



## *Christmas 2024*

### **FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements**

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.

*Christmas flowers and decorations throughout the Church are given  
to the honour and glory of Almighty God by:*

Fran Brown in memory of the parents and family of Fran Brown.  
Paul and Lorraine Faulkner in memory of joy, hope and peace to absent family and friends.  
Peggy Fleming in memory of Reginald Fleming and Dorothy Fleming.  
Ena Forde in memory of family and friends.  
Donald & Colleen Fraser, Janet Fraser, Patricia & Neil Bradley  
in memory of Daphne Webster.  
Cathy Graham in memory of absent family at Christmas.  
Daphne Harris in memory of Rosaleen Sherrard.  
Dr. Rosemary Hutchison in memory of Margaret, Frances and George Hutchison.  
Paul Mitchell in memory of loved ones.  
Peggy Needham in honour of the wonderful sermons our clergy give every Sunday.  
Osarugue Osayamwen in memory of his mother Juliana Uwaila Osayamwen and prayers  
.that the world continues to be blessed by her extraordinary soul  
this season, beyond & always.  
Jean Ponter in memory of her sons Graeme and Steven Ponter.  
John Pugsley in memory of Christina Pugsley, Arthur Pugsley, and Vera Cote.  
Deta Raffington in memory of her mother Nellie Burton.  
Greg Robinson.  
Betty Scantlebury in memory of family and friends.  
Gary Toneguzzo in memory of Ann Gadzella.



## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES at SPSS**

- ❖ **Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
5.00 pm – *Family Eucharist with the Christmas Story.*  
10.00 pm – *Festal Eucharist.*
- ❖ **Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day**  
10.30 am – *Sung Eucharist with Carols*
- ❖ **Sunday, December 29 – Christmas I**  
9.00 am – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.  
10.30 am – Choral Eucharist.
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 1 – Octave Day of Christmas**  
*New Year Levee and Service at St James' Cathedral*
- ❖ **Sunday, January 5, 2025 – Feast of the Epiphany**  
9.00 am – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.  
10.30 am – Choral Eucharist.

**Christmas Dinner** | The Christmas dinner will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Christmas, *Friday December 27th*. Arrive at 5pm for 6 o'clock dinner. Potluck contribution of a vegetable dish/salad or dessert will be most helpful. Please speak to Carol Peck if you are interested in attending.

**Food Bank Donations** | Thank you all for your contributions to the St. Bart's food bank. The need continues to be great and all cans and packaged foods are welcome. Many thanks to all those who have donated.

**SPSS Website** | For all your parish news and events, please visit our website:  
<https://stpeterstsimon.ca/>

**Staff Away During Holidays** | Daiv will be taking time off during the Holidays and is away from Monday December 16 to January 2. He will be back on Friday January 3. Jessy will be away December 20 to January 6, and back on Tuesday January 7.

### **Hymn Note: *O Come. O Come Emmanuel* (CP # 89)**

This hymn is based upon the seven Great Antiphons or “Great O’s” said on successive days before and after the Magnificat at Vespers between December 17 and December 23. Each salutes the coming of the Messiah using one of the titles ascribed to him in the Scriptures. The first is “O Wisdom” and the last is “O Emmanuel.” The medieval English church

began the Antiphons on December 16 and added another at the end—“O Virgo virginum.” Of non-Roman origin, the Antiphons were added to the Roman liturgy before the 9<sup>th</sup> century, though a quotation from Boethius (d. 525) suggests they were known as early as the 6<sup>th</sup> century. In medieval monasteries, it was common for each of the principal officers of the house to sing his antiphon in turn. He would “keep his O” and then provide a feast for the monks. John Mason Neale (1818-66) translated and arranged the Antiphons for his *Medieval Hymns and Sequences* (1851). The earliest written version of the tune *Veni Emmanuel* is found in a 15<sup>th</sup> century *Processionale* housed in the Biblioteque Nationale in Paris. The book originally belonged to a house of French Franciscan nuns.

Submitted by Diane Way

### **Book Study: *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis**

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – 6 pm Supper, 7 pm Study, 8.30 pm Compline.

We will discuss Book IV of *Mere Christianity*. This will be the final session of this book study. We will have a Bible Study series in the Epiphany season with details to come.

### **Looking Ahead...**

On Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> we will host a parish retreat “Discovery Day” here at SPSS. This will be an opportunity for us to come together to worship, enjoy fellowship and to reflect on our shared ministry and parish life. This is being facilitated by Deb Whalen who serves the diocese in the ministry of congregational development. In this Season of Spiritual Renewal this is an important time for us to celebrate God’s mission here at SPSS and to consider new opportunities ahead. The Parish Steering Committee members are: Regi Khokher, Ted Robinson, Jane Rajantie, Stephanie Woodside, Gary Toneguzzo along with Fr Abraham and myself. More information will be coming in the New Year.

The clergy, Wardens and staff join me in wishing you a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Geoffrey+

### ***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.*

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**Church Office Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 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<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

Choral Matins (unless announced)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

5<sup>th</sup> 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.*