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Dear Friends,

Blue Christmas: A Service of Remembrance & Hope

It's that time of the year when we begin to turn our attention to the approaching Christmas season. The commercial world anticipates profits, while we in the church look to celebrate the birth of the One who brings joy, hope, and life, Jesus our Redeemer.

For some of us, it is a bitter-sweet feeling, still mindful of the loss of a loved one, whether recent or long ago. Whether it has been one month, one year, or ten years ago, Elvis Presley's hit, "***Blue Christmas***", can magnify the loss. In a strange way, it can also be a reminder of the joy and good times that we continue to hold in our memory.

Every year we, at St. James Cathedral, celebrate our "***Blue Christmas: A Service of Remembrance and Hope***" when we gather to remember, with others, our departed loved ones. This year's service will be held on ***Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m.*** I invite you, and members of your family and friends, to join the Interim-Dean, the staff, clergy, and others at this service.

Once again, during the service, we will share in the trimming of our Christmas tree as we hang white doves in memory of those loved ones.

There will be a reception following the service. So that we may adequately prepare for this reception we ask that you please email the office at info@stjamescathedral.ca and let us know if you will be attending.

If you know of anyone else who has lost a loved one and would benefit from this time with us, please invite them to come and share with us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Fields".

The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields
Sub-Dean & Vicar

Copy: The Very Rev. Peter Wall