



FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements **March 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.

Vestry Meeting | Today, 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/>.

Augustine's Confessions

The final session will be held on Tuesday March 24th. We will focus on Book IX.
6 pm Dinner, 7pm Study and Compline.

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.

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

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.

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 | Update from Stewardship Committee

Thank you to everyone who has brought in their empty wine/liquor/beer bottles and beer cans. This week we returned \$9.20 bringing the year-to-date total to \$44.40. Remember: Every little helps!

The Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner raised \$390.00. Thank you to all those who organised, cooked, served and cleaned up, as well as to all those who came out and enjoyed this annual social evening.

March Mulch Money Makes our Gardens Magnificent

After every service in March, we will be collecting money for much-needed mulch for the beautiful flowerbeds and gardens around our church the gardening group maintains. Look for the flowerpot at this Sunday's Vestry meeting and feel free to donate your loose coins and bills to this endeavour. If your donation can cover the cost of a bag, about \$6.00 each, that's a great help!

If anyone has any ideas to help the parish raise money, please bring them to the attention of one of the Stewardship Committee members.

Hymn Notes: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (CP # 388)*

Based upon Isaiah 33:20-21, this hymn by John Newton was first published in *Olney Hymns* (1779). Newton (1725-1807) was born in London. He served in the British navy and then became master of a slave trader. Influenced by *Imitation of Christ* by Thomas a Kempis and by the Wesleys, Newton abandoned the slave trade. He studied Hebrew and Greek and was ordained in 1764. While he was the curate of Olney, he (along with his friend

William Cowper) published the influential *Olney Hymns*. Newton moved to London in 1780 and built up a large congregation at St. Mary's, Woolwich. The Austrian chancellor desired the empire to have a national hymn to rival Britain's. He commissioned Lorenz Hauschka to write one. Franz Joseph Haydn composed AUSTRIA to accompany the hymn. It was first performed on February 12, 1797, to celebrate the birthday of Emperor Franz II. Haydn later used the tune in his "Kaiser" string quartet. Haydn took his tune from a Croatian folk song. "In the morning I get up early." AUSTRIA was used as a hymn tune in England and America as early as 1802.
Submitted by Diane Way

Holy Week and Easter Services in March

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

9.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Reading and Sung Eucharist

March 30 & 31 - Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week

7.00 pm Holy Eucharist & Way of the Cross

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.

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