

# St. James Cathedral Connections

**Sunday, July 26, 2026**

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

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

## ☀ What's On ☀

### **Today • Patronal Festival Service and Emancipation Day at St. James**

Celebrate the Feast Day of St. James and the blessing of the Emancipation Plaque after the 11:00am service with a BBQ in Snell Hall from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.

#### **Why do we celebrate St. James, the Apostle?**

Our patron saint, James the Apostle, was one of Jesus's first disciples and one of the 3 disciples at the Transfiguration. Legend says that his remains were discovered in Spain, miraculously covered in scallop shells. This is why the shell is a symbol of St. James. The feast day of a community's patron saint is an occasion for special celebration in Anglican parishes, as we honour the enduring legacy of the saint's life and ministry.

#### **Why do we commemorate Emancipation Day?**

This day marks the end of slavery in the British Empire on August 1, 1834. St. James has long held commemorative services, which were begun by Toronto's African-Canadian community. The day honours the resilience and contributions of Black communities in Canada.

#### **Thank you Waithera**

We thank Waithera Kahuthu for her longstanding ministry of hospitality during our Coffee Hour. Today, on her last day, we are grateful for the warmth she has shared with our community.

#### **August 1 from 10:00am to 11:30am • Community Playdate**

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

## ☀ What's Next ☀

### **August 4, 9, 16, 18, 23 & 30 • Cathedral Tours - *Discover the beauty inside***

Tours take place at 1:00pm in the Cathedral. No RSVP. 40-min. All are welcome.

### **August 31 - September 3 • Children's Choir Summer Camp – Last Call**

We welcome children ages 8–12 who love singing and music to enjoy art, drama, games, and more each day from 9:30am–3:00pm. Few spots left, RSVP: [stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir](http://stjamescathedral.ca/childrenschoir)

### **September 6 at 1:30pm • Blessing of the Backpacks**

Join us for a joyful 30-minute special service of *Blessing of the Backpacks* with the Children's Choir Campers followed by a fun fair on the West Lawn from 2:00pm-4:00pm. All ages welcome!

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

Have fun while supporting our Drop-In meal program. Prizes for the winners, entertainment intermission, and silent auction. Team table \$320 (8 players) & Individual \$40. All tickets include trivia game & a meal. **Get your tickets today:** [stjamescathedral.ca/trivianight](http://stjamescathedral.ca/trivianight)

## ☼ What's Needed ☼

### **September 26 • Trivia Night “Food for Thought” - Call for Volunteers**

The Drop-In needs extra hands for set up, guest registration, serving, clean-up and more. Interested? Details: Kathy Biasi, Outreach Manager at [kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:kbiasi@stjamescathedral.ca)

### **This week at St. James**

The Dean is away from July 29 to August 3.

Canon Geoffrey Sangwine is away on vacation from July 27 to July 31.

The Rev. Matthew Waterman is away on vacation from July 27 to August 19.

**Organ Recitals:** Resume on Tuesday, Sep. 8. In the meantime, enjoy performances on the Cathedral YouTube Channel. Details: [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. [stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin](http://stjamescathedral.ca/community/dropin)

**Children's Choir:** Resumes on Saturday, Sep. 19 at 9:30am. [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: August 2 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 16; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

### **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 - 635 Parliament Street, Toronto**

**Monthly Eucharist:** First Wednesday of each month at 11:00am.

**Did you know?** St. James Cemetery offers a range of cremation and burial services.

Pre-planning assures wishes are honoured and provides support for your loved ones as they grieve. **Info:** 416-964-9194, [cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca](mailto:cemetery@stjamescathedral.ca) or [stjamescemetery.ca](http://stjamescemetery.ca)