



## ***FRIDGE NOTES***

**Parish Announcements: December 15, 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.*

**Next Sunday, Advent 4, December 22** | We look forward to welcoming our Bishop The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson. He will celebrate and preach at 10:30 am.

**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** | 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.

**SPSS Website** | For all your parish news and events, please visit our website:

<https://stpeterstsimon.ca/>

**Flute Street Concert December 15 at 4 pm** | What could be more celebratory for the approaching season than the sweet, pastoral sound of a flute? How about a full-bodied chorus of fourteen flutists playing nine different sizes of flutes? This Sunday at 4pm, just following SPSS's children's musical presentation, Flute Street will be presenting here *It's Christmas on Flute Street*. Join them for a delightful journey of carols and some classical standards including Respighi's *Adoration of the Magi*, Tchaikovsky's *Waltz of the Flowers* and a world premiere Low Flutes version of Corelli's beloved *Christmas Concerto*. Tickets are available at the door: \$25, \$20 seniors/arts workers, \$15 students.

**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.

**"Blue Christmas" Service on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

While most people look forward to the Christmas season, we acknowledge that there are also those for whom Christmas is not a happy time, people who — for various reasons — approach Christmas with sadness or even dread, people whose Christmases are more blue than white.

Beginning in about 1990 in North America, many parishes have offered "Blue Christmas" services, quiet and contemplative occasions of healing and hope, as an alternative to the more traditional gatherings. These are generally held close to the Winter Solstice, "The Longest Night", and this year St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle will be hosting a "Blue Christmas" service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, for those in sadness and pain, those who are stressed, lonely or grieving, people struggling with unhappy memories or who find this season difficult to cope with for any reason at all.

Please come and support our "Blue Christmas" service on December 18 even if Christmas is your favourite time of the year. Your attendance will help to provide a safe and accepting place for our brothers and sisters who are not so fortunate. Not everybody in pain is comfortable with sharing their feelings, and it is a loving thing to do to be supportive of them. We need to gather as a whole community, surrounded by love, to listen to God's word, remember God's promises, and to praise God who is the source of all light and hope. A time of refreshment and fellowship will follow the service.

Please keep this service and those for whom it is intended in your prayers and join us on December 18 if you possibly can.

**Hymn Note for Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (CP # 103)**

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) was a French Latinist. He was a disciple of Horace and Ovid and probably France's outstanding Latin author. Born in Buzancy, Coffin taught at the University of Paris. In 1691, he moved to the College of Dormans, Beauvais, becoming

principal in 1713. He served as rector of the University of Paris (1718-23) and then returned to Beauvais. In 1736, 100 of his hymns (including this hymn) were published in his *Hymni Sacri*. Some were included in the Paris Breviary (1736). Several of Coffin's hymns were translated by John Chandler ((1806-76), one of the most successful translators of hymns. The translation of this hymn for Lauds on Sundays in Advent was published in 1837. Winchester New was a German hymn tune published in 1690. The tune was introduced to the English by John Wesley in his collection of tunes (1742).

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

- ❖ **Wednesday, December 18 – Advent Ember Day**
  - 11.00 am – Sung Eucharist
  - 6.30 pm – *Blue Christmas Service and Dinner in Parish Hall*
- ❖ **Sunday, December 22 – Advent 4**
  - Morning services as usual at 9.00 and 10.30 am.
    - Our area Bishop, The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson will Celebrate and preach at 10.30 am.***
  - 4.00 pm *Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas*
- ❖ **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.

#### **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.





## St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle

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<b>Church Office Hours</b>	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 <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
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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.*