local band *Kalabash* and the St. James Cathedral Choir. All are invited.

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St. James Cathedral Toronto - 106 King Street East, Toronto ON M5C 2E9

Details: stjamescathedral/doorsopen

Saturday, May 23

10:00am: Children's Community Choir open rehearsal

10:30am to 4:00pm: Tours up the Bell Tower (Climb the tower and experience the peal of bells! Bell Ringers Guild will be in the Chapel giving out tickets for tours and assisting visitors).

10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm & 3:30pm: Guided Tours

11:30am & 1:30pm: Organ demonstrations

5:00pm: Doors close

Sunday, May 24

8:00am: Said Eucharist

9:00am: Worship Together

11:00am: Choral Eucharist

12:30pm-3:30pm: Bell Tower tours

1:30pm: Guided tour

4:30pm: Choral Evensong

5:00pm: Doors close

St. James Cemetery & Crematorium - 635 Parliament Street, Toronto

Details: stjamescemetery.ca/doorsopen

May 23 & 24 from 10:00am to 5:00pm:

Guided tours, including the Cemetery Walking Tour and Commonwealth War Graves Tour.

Self-guided tours (including a cemetery map with descriptions).

QOR Walking Tour with Google Maps.

☀️ What's Needed ☀️

July 1 • Canada Day Drop-In & Community BBQ – Call for Volunteers

The Drop-In needs helping hands in the kitchen, with setup, serving, and cleanup.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact:

Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at 416-364-7865 Ext. 222 or kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

This Week at St. James

Canon Kristen Pitts is away serving this morning as guest preacher at St. Anne's, Toronto.

Victoria Day: The Cathedral & Cathedral Centre offices will be closed and staff & clergy will be off tomorrow, Monday, May 18, for the Victoria Day holiday.

Organ Recital: Tuesday at 1:00pm. Organist: William O'Meara (Toronto).

Full schedule: 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

Doors Open: St. James Cathedral/ St. James Cemetery: May 23/24

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 Readings: May 24 – The Feast of Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

Weekdays at St. James

Morning Prayer (Online): This week, join us Tuesday-Friday at 8:30am on Zoom or YouTube.

Saturday's prayer is available on YouTube. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/morningprayer

Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm: This week, Tuesday-Saturday at 12:15pm at St. George's Chapel.

St. James Cathedral: This week, open 10:00am-3:00pm, Tuesday-Saturday.

St. James Cathedral Centre: This week, open 9:00am-4:00pm, Tuesday-Friday.

Weekly Newsletter: Sign up at stjamescathedral.ca. Confirm your email after registration.

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 call 416-964-9194 or cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca

