



## ***FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements***

**February 15, 2026**

***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.***

**Taking care of each other** | We remind parishioners to stay at home and seek primary care if you are not well with symptoms such as a sore throat, cough, fever, diarrhea or an unexplained rash. It is also important to check with your primary care provider on a regular basis to be sure that you are up-to-date on all your vaccinations. If you must be in public space when you are sick with respiratory symptoms, the use of a mask can prevent spreading illness to others.

**Pancake Supper, Shrove Tuesday** | February 17th, from 5 to 7pm. There will be music, Isaak Bonk and his band will be playing. Suggested donation, \$10.

**Ash Wednesday Services** | February 18th at 11am and 7pm

**Black History Month** | Each year we celebrate the many contributions of our Black parishioners here at The Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the- Apostle. This year our focus is on their heritage. On Sunday, February 22, our own Sileen Phillips will preach. There will be a special coffee hour with a poster display after the 10:30am service. We hope you will join us.

**World Day of Prayer** | Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm. The service is at Rosedale Presbyterian Church, 129 Mount Pleasant Road. The front door is on South Drive with street parking. This year the people of Nigeria are celebrating. They have chosen the theme from Matthew 11:28-30, " I will give you rest: Come. There will be a light lunch after. Please join us in prayer for Nigeria.

**Vestry Meeting** | Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 noon. Vestry reports are due in the office by Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, email them to [office@stpeterstsimon.ca](mailto:office@stpeterstsimon.ca).

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

## Bishop's Visit

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

**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.

## Stewardship Committee Update

Members are: Fr Geoffrey, Moveta Nanton, Paul Mitchell, Ted Robinson, David Carrington, David Rounthwaite, John Pugsley, Mervin Fick and Gary Toneguzzo

Please feel free to reach out to any of them with your fund-raising ideas before our next stewardship committee meeting.

Bottle return update: In addition to your liquor and wine bottle, we will also accept beer bottles and beer cans. All are refundable at the Beer Store. The bins to collect them are in the parish hall. This first week has brought in \$5.10. Thank you!

Remember: Every Little Helps!

Thank you as well to all who increased their monthly donations in response to the November request from the wardens. The result is:

10	Increased in Pre-Authorized Givings	\$ 940.00
5	Increased in Envelope Subscribers	86.00
1	Increased in Canada Helps	48.00
<b>Total Increase</b>		<b>\$1,074.00</b>

## 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.

Dates: February 3, 10, 24, 2026

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

For more information please speak with Fr Geoff.

**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. 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).

**Church Telephone Line Outage** | The telephone lines are temporarily out of order due to an equipment failure. While we have this issue resolved we are not able to make calls out. Although voicemails are still being received, we ask that you please connect with the church by email, [office@stpeterstsimon.ca](mailto:office@stpeterstsimon.ca).

### **Hymn Notes: Note for Praise to the Holiest in the Height (CP #372)**

Saddened by the death of a friend, John Henry Newman wrote his long poem *The Dream of Gerontius* (1865). This hymn is an excerpt from that poem. The hymn is a meditation upon the death of Jesus, but it begins and ends with praise to God. It was a favourite of William Gladstone and was sung at his funeral. .

Born in London, John Henry Newman (1801-90) was ordained in the Church of England (1824) and served as vicar of St. Mary's, Oxford (1828-43). While at Oxford, he was one of the proponents of the Oxford Movement. He defended the apostolic succession and the integrity of the Prayer Book. Disillusioned with the Anglican Church, he joined the Church of Rome. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1846 and was created a cardinal in 1879. He was canonized in 2019.

The tune *Gerontius* was written by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76), an Anglican clergyman. He wrote the tune to accompany Newman's words for the Appendix to *Hymns Ancient & Modern* (1868). Dykes was a high churchman, which led him into conflict with the Bishop of Durham. The dispute ended in a case before the Court of Queen's Bench. Dykes lost and became embittered and broken. He resigned his church position and died in poverty. Dykes wrote more than 300 hymn tunes, eight of which are contained in our present hymnal.

The **Oxford Movement** was a 19<sup>th</sup> century revival in the Church of England that sought to recall the heritage of the apostolic order and the doctrines of the early church fathers. Its appeal to the ancient church sparked a revival of interest in ancient liturgical hymns. Many scholars were thus encouraged to translate these hymns into English.

*Submitted by Diane Way*

### **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. Alternatively, you can forward an e-transfer to [office@stpeterstsimon.ca](mailto:office@stpeterstsimon.ca) and a receipt will be mailed out at the beginning of the following year. Be sure to include your mailing address in the memo field. Forwarding an e-transfer directly to the church will save on the administration fee charged by Canada Helps.





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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<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

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