



FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements

February 8, 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.

Next Sunday, February 15 – The Last Sunday after Epiphany | We will welcome guest preacher, Dr Ian Story, retired Professor of Classics, Trent University.

Pancake Supper, Shrove Tuesday | February 17th, from 5 to 7pm. Cost \$10.

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.

Vestry Meeting | Sunday, March 8th at 12.00 noon. Vestry reports are due in the office by Tuesday February 17th, email them to office@stpeterstsimon.

Bishop’s Visit

The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson will make a visit to SPSS on Sunday, April 12th, the Second Sunay 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 on 14th February 2026.

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
Total Increase		\$1,074.00

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. Now we are looking for flowers for February 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).

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.

Hymn Notes: 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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<https://stpeterstsimon.ca/>

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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