



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

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FRIDGE NOTES • ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent 3 – December 15, 2019

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat, on whose land, and by whose water we gather to talk, listen, learn, worship, share and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein."*

Psalms 24.1

Welcome We are glad you are with us and look forward to meeting you after the liturgy.

Coffee Hour takes place after the 10:30 am service. Please join us, and if you would like more information about our parish life please speak with our priest or one of the greeters.

Pastoral Care is available for the home-bound parishioners, those in hospital and for other spiritual needs. Please contact the office if you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our Lay Pastoral Visitors or one of the Clergy.



Assisted Hearing Devices are available from the sidespersons and stewards



Sunday School during 10:30 am service, children gather at font during opening hymn.



New to SPSS? Please fill out welcome, available in pews & place on the offering plate.



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PARISH NEWS

We appreciate your givings and remind you that in order to receive a tax receipt your envelope number or name & address should accompany all donations.

Pre-authorized giving (PAG) forms are available at the back of the church and in the pews. We encourage you to support the church through PAG, Thank-you for your support.

Reminder, please do not leave your personal belongings unattended; keep them with you at all times.

PARISH NEWS CONTINUED...

Parish Records Please help us to keep our Parish Records up to date by ensuring that the office has your current information (e-mail, address, phone number) on file, Thank-you.

Fridge Notes Please note that when placing an announcement in Fridge Notes, the weekly cut-off time is Wednesday at noon, Thank-you.

FOR SALE...CHURCH PEWS

We have three church pews for sale; they date from 1952 when the chapel was consecrated as a World War 2 memorial chapel. The pews are solid oak, measuring just over 7 ft. in length (86 inches to be exact). We are asking \$500 for each; delivery isn't available. If you are interested, please contact Darleen in the Church Office at 416-923-8714.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for Christmas, please use the envelopes found at the back of the Church. Include the particular memorial and/or thanksgiving you would like acknowledged. Deadline for a memorial and/or thanksgiving is 12:00 pm Wednesday, December 18th, 2019. Please contact Marie Samuels-Isaac for further information.

WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Today, the litany we are using at the Prayers of the People is the ancient "O Antiphons" of Advent. Dating back to the 8th century, they were traditionally sung before and after the Magnificat at Vespers on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve, i.e. from 17 to 23 December. The name is derived from their initial 'O'...O Sapientia (O Wisdom), 'O Adonai' (O Lord), 'O Radix Jesse' (O Branch of Jesse), 'O Clavis David' (O Key of David), 'O Oriens' (O Morning Star), 'O Rex Gentium' (O King of the Nations) and 'O Emmanuel'. These beautiful antiphons express the longing for the coming of a Saviour. They are addressed to God, calling him to come as teacher and deliverer, with a tapestry of scriptural titles and pictures that anticipate and describe the saving work of Christ. The English use of the antiphons goes back to the Sarum Rite (Salisbury) where they began on December 16. This was adopted by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer for the calendar of the BCP. You will notice they also are the source of the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

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ST SIMON'S SHELTER CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Volunteers are needed and welcome to help with the Shelter Christmas dinner that is happening in the Parish Hall on Christmas Day. The dinner is being served at 4:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS CAKES - \$15 PER BOX

We have a few remaining Christmas cakes from the Bake sale/Christmas cake and sherry evening. If you would like to purchase one, please speak to Sheila Thomas, Fran Brown or Paul Faulkner.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 8:30 am – Holy Eucharist **10:30 am** – Choral Service

1st Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional), **2nd Sunday** – Choral Matins,

3rd Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional), **4th Sunday** – Choral Eucharist (Contemporary)

5th Sunday and Evensong – As Announced

Wednesdays 11:00 am – Holy Eucharist with Anointing

Last Tuesday of the Month – Candlelight Evening Prayer

OUR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday, December 22 – Advent 4

Services at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

4:00 pm - Lessons & Carols for Christmas

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Christmas carols, Communion, and telling of the Christmas story for children

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

10:00 pm - Traditional Festal Choral Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 am - Celebration of the Nativity of our Lord, a cheerful service with carol singing

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER AND ST SIMONS

Monday, December 16th

8:30 am Gerrard Resource Center/Daycare (Garden Room F)

9:00 am All Saints, Sherbourne (Macklem Hall)

2:45 pm Homework Club (Class Room)

4:00 pm Yoga (Sitting Room)

Tuesday, December 17th

8:30 am Gerrard Resource Center/Daycare (Garden Room F)

2:45 pm Homework Club (Class Room)

Wednesday, December 18th

8:30 am Gerrard Resource Center/Daycare (Garden Room F)
11:00 am Taylor Sutherland Piano (Chapel)
11:00 am Holy Eucharist with Anointing (Nave)
4:00 pm Homework Club Christmas Party (Macklem Hall)
2:45 pm Homework Club (Class Room)
7:00 pm Tai Chi (Macklem Hall)

Thursday, December 19th

8:30 am Gerrard Resource Center/Daycare (Garden Room F)
10:00 am Taylor Sutherland Piano (Chapel)
1:30 pm Personal Rental (Kitchen)
2:45 pm Homework Club (Class Room)
3:00 pm ROTM Choir (Nave)
5:00 pm ROTM Guitar Lessons (Sitting Room)
7:00 pm SPSS Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, December 20th

8:30 am Gerrard Resource Center/Daycare (Garden Room F)
1:00 pm Taylor Sutherland Piano (Chapel)
2:45 pm Homework Club (Class Room)

Saturday, December 21st

10:30 am Food Addicts (Garden Room F)
4:00 pm San Lorenzo Christmas Party (Macklem Hall & Nave)

Sunday, December 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Holy Eucharist *BCP*
10:30 am Choral Eucharist (Contemporary)
3:00 pm Kenya Group (Garden Room F)
4:00 pm Lessons & Carols for Christmas (Nave)

Readings: *Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25*

PRAYERS

In our prayers for the week Sunday, December 15th, we remember:

Anglican Communion: Sokoto (Nigeria) & El Salvador (Central America).

Diocese: Bishop Andrew Asbil, Area Bishop - Kevin Robertson and The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee.

Outreach and Advocacy: Ascension, Don Mills; Church of the Ascension, Port Perry; Parish of Belmont.

Our Parish: Amy Wynn Theriault, Aldene B. Thomas, Sheila Thomas, Robert Thompson.

Home-bound: Myron Armstrong/Gail Birnie/Nancy Byers/Cintra Cassidy/Glenna Charles/Ann Duff/Charlotte Graham/Lawrine Griffith/ Helen Inglis/ Marie Lewis/Joseph McIninch/George Petricko/Lissett Powell/Lucy Simons/Lois Totton/Lila Vamosi/Pam Young.