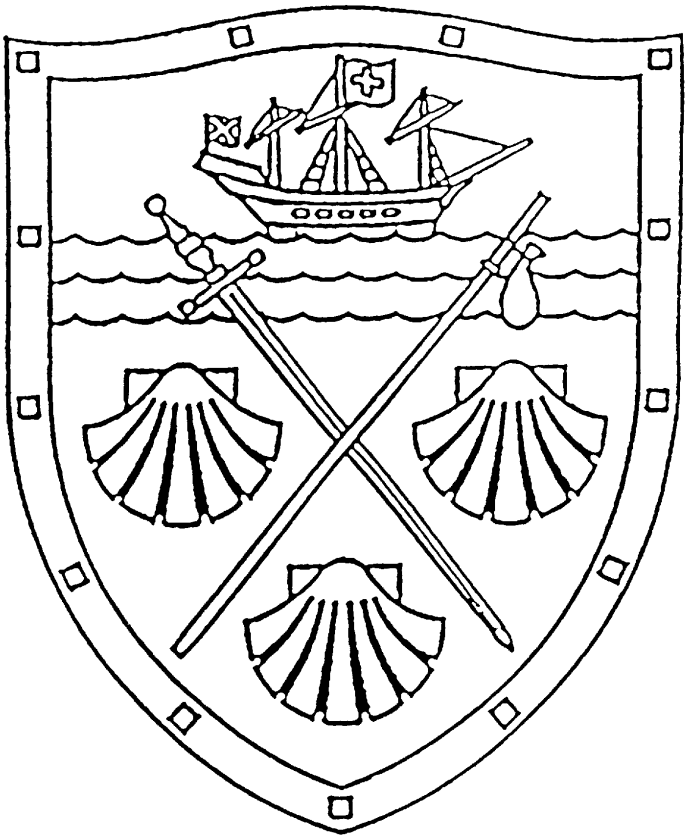

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Eve of St. Matthew the Apostle

September 20, 2026
Choral Evensong at 4:30pm

The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, and the Métis peoples, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit. We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario. This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes. In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Liturgical Note:
In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but rather to either the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.
For more information, visit our website by clicking the QR code on the right.

Want to stay informed about what is happening at your Cathedral?
Sign up for **E-Connections** on our website at www.stjamescathedral.ca
(scroll to the bottom of the page).

Questions? Speak to a sidesperson – the people wearing gold name tags.

Children & Families

Sunday School meets every week at the 11:00am service.
Please email Karyne Whalen at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca for more information.
For more information on our Children's Community Choir,
please email Director Cara Halpin at chalpin@stjamescathedral.ca

Accessibility

A wheelchair-accessible all-gender washroom is located
at the front of the Cathedral through the doors by the pulpit.
Assisted hearing devices are available from the sidespersons.

Coffee Hour

Please join us at Snell Hall following the 9:00am and 11:00am services.

Parking

There is a range of affordable parking lots available around the Cathedral.
Please see the leaflets at the back of the Cathedral or
online at **stjamescathedral.ca/contact** for more information.

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As this is a very public and open space, please be aware of your personal belongings.
Do not leave them unattended in the Cathedral or in the Cathedral Centre.

Today at St. James

Officiant: The Very Reverend Dr. Stephen Hance
Homilist: The Very Reverend Tatiana Ribeiro
Interpreter: The Reverend Canon Maurice Francois
Lector: Dorothea Merritt
Director of Music & Organist: Thomas Bell
Associate Organist: Jean-Paul Feo
Wayne Vance Organ Scholar: Joshua Duncan Lee
Sung by The Choir of St. James Cathedral

Today's Homilist: The Very Reverend Tatiana Ribeiro

The Very Reverend Tatiana Ribeiro is Dean of the Resurrection Cathedral in Brasília. Dean Tatiana has been in Brasília since 2009, when she accepted Bishop Mauricio's invitation to work at the Anglican Diocese of Brasília as an associate cleric at Resurrection Cathedral. She has also supported Filadelfia Mission and served as vicar of São Felipe parish in Goiânia. She also served as coordinator of the Diocesan Theological Studies Center. Welcome Dean Tatiana.

The flowers at the Cathedral are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ethel M. Strathy, Colin M.A. Strathy, Q.C.; Gerald B. Strathy, Q.C.; Mabel Theodora Strathy; G.H.K. (Pat) Strathy, R.C.N.R., Susan Strathy Wilson.

Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship.
Please ensure that cell phones are muted.

Choral Evensong

Our practice at Evensong is to stand for the choir processions, the canticles, and the hymn; to sit for the Bible readings, the Psalms and the homily; and to kneel or sit for prayer. You are invited to assume postures that support your comfortable and prayerful engagement in this service.

Prelude In Quiet Mood *Florence Price*

Introit **We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness** *Paul Halley*

Choir
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God
In the midst of thy temple
Alleluia
O God, according to Thy name
So is Thy praise unto the world's end
Thy right hand is full of righteousness
Alleluia
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God
In the midst of thy temple
O Lord, send us now prosperity
Amen

Please stand when the organ plays.

Welcome

Preces and Responses *Philip Radcliffe*

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 34 *Chant by Henry Walford Davies*

Choir
I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me;

let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.
Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.
Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken.
But evil shall slay the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants

and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

First Lesson *2 Kings 4:8-37*

Reader One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.'

One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' When he had called her, she stood before him. He said to him, 'Say to her, Since you have taken all this trouble for us, what may be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?' She answered, 'I live among my own people.' He said, 'What then may be done for her?' Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.' He said, 'Call her.' When he had called her, she stood at the door. He said, 'At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son.' She replied, 'No, my lord, O man of God; do not deceive your servant.'

The woman conceived and bore a son at that season, in due time, as Elisha had declared to her.

When the child was older, he went out one day to his father among the reapers. He complained to his father, 'Oh, my head, my head!' The father said to his servant, 'Carry him to his mother.' He carried him and brought him to his mother; the child sat on her lap until noon, and he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, closed the door on him, and left. Then she called to her husband, and said, 'Send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, so that I may quickly go to the man of God and come back again.' He said, 'Why go to him today? It is neither new moon nor sabbath.' She said, 'It will be all right.' Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, 'Urge the animal on; do not hold back for me unless I tell you.' So she set out, and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her coming, he said to Gehazi his servant, 'Look, there is the Shunammite woman; run at once to meet her, and say to her, Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is the child all right?' She answered, 'It is all right.' When she came to the man of God at the

mountain, she caught hold of his feet. Gehazi approached to push her away. But the man of God said, 'Let her alone, for she is in bitter distress; the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me.' Then she said, 'Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not say, Do not mislead me?' He said to Gehazi, 'Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you meet anyone, give no greeting, and if anyone greets you, do not answer; and lay my staff on the face of the child.' Then the mother of the child said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave without you.' So he rose up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was no sound or sign of life. He came back to meet him and told him, 'The child has not awakened.'

When Elisha came into the house, he saw the child lying dead on his bed. So he went in and closed the door on the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. Then he got up on the bed and lay upon the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and while he lay bent over him, the flesh of the child became warm. He got down, walked once to and fro in the room, then got up again and bent over him; the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, 'Call the Shunammite woman.' So he called her. When she came to him, he said, 'Take your son.' She came and fell at his feet, bowing to the ground; then she took her son and left.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Magnificat *The Christ Church Calgary Service by Paul Halley*

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things;
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*

Reader Jesus said, 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Nunc Dimittis *The Christ Church Calgary Service by Paul Halley*

Choir Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God

All **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and**

buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father
Choir who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant Almighty God, who through thy Son called Matthew to be thine Apostle and evangelist; free us from all greed and selfish love, that we may follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;

that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Anthem **Rejoice in the Lord Alway** *Anon*

Choir Rejoice in the Lord alway,
and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing:
but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Homily

An offering will now be taken to support the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

Donate to St. James Cathedral
by scanning the QR code or visiting
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-james-cathedral/

Hymn at the Collection Tune: England's Lane

All For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, alt.
Music: Melody English trad.

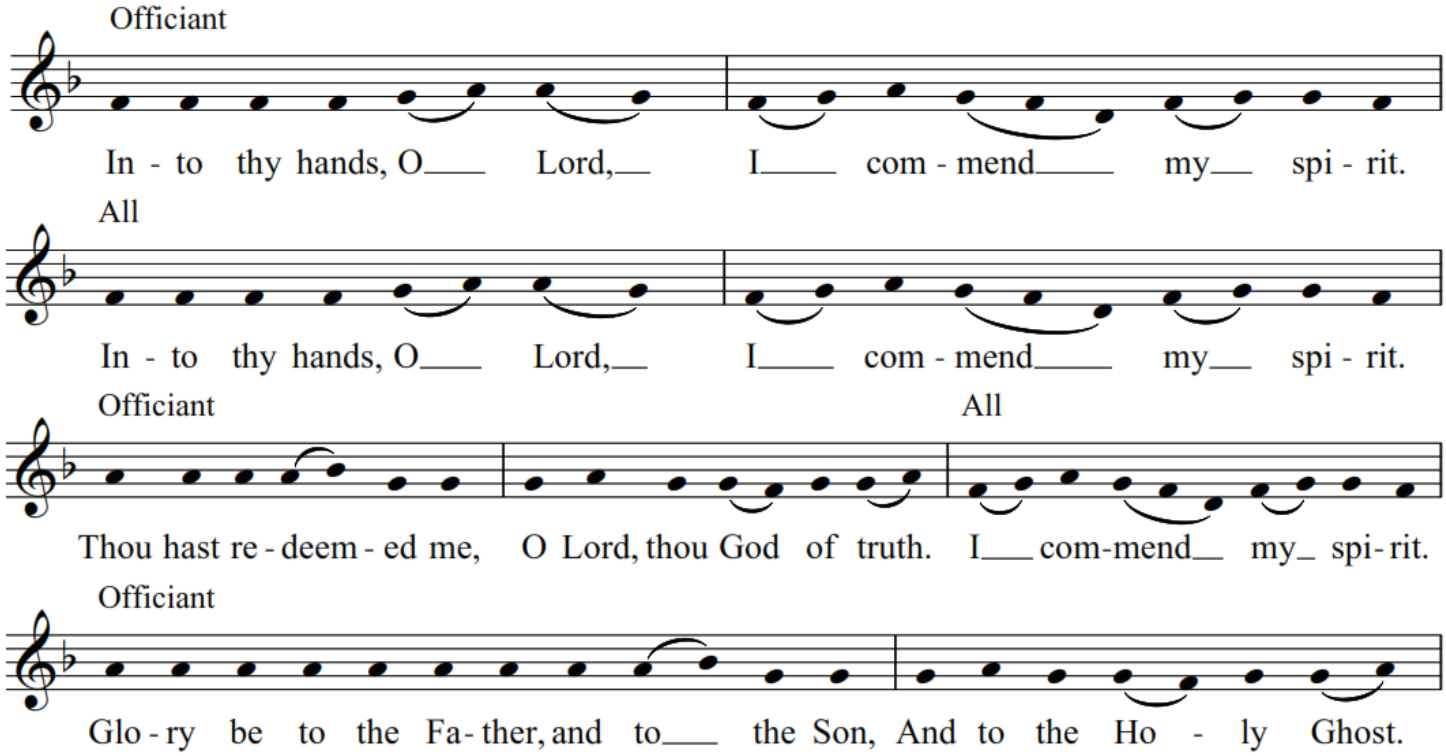
Offertory Prayer

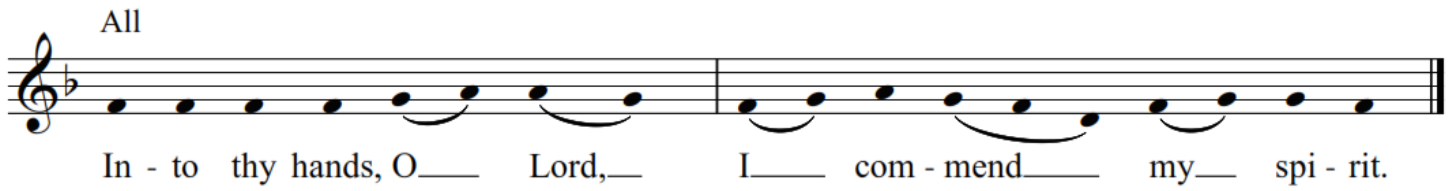
Officiant Let us pray.
God of mercy, accept all we offer you this day. Increase our faith, deepen our hope, and confirm us in your love. May these offerings be used to support your church in the spread of the gospel and may our lives be spent in the pursuit of peace and justice in the world. In Christ we pray.

People **Amen.**

Prayers

Evening Respond





A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

Postlude

PRAYER CYCLE

This week, please pray for:
The Anglican Church of Australia; Nottawasaga Deanery and the Carillon Bell-ringers

PASTORAL CARE

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St. James Cathedral Connections

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Services: 8:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 4:30pm.

1:00pm: Cathedral Tours. Discover the beauty inside. No RSVP. 40-min tours.

4:30pm: We welcome The Very Rev. Tatiana Ribeiro, Dean of the Cathedral of the Resurrection, Brasilia as the guest preacher at Choral Evensong service.

What's On

September 22 at 2:00pm • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside*

Join us on Tuesday, Sep. 22 at 2:00pm. 40-min. No RSVP. Details: stjamescathedral.ca/tours

September 25 at 6:30pm • Family Fun Night - Theme: Welcome Back! Kickoff BBQ

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

September 26 at 9:30am • Join our Children's Community Choir

All children ages 8–16 are invited to join our Community Choir on Saturdays from 9:30am to 10:30am. Choral music, singing techniques & more! Details: stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

September 26 at 6:00pm • Trivia Night Fundraiser - Tickets are on sale now

Support our Drop-In meal program. Prizes, entertainment, and silent auction. Team table $320 (8 players) & Individual $40. **Get your tickets (game + meal):** stjamescathedral.ca/trivianight

What's Next

October 1 at 1:00pm • Early Music with Anna Kwiatkowska & Kayla Ruiz

Voices of Venice. Enjoy performances on historical instruments in St. George's Chapel.

October 2 & 3 • Blessing of the Animals - St. James Cathedral & Cemetery

St. James Cemetery: Friday, October 2 at 11:00am (635 Parliament St., Toronto).

St. James Cathedral: Saturday, October 3 at 11:00am with the Children's Community Choir.

October 3 at 10:00am • Community Playdate

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

October 4 at 4:30pm • The Vicar's Installation & FaithWorks' 30th Anniversary

Join us in celebrating the installation of The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Sangwine as our Sub-Dean and Vicar, followed by coffee & cake after the 9:00am & 11:00am services, and a reception in the Cathedral following the 4:30pm installation and FaithWorks' 30*th* anniversary service.

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Alison Falby, Christ Church, Deer Park.

What's Needed

September 26 • Trivia Night *"Food for Thought"* - Call for Volunteers

Get in touch with Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca

Sunday School & Monthly Family Fun Nights - Call for Volunteers

Get in touch with Karyne Whalen, Children's Minister at kwhalen@stjamescathedral.ca

Vestry

Sunday, October 25 • Annual Vestry Meeting
Services: This Sunday only, our services will be held at 8:00am, **10:30am**, and 4:30pm.
The 10:30am service will be followed by the Vestry Meeting, chaired by Dean Stephen Hance.
Nominating Committee: Bill Benson and George McNeillie will co-chair this year's Nominating Committee and more information on open positions and nominations will follow soon.
Details: stjamescathedral.ca/vestry2026

This week at St. James

Organ Recitals: Tuesday, Sep. 22. Organist: Andre Knevel (St. Catharines)
Details: stjamescathedral.ca/events/recitals
Scripture Circle: In-person on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the **Cathedral Centre**.
Drop-In: Fridays 1:30pm-3:30pm. stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin
Children's Choir: Resumes on Saturday, Sep. 26 at 9:30am. 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: September 27 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 74:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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.

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

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.
Details:
416-964-9194, stjamescemetery.ca, cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca

SCAN HERE FOR INFO & TICKETS:

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE TRIVIA GAME & MEAL:

Team table: $320 (8 players)
Individual: $40

THE 2ND ANNUAL

"Food for Thought"

TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraiser

PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL DROP-IN MEAL PROGRAM

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 6:00 pm

St. James Cathedral Centre
65 Church Street, Toronto

Master of Ceremonies: Sarah-Jayne Riley, Indie-Pop musician

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CHILDREN + FAMILY
EVENTS AT ST. JAMES

FIRST SATURDAY
10:00-11:30 am

MONTHLY COMMUNITY PLAYDATE

Open play time for children, plus coffee and connection for their grown-ups

Ages 0-12 stjamescathedral.ca/playdate

FOURTH FRIDAY
6:00-8:00 pm

MONTHLY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Community dinner and themed activities for kids and their families

All ages stjamescathedral.ca/familyfunnight

SATURDAY
9:30-10:30 am

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHOIR

Engaging program where kids who love to sing can build musical skills and friendships

Ages 8-16 stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir

SUNDAY
9:00 am & 11:00 am

WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our 9 am Worship Together service is for all ages and abilities.
Our 11 am Choral Eucharist offers Sunday School during the service.

All ages stjamescathedral.ca/worshiptogether

Details: stjamescathedral.ca/familyevents