



The Third Sunday of Advent – December 12, 2021

Welcome to St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

We are glad you are with us and look forward to meeting you.

In-person Coffee Hour is suspended but you can join the Zoom Coffee Hour. Details are in the weekly email.

Pastoral Care is available for those who are sick at home or in hospital and for other spiritual needs. Please contact the office if you or someone you know is ill and or in need of spiritual care.



Assisted Hearing Devices are available from the greeters.



Sunday School is via Zoom.

- For those 7 – 12 years old from 10:30-11:30
- For those 12 – 18 years old from 1pm – 2pm

Please email Sileen at kidscoordinator@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link



New to SPSS? Please ask a sidesperson for a welcome card and place it on the offering plate.



Learn more about SPSS! Visit us online at www.stpeterstsimon.ca

St Peter & St Simon-the-Apostle on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpeterstsimons

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

Please do not leave your valuables unattended.

Pre-authorized giving (PAG): If you would like to sign-up for PAG, please contact the office. We encourage you to support our ministry through PAG. Thank you.

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." Psalm 24.1.

Services and Church Events - Looking Ahead

Wednesdays: 11 am Holy Eucharist. In-person worship

Sunday, December 19 – Advent 4

- 10.30 am Choral Eucharist

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- **4.00 pm Christmas Craft Event for Children**
- **5.00 pm Holy Eucharist with Carols**
(suitable for families with children - in-person only)
- 10.00 pm Festal Eucharist (see registration note below)

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day

- 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist (in-person only)

Sunday, December 26 – Sunday after Christmas/Feast of St Stephen

- 10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

If you plan on attending the following services, it is very helpful if you register with the Church office for:

- Christmas Eve services by noon Thursday December 23

Please include how many people will be in your group. You can still attend the services if you don't register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***This afternoon at 4.00 pm
A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas.***

The deadline for submissions to *Fridge Notes* is Thursday at noon each week (send to the office).

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 15th, 2021. Please contact Sheila Thomas (416-921-2593) for further information.

Shelter Christmas Backpacks

The Shelter is once again having a seasonal fundraiser for the shelter guests. There are three

categories of donations:

- For a donation of \$25 the traditional backpack of toiletries and bare necessities,
- For a donation of \$100 the traditional backpack and a pair of work boots or shoes,
- this is a new category this year, for \$200 the traditional backpack, work boots/shoes and a new winter coat.

The shelter will issue tax receipts. If you place your cheques, made out to St Simon's Shelter, in the collection plate, I will make sure they are forwarded to the Shelter. *Paul Faulkner*

Social Justice and Advocacy Conference Update

New Resources available: Many new and updated resources are now available on the Diocesan website and/or YouTube channel. You can watch recordings of our Outreach & Advocacy Conference keynote address and workshops on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#). An updated Parish Outreach Guide, with current examples from parishes around our Diocese, is available on the [Advocacy Resources page](#) of the Diocesan website. The new Outreach Prayer Cycle is available on the [Prayer Resources page](#) of the Diocesan website. Finally, COVID-19 guidelines for Outreach Ministries, including indoor food services, have been updated and posted on the Diocesan [COVID-19 updates](#) page. Please feel free to share these links and resources with others who are interested!

Joyful Giving Campaign Notice from the Stewardship Committee

As we embark on our annual Joyful Giving Campaign, the Stewardship Committee is reflecting on the faithful, ongoing, and generous support of St. Peter & St. Simon-the-Apostle parishioners. Your generosity of both time and talent has sustained this community throughout these past 20 months - we are truly grateful for this steadfast devotion. The campaign launch will provide an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the important ways we can continue to be good stewards of this wonderful parish. You will be receiving a letter and supporting documents that will provide information on how to continue or enhance your support over the next year. Thank you!

Outreach/Food Ministry Working Group

We are in the process of organising a parish working group to explore outreach ministry possibilities. A first step is to consider the ministries that are going on around us and then discern where God might be calling us to do to minister more effectively in this community. A number of people have come forward who are interested, and we are planning a meeting in the coming weeks. Please speak with Fr Geoffrey if you would like to be part of this important work of discernment.

Homework Club: As we look ahead to January, we hope the Homework Club will resume. This ministry shared by SPSS, St Andrew's United and Rosedale Presbyterian provides a safe, wholesome and fun environment for local children to learn and grow. We are grateful to the Anglican Foundation for their generous support of this ministry.

Covid Vaccinations

The Diocese of Toronto has implemented a Covid-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for all Clergy, Employees and Volunteers at the church. Visit <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/news/mandatory-vaccination-policy-posted/>

for all the details. While not a requirement for attending worship services, the church strongly recommends that all eligible people get vaccinated against Covid-19.

Church Rentals This Week

Monday Sunshine Centres in the Parish Hall, morning
Tuesday Alt Vox Choir in the Nave, evening
Friday Sunshine Centres in the Parish Hall, morning
Sunday San Lorenzo in the Nave until 2:30 pm



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