



FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements **Sunday - November 23, 2025**

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

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall following the 10.30 am service.

Advent Bible Study: *Behold the Messiah*

This four-week Advent Bible study explores the scriptural and theological foundations of Part One of Handel's *Messiah*. Participants will listen to key musical movements, read the related biblical passages, and reflect on how the themes of prophecy, incarnation, redemption, and kingship shape our Advent and Christmas faith.

Tuesdays, 6:00–8:30 p.m, Light Potluck in the Hall, Discussion to follow in the Sitting Room.

All literature and materials will be provided—just bring an open heart and ears to listen. All are welcome as we prepare together to *Behold the Messiah*.

Week 1: Hope — The Promise of Salvation, Tuesday, November 18th

BEHOLD THE MESSIAH

Advent Bible Study

This four-week Advent Bible study explores the scriptural and theological foundations of the first part of Handel's *Messiah*. Participants will **listen** to key musical movements, **read** the related biblical passages, and **reflect** on how the themes of prophecy, incarnation, redemption, and kingship shape our Advent and Christmas faith.

WHEN:
Tuesday November 18th & 25th
December 2nd & 9th
6pm – 8:30pm
WHERE: SSSP Parish Hall & Sitting Room

*NOTE: This is an open event for all who are interested, we will be having a light potluck dinner every Tuesday between 6–7pm in the hall before discussion. Come with hungry bellies and your favourite dish! Contact gracerockett@gmail.com for questions.

Hymn Notes: Crown Him with Many Crowns (CP # 378)

This poem by Matthew Bridges (1800-94), inspired by Rev. 19:12. was published in his *Hymns of the Heart* (1847). Bridges, influenced by John Henry Newman, converted to Catholicism in 1848. Born in England, Bridges emigrated to Canada and lived for some years in Quebec. After he returned to England, he lived at a convent in Devon. Bridges' hymn appeared in *Hymns Ancient & Modern* (1868), but it was criticized for its seemingly Catholic views. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), hymnologist and rector at Alford, Somerset, was asked to revise Bridges' poem. Instead, he wrote a new poem based upon Bridges' work. The two hymns were soon combined, and Thring published this version in his 1874 hymn book. *DIADEMATA* (Greek for "crowns") was composed by George Job Elvey (1816-93) who was organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor (1835-82). He was knighted in 1871. He wrote this tune specifically to accompany Bridges' original poem in *Hymns Ancient & Modern* (1868). *Submitted by Diane Way*

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 10th*. Please contact Sheila Thomas for further information, 416-921-2593.

SPSS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday, November 29 - 10 am to 2 pm

SPSS CHRISTMAS "MISTLETOE MARKET"

Sunday, November 30 – Advent I

SERVICES AT 9 AND 10.30 AM.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 – WHEN CHRISTMAS IS A DIFFICULT TIME

6 PM BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE & DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 – ADVENT IV

4 PM A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Your Support for SPSS Matters | Further to the letter last week, if you are on Pre-Authorised Givings (PAG) you can email the office, office@stpeterstsimon.ca, and state how much you want to increase your monthly givings by. If you want to start contributing by PAG, the form can be accessed at <https://stpeterstsimon.ca/supportus/>

Mistletoe Market

Saturday, November 29, 10 am to 2 pm.

INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS!

MISTLETOE MARKET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 10 AM - 2 PM

WE HAVE EXCITING PRODUCTS FOR SALE FROM OUR VENDORS - JAMS AND PRESERVES, WINES, TEXTILES, POTTERY, STAINED GLASS, STAMP TABLE, VINTAGE ITEMS AND MORE! COME BY AND GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON AND BE SERENADED BY LIVE MUSIC AND INDULGE IN DELICIOUS TREATS. BRING CASH.
SEE YOU THERE!



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

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, 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