



FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements
Second Sunday of Advent – December 14, 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.

Reading Augustine's *Confessions* in Epiphany

When Saint Augustine wrote his *Confessions* he was facing and responding to a growing spread of asceticism in the Roman world. His task was twofold: to explain to himself the significance of his conversion to Christianity, and to do so in terms that would convince his readers that this was indeed the one, true faith. In his attempt to achieve these aims, Augustine produced a masterpiece of intellectual biography with an emotional intensity that makes his *Confessions* one of the great works of Christian spiritual writing.

In January we will be studying the *Confessions*. We will meet to discuss its content and look forward to two lectures by Father Walter Hannam who teaches at St Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Father Walter is the Rector of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church on Dundas Street in Regent Park.

Dates: January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 2026

- 6 pm - Supper
- 7 to 8.30 pm - Discussion and Compline

For more information please speak with Fr Geoff.

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.

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/>

Hymn Notes: Hark! The Glad Sound (CP # 98)

This Advent hymn, based on Luke 4:18-19, was written in 1738 by Philip Doddridge (1702-51). The son of a London merchant, he was influenced by the Presbyterian divine Samuel Clark. Though the Duchess of Bedford offered to support him at Cambridge, Doddridge chose to enter the non-conforming academy at Kibworth (1719). In 1729, he became pastor of the independent congregation at Northampton and was asked to conduct the non-conforming academy at Market Harborough. An indefatigable worker, his health failed; and he was sent by the congregation to Lisbon to recover (1751). He died there soon after. Doddridge was a good friend of Isaac Watts. His nearly 400 hymns were published in 1755. His *Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul* (1745) was the most important Puritan devotional classic of the 18th century. It influenced such notable men as Wilberforce and Simcoe.

RIHMOND was composed by Thomas Haweis (1734-1820) and published in his *Carmina Christo* (1792). He attended Oxford and was ordained in 1757. In 1764, he became rector of Aldwinkle, Northamptonshire. From 1768, he was chaplain to the Countess of Huntingdon and manager of the college she established in Wales. Haweis was a friend of John Newton. The tune was adapted by Samuel Webbe and published in his *Psalmody* (1853). There the tune was named Richmond in honour of Webbe's friend Leigh Richmond, rector of Turvey.

Submitted by Diane Way

SPSS SERVICES AND EVENTS

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 CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

5 PM, FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE WITH CAROLS

10 PM, FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 AM, SUNG EUCHARIST

SCAN and DONATE

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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