



FRIDGE NOTES

Parish Announcements: November 10, 2024

Welcome to St Peter and St Simon's, especially if you are visiting us.

**We invite you to join us after the 10.30 am Sunday service
for refreshments in the Parish Hall.**

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

*Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples,
together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life,
together serving him in his mission to the world,
and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.
We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.*

Season of Stewardship

Following up from last Sunday and the launch of our 2025 Commitment Campaign, a parishioner approached me offering to cover 10% of the deficit if there are nine other people who are willing to match this gift. This is a very kind and generous offer. If you would like to assist us with this, please speak with one of the Wardens or me. Thank you for supporting the ministry of SPSS. *Geoffrey*

THE LORDS' PRAYER REDISCOVERED

The Lord's Prayer is the best-known Christian prayer in the world, given to Jesus' disciples by our Lord himself in response to their request that he should teach them how to pray. The prayer is featured in both The Gospel According to St. Matthew (Matthew 6:9-13) and The Gospel According to St. Luke (Luke 11:1-4), although both versions differ. The prayer that we are most familiar with is basically Matthew's version and Christians of all backgrounds and traditions pray it regularly in both private prayer and public worship. It trips off our tongues pretty much automatically, but how often do we stop to think about what it says? Familiarity has its problems, and even if it hasn't bred contempt, it is almost certainly true to say that we don't always give the Lord's Prayer the respect it deserves.

Significantly, just before giving his followers these familiar words, Jesus told his disciples, "Do not use thoughtless repetition" (Matthew 6:7), which another version translates, "Don't

babble on and on" – a warning not to take the words for granted or say them unthinkingly – yet how often do we do precisely that?

On Saturday, November 30 between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM Father Michael Burgess will help us look at the Lord's Prayer with fresh eyes, sharing what others have said about it over the years, and helping us think about how we might approach the Lord's Prayer more meaningfully. He will be offering four reflections, each of which will conclude with some suggested questions for meditation, followed by a time of quiet in which we may think mindfully about what we have just heard. The afternoon will conclude with a simple said celebration of the Eucharist, the last celebration of the current liturgical year before we begin a new year the following day on Advent Sunday.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

The church now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which was funded by an anonymous donor. It is located in its own special box in the Narthex on the wall adjacent to the Sitting Room door. The box has an alarm which will be activated; whenever the door is opened an alarm will ring to notify everyone. This will allow us to leave it unlocked but prevent theft or vandalism. Our first responders and staff are familiar with its use; however, it is very user-friendly, and will guide users through CPR even if they are not trained. It has built-in safeguards so that it cannot be activated if the person has not arrested.

The AED will be accessible 24/7, should an untoward event occur when a rental group is using our facilities. *The Health & Safety Committee*

Pastoral Visitors Team | Meeting today, November 10th at 12.15 pm.

Flower Donations: We are requesting donations for altar flowers on November 26, December 1 and 15. If you wish to donate please contact Sheila (416-921-2593).

MISTLETOE MARKET 2024! - November 16th

Our annual Mistletoe Market will take place on Saturday, November 16, 10 am – 2 pm. Come out and enjoy the atmosphere, the interesting vendors, sample baked goods and listen to seasonal music! The event will raise needed funds for the church. We are still looking for parishioners who can make crafts to sell at the SPSS craft table, as well as those who can make and donate baked goods for the tea and the bake table. There will be a Treasures Room again and we are still in need of donations of ***gently used and in good condition*** home décor items as well as vintage dish sets and good glass ware.

Please bring these to the church during church office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am – 5:30pm.

Please note: we will NOT be accepting clothing, scarves and kitchen appliances.

If you have questions about any of the above, please speak to one of us during coffee hour.

Mary Anderson, Jane Rajantie, Stephanie Woodside

ADVENT BOOK STUDY: *MERE CHRISTIANITY* by C.S. Lewis

Dates: Tuesday, November 26, Tuesday, December 3 & 10.

6 pm Light Supper/7 pm Discussion/8.30 pm Compline

There is a sign-up list in the Narthex. We hope you will join us.

SPSS Website | Please take a look at our refreshed website. You will find all the important information you need plus events listings and latest news: <https://stpeterstsimon.ca/>

A message from the HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: As we approach the cold weather and spend more time indoors, we remind you to keep Influenza and Covid vaccinations up to date. Check with your family doctor or your local pharmacy to schedule an appointment.

And if you develop an infection, we ask you to take care of yourself and others in the Parish by staying home until you are better."

Next Advisory Board Meeting | Wednesday, November 27th at 7.30 pm by Zoom.

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*. Please contact Sheila Thomas for further information, 416-921-2593.

Christmas-Tide Dinner | Since Thanksgiving dinner was a success, we are planning a dinner at Christmas tide. Date of the dinner to be decided. If you are interested, please talk to Carol Peck.

Looking Ahead...

Saturday, November 16, 10 am to 2 pm: *Mistletoe Market*

Sunday, December 1, 4 pm: *Advent Lessons & Carols*

Saturday, December 7, 3pm: *Toronto Start Carol Fundraiser at St Paul's Bloor Street*

Sunday, December 15, 1 pm: *Children's Christmas Musical*

Wednesday, December 18, 6pm: *Blue Christmas Service*

Sunday December 22, 4pm: *Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols*

SCAN and DONATE

To make a donation to the Church, open up the camera on any smartphone and point it at the QR code and a web page will open to take you directly to Canada Helps' donation page for the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle. You will receive an auto-generated tax receipt emailed directly from CanadaHelps.org. Thank you for your support.



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Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

SERVICES

Sundays

9.00am

Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit)

10.30 am

1st and 3rd Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite

2nd Sunday

Choral Matins (unless announced)

4th Sunday

Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

5th Sunday & Evensong

As Announced

Wednesdays

11.00 am

Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

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

Psalm 24.1.