



FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements **March 1, 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.

World Day of Prayer | Saturday, March 7th, 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.

Reminder regarding Daylight Savings | Daylight Saving begins on Sunday March 8th. Be sure to set your clocks one hour ahead.

Vestry Meeting | Sunday, March 8th at 12.00 noon. There are limited copies of the vestry report for your review at the back of the church. A copy is also posted on the SPSS website at, <https://stpeterstsimon.ca/whenweworship/sunday-bulletins-2/>. You may also request a copy by emailing Jessy at 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 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. This is the same day we will have a celebration for Fr. Geoff's ministry with us.

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 began studying the *Confessions*. We met to discuss its content and look had two lectures by Father Walter Hannam who teaches at St Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. For more information please speak with Fr Geoff.

Last session on March 3rd, 2026

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

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 | Thank you to everyone who has brought in their empty wine/liquor/beer bottles and beer cans. The total deposit refund for the last two weeks was \$13.10 bringing the year-to-date total to \$35.20. Remember: Every little helps! If anyone has any ideas to help the parish raise money, please bring them to the attention of one of the Stewardship Committee members.

Church internet and email issue | There seems to be intermittent issues with the internet availability at the church and also with the email server. This is causing delays in receiving emails. Thank you for your patience while we work to sort out this issue.

Hymn Notes: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (CP # 565)

William Williams (1716-91), who wrote this hymn in 1745, was an Anglican deacon who left to become an itinerant preacher in the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Connexion. He travelled more than 3000 miles a year for 50 years and wrote more than 400 hymns in Welsh. Peter Williams (1722-96) – no relation - translated this hymn into English in 1771. Though ordained in the Church of England, Peter joined the Calvinistic Methodists and later built his own chapel in Carmarthen. He was famous as an eloquent preacher and published a Welsh Bible (1867-70). This hymn alludes to the journey of the Israelites from the Red Sea to Canaan. The most popular Welsh hymn, it has been translated into 75 languages.

John Hughes (1873-1932) was a life-long resident of Glamorganshire. A deacon in the Salem Baptist Chapel, he composed many tunes and anthems. He composed Cwm Rhondda (Rhondda Valley) in 1905 for a Baptist singing festival in Pontypridd.

Submitted by Diane Way

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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.

Alternatively, you can forward an e-transfer to 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. 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