



St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle

Announcements

January 22, 2017

Welcome to St Peter & St Simon: If you are a newcomer, visiting for the first time or a parishioner we are glad you are with us and look forward to meeting you after the liturgy.

Coffee hour takes place after the 10:30 am service - please join us; and if you would like more information about our parish life please speak with our priest or one of the greeters. You can also fill out the information form in the pew and give it to a sides-person, or put it on the offering plate.

We appreciate your givings and remind you that in order to receive a tax receipt your envelope number or name & address should accompany all donations. Also, please do not leave your valuables unattended.

Pastoral Care is available for the home-bound parishioners, those in hospital and for other spiritual needs. Please contact the office if you or someone you know who would like a visit from one of our Lay Pastoral Visitors or Father Geoffrey.

In your prayers this week, please remember . . .

Anglican Cycle: Lake Rukwa - (Tanzania)

Diocesan Cycle: Canadian Council of Churches. Colin, Archbishop. Kevin, Area Bishop.

Outreach and Advocacy Cycle: Christ Church, Stouffville, its Deacon Al Fund, providing assistance to people in need, support of the Yellow Brick House, Porter Place, Stouffville Food Bank, York Region Children's Aid, and Community Care Access Centre; and for Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa, its support of the Gate 3:16 drop-in centre, Luke's Place, Simcoe Hall Settlement House food bank, Cornerstone men's hostel, St. Vincent's Kitchen, Mary Street School snack program, and the Pikangikum Water Project.

Parish Prayer Cycle: Richard and Eleanore Carson, Cintra Cassidy, Glenna Charles, Paula Charles

Pancake Lunch – March 5th

More details to follow.

Spring Sale – May 13th

More details to follow. Two people required to convene and volunteers to help run.

From Fr Geoffrey...

Today we are pleased to welcome back The Reverend Beverley Williams as our Celebrant. We also welcome The Reverend Wes Denyer from Rosedale Presbyterian Church. Geoff is preaching at St. Andrews United this is an observant of The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Geoffrey+

Spiritual Development & Education

A Light to Lighten the Gentiles: The Apostle Paul and His Work

Join us for three morning sessions in Epiphany as we learn more about the New Testament, Paul the Apostle and the Epistle to the Philippians.

- Saturday, January 28th – *An Introduction to Paul*
- Saturday, February 4th – *The Structure of Paul's Letters* with a focus on the Epistle to Philippians in particular.

Led by the Reverend Dr John Hurd, Retired New Testament Professor and Pauline Scholar (Trinity College, Toronto). All are welcome.

9:30 am: Morning Prayer/10:00 am: Seminar/12:00 noon: A Light Lunch will be served.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the binder at the back of the Church to give us an idea of numbers. We look forward to seeing you at these sessions.

Our Facebook & YouTube Page

St Peter & St Simon's now has a very active and interesting YouTube and Facebook page, maintained by Brooke Sales-Lee. It's a great way to keep up with activities and ideas between one Sunday and the next. St Peter and St Simon's has a 20s/30s group! Our first meeting will be at The House on Parliament on Monday, January 30 at 7:00 PM. Pop down the street a short way from SPSS for drinks, munchies, and conversation. In this first meeting of the year, we will come up with ideas for future events and get a sense of where interests lay for the under-40 crowd at SPSS and around the diocese. The Opportunities Committee will meet at 7:30 Wednesday, January 25. This is a great and easy way to get more involved and see what's coming up. Have an idea for a great opportunity? See room for improvement? Come to the meeting! Did you know you don't need to have a Facebook account to view the church's facebook page and events? The page, its photos, and events are all publicly available and can be found at [facebook.com/ stpeterstsimons](https://facebook.com/stpeterstsimons)

Comments? Questions? We now have a suggestion box at the back of the church! Leave us your thoughts for consideration, and help make SPSS a reflection of its people.

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER & ST SIMON

Today: Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Services at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Wednesday, January 25: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

11 am – Holy Eucharist with Anointing for Healing (in the Chapel)

Saturday, January 28: 9:30 am *An Introduction to Paul*

5 pm dinner Saturday Night at the Movies

6 pm film Saturday Night at the Movies

Sunday, January 29: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am Holy Eucharist celebrated from *The Book of Common Prayer* (in the chapel)

10:30 am Holy Eucharist (Traditional)

Tuesday January 31: Candlelight Evening Prayer Service 6 pm

Saturday, February 4: *The Structure of Paul's Letters with a focus on the Epistle to Philippians in particular.*

Sunday, February 5: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Last Tuesday of the Month: Candlelight Evening Prayer Service 6 pm

Altar Flowers

Please speak with Barbara Towe (905) 294-7588 or see her in the parish hall to confirm flower dedications through to June 2017. There are many dates still available and your participation is very much appreciated. Each week parishioners are invited to place memorial/thanksgiving flowers on the altar. Many Thanks, Barbara.

New Parish Newsletter

We are planning to publish a new parish newsletter with the first issue planned for Lent/Easter 2017. Peggy Needham has agreed to be the Editor to gather articles, etc., but we also need someone to assist her to oversee the production. If you would like to assist with this project please speak with Peggy or Fr Geoffrey. We are also looking for a new name for the newsletter and welcome suggestions.

Name Tags are available in the lobby of the Church. Please wear yours.

Announcement Submission Deadline

Wednesdays Noon

Please email office@stsimons.ca to submit announcements.

Refugee Sponsorship

Refugee Resettlement Project: Mohammed Al-Bayati, the 28 year old Iraqi whom we sponsored last year, has now been with us for nearly five months. He is continuing to improve his English language skills by attending classes several times a week. He has recently been hired by Loblaws and started regular work shifts during the holidays. Thanks to Laurie Sanderson and Barb Alexander for helping him find this job. Mohammed hopes eventually to be able to use his engineering background in Canada and become licensed as an engineer here. In late November 2016 we met with Mohammed and Ian McBride, Director of AURA, to look into the possibility of sponsoring his father, mother and sister and bringing them to Canada. As is often the case, we anticipate that the process will take quite some time. In late January we plan to meet with AURA officials to begin the process. Please pray for Mohammed and his family, that they may be reunited here in Canada. The Committee will keep the Parish up to date on developments as they occur.

A Note from the Treasurer

Now that we are settling into our joint home, we are working on merging the administration, the banking and the tax filings. One thing we cannot merge just yet is tax receipts and charitable organizations. We have reached to the Canada Revenue Agency to advise them, and they have advised that they will approve a merged tax number as soon as they can for the Parish of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle. That is unlikely before the new year.

For this reason, we ask that all parishioners now make their regular donations only to the 'Parish of St Simon'. Envelopes for this purpose will be available from the envelope secretary in the narthex. That means parishioners from St Peter will get two charitable receipts in January, one from St Peter (for ten months) and one from St. Simon's (for two months). Then on January 1, 2017, for tax reasons, we will change for tax purposes to the Parish of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle, with a single CRA charitable organization number at that time. You can therefore expect to receive tax receipts in the name of the legacy parishes for 2016 and from the combined parish for 2017. Please do reach out to the wardens, or to me, with any questions. Johan van 't Hof

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Services 1st Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

2nd Sunday – Choral Matins

3rd Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Traditional)

4th Sunday – Choral Eucharist (Contemporary)

Sunday Evensong – As Announced

Last Tuesday of the Month – Candlelight Evening Prayer

8:30 am Service

1st - 5th Sunday (Traditional)

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