



FRIDGE NOTES

Parish Announcements: November 17, 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.*

A Word from the Rector

At the time of writing the parish is getting ready for the *Mistletoe Market*. It is a wonderful event, bringing together many parishioners from our Church family and visitors from the community, truly one of the highlights of the year. Thank you to Mary Anderson, Stephanie Woodside and their dedicated team for leading it again this year.

This week I will travel to the monastery at the Society of St John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA for a pre-Advent retreat. I am ready for this break and am grateful to Fr's Abraham and Michael for looking after things. *Geoffrey+*

THE LORDS'S 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*

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...

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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CLERGY, WARDENS & STAFF

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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	1 st and 3 rd Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite
2 nd Sunday	Choral Matins (unless announced)
4 th Sunday	Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
5 th Sunday & Evensong	As Announced

Wednesdays

11.00 am	Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
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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.