



FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements

February 1, 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.

On Sunday, January 18th the Wardens announced that the Bishop of Toronto, the Right Reverend Andrew Asbil has appointed the Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine Sub Dean and Vicar of St James' Cathedral, starting May 11th. Fr Geoff has served SPSS since August 2016. He says "it has been a wonderful, often challenging and grace-filled ten years and in many ways, it has prepared me for this next step in ministry which is a huge honour".

Fr Geoff's final Sunday is April 26th. In the meantime, the Wardens are working with Bishop Kevin Robertson on next steps for the parish. We congratulate Geoff on this appointment and look forward to seeing him in his new role at our Cathedral Church.

Bishop's Visit

The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson will make a visit to SPSS on Sunday, April 12th, the Second Sunday of Easter. He will be the Preacher and Celebrant that day. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Kevin back to SPSS.

Vestry Meeting | Sunday, March 8th at 12.00 noon. Vestry reports must be forwarded to office@stpeterstsimon by Tuesday February 17th.

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, February 3, 10, 17 2026

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

For more information please speak with Fr Geoff.

Food Bank Donations | St. Bart's Food Bank is very active for those in the Regent Park area. Thanks to all who have been contributing. Please keep this Food Bank on your shopping list. The SPSS donation box is in the sitting room or at the back of the church for Food Bank Donations every Sunday. Canned and packaged foods are needed, as well as baby food and hygiene products.

2026 Altar flowers | Here is a note for the Fridge Note - A New Year begins and there is a need for Altar flowers in 2026. A chart will be put up at the entrance to the Church and you can pick your date. Now we are looking for flowers for February 1, 8 and 15. Note - Ash Wednesday is February 18 and there are no altar flowers during Lent.

If you wish to donate please contact Sheila (416-921-2593) or Joy (416-423-7042).

A Special Thanks to Daiv | This past week we had record-breaking snowfall in Toronto. Our snow removal contract only deals with snow from the parking lot. Daiv tirelessly spent several hours on Monday clearing the paths around the church and steps so that it is safe for our parishioners and those walking around the church. We would also like to thank Gary T. who assisted with the snow removal.

Daiv will be taking a well deserved vacation the month of February and Ian will be covering during this time.

Hymn Notes: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (CP # 385)

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-75) was born in Derry and educated at Trinity College, Dublin. He was ordained in 1834 and served as chaplain to the Bishop of Connor. He then moved to England and served at Egham in Surrey (1853-70) and then as rector of St. Nicholas, Guildford. He was killed when he fell off the church roof during repairs. Monsell believed that hymns should be fervent and joyous. He wrote about 300 hymns and published 11 books of poetry. This hymn, published in 1863, emphasizes the gifts we are to lay before God. It is thought of as an Epiphany hymn but is used throughout the church year. The first line is from Psalm 29:2.

UTTINGEN was first published in Reinhardt's *Choral Buch* (Uttingen, 1759) to accompany the German hymn "Was lebet." The tune was first used to accompany Monsell's poem in *The English Hymnal* (1906).

Submitted by Diane Way

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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 Haudenosaunee, 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