



FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements

Week of Lent II - March 16, 2025

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

A Word from the Rector

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week for the annual Vestry Meeting, Part 1. Thank you also to the parishioners who have agreed to serve in a particular ministry. Among them, we are delighted to welcome our new People's Warden, David Rounthwaite and new Deputy Warden, Spencer Higgins. We also welcome Mark Garbutt as a new member at Large on the Advisory Board. The next Vestry to deal with the 2024 Financials and 2025 Budget will be in early May.

Please join us for the parish **Discovery Day on March 29th**. Your presence and input are vital to us as we have a conversation about our parish life and ministry. I am planning to share a poem each week during this season of Lent. This week's is entitled "*For Lent, 1966*" It is by Madeleine L'Engle, an American writer of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and young adult fiction. Her works reflect both her Christian faith and her strong interest in modern science. GNS+

*It is my Lent to break my Lent,
To eat when I would fast,
To know when slender strength is spent,
Take shelter from the blast
When I would run with wind and rain,
To sleep when I would watch.
It is my Lent to smile at pain
But not ignore its touch.
It is my Lent to listen well
When I would be alone,
To talk when I would rather dwell
In silence, turn from none*

*Who call on me, to try to see
That what is truly meant
Is not my choice. If Christ's I'd be
It's thus I'll keep my Lent.*

Lenten Scripture Study | *The Gospel According to St John.*

Tuesday, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, April 8.

Light Supper at 6.15 pm

Study at 7.00 pm followed by Compline.

Lenten Quiet Afternoon | *Personalities of the Passion.*

Join us for a quiet afternoon of prayer and reflection as we journey towards Holy Week.

Saturday, April 5, 2 – 5 pm. Led by Father Michael.

*We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe,
by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are,
but by sowing them a light that is so lovely that they will want
with all their heart to know the source of it.*

Madeleine L'Engle

Social Justice Vestry Motion | For information about proposed government Treatment Centers Google “Ontario Protecting Communities and Support Addiction Recovery with Treatment Hubs”. When considering an addendum to the Vestry Motion questions concerning our neighbourhood need to be included about when, where, how long, staffing and updates on progress of this project.

Chair Exercise Classes | Join fellow parishioners for a 45-minute chair exercise class Thursdays from 11 am to 11:45, followed by tea and bring your own lunch fellowship. The class will be held in the Parish Hall and will be led by Stephanie Woodside. For more information, please contact Stephanie at swoodside27@gmail.com or 416-402-5280

Season of Spiritual Renewal – *Lift Up Your Hearts* | People and parishes across the diocese are invited to a series of services planned for five dates over the year. The first is on **Saturday, March 22 at 2 pm at ST JAMES' CATHEDRAL**. The Preacher is the Reverend Molly Finlay, Incumbent at St John's Norway. All are encouraged to attend this time of worship and celebration.

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

Mark Your Calendars:

Saturday, March 29, 2025

PARISH DISCOVERY DAY

9.00 am to 3.00 pm

*We ask that you kindly register to attend so that we can plan catering.
To register please contact Jessy in the Church Office by March 20th by
e-mail: office@stpeterstsimon.ca or phone: 416.923.8714 ext.3.
A registration sheet is also posted in the lobby.*

A special SPSS Parish “*Discovery Day*” will take place on March 29th from 9 am to 3 pm. The day will be a time of prayer, listening, conversation and fellowship as we reflect on our past and look ahead to the future.

This process will help us develop a clear articulation of our parish priorities so that each of us, and all our guilds, groups and ministries will grow spiritually and work together in fulfilling the unique ministry we share at our beloved parish. Our Discovery Day is being facilitated by Deb Whalen, congregational development specialist at the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. Our parish Steering Committee members are Regi Khokher, Jane Rajantie, Ted Robinson, Abraham Thomas, Geoffrey Sangwine, Gary Toneguzzo and Stephanie Woodside. Please speak with one of the committee members if you have any questions.

The day is shaping up to be a wonderful occasion for us to come together to focus on the God of Mission whose Church is called to proclaim his love, mercy and grace in thought, word and deed.

Lunch and refreshments throughout the day will be provided (*please advise of any dietary restrictions*). We hope you will join us.

“The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth”. *Psalms 145.18.*

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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

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