

The Roman Catholic

## Parish of St. Timothy

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### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass Times:** Tues/Wed/Thurs at 9:15 am

**Office Hours:** Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(closed for lunch 12 noon - 1:00 pm)



Where do you get  
that living water? John 4.11

Though we are in Liturgical Year B, we will hear readings from Year A for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays during Lent due to our catechumen preparing to enter the Church at Easter.

**Baptisms:** Please call the parish at 204-949-3760 three months in advance.

**Weddings:** The Archdiocese of St. Boniface requires at least six months notice prior to the wedding. Please call the parish office at 204-949-3760.

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession):** Please call Fr. Chrys at 204-257-3723.

**Bulletin:** Please submit church related announcements to Grace in the office (bulletin@st-timothy.ca) by Tuesday morning in order to be included in the upcoming bulletin.



*Our vision is to be a life-giving community committed to welcome, to worship, to grow, and to serve.*

March 4, 2018

## THIRD Sunday of LENT

*St. Timothy is a contemporary Roman Catholic parish called to "fan into flame the gifts God has given us" (2 Tim 1.6-7) so together ALL encounter and share the Living Christ.*

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or email ssvpwinnipeg@gmail.com

## Celebrations of the Eucharist for March 3 - 11, 2018

Sat., March 3	4:00 pm	† Normand Labossière from Laurette Labossière
Sunday, March 4	9:00 am	Special Intention from Germana Resendes
	11:00 am	† Ed Yagilashek from the St Timothy Knights of Columbus
Tues., March 6	9:15 am	For the works of SSVP
Wed., March 7	9:15 am	Needs & intentions of all parishioners
Thurs., March 8	9:15 am	† Marie Savoie & Janet Daman from the Daman family
Sat., March 10	4:00 pm	In thanksgiving from Leo & Rosemary Rowan
Sunday, March 11	9:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners
	11:00 am	Special Intention from Fred & Eva Peloquin

Join us for  
**Stations of the Cross Fridays**   
 during Lent  
 March 2, 9, 16, 23  
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### Confession in Lent

We will have several priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Wednesday, March 21 beginning at 7:00 pm in the church.

### Third Sunday of LENT

*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

If someone offends you and apologizes, you are probably willing to forgive. But if someone offends you and never apologizes, you might withhold forgiveness.

You might do a favor for someone you love, or even for a complete stranger. But if someone has offended you and never apologized for it, you probably will not do a favor for that person. Offenders might think the wrong they've done wasn't so bad after all. You wouldn't want to take that risk.

You wouldn't take that risk, but God would. God did. God did all of us a favor. God sent the only-begotten Son into the world to suffer and die so that we could have eternal life. God did this not for those who committed the least sin, not for those who fasted, not for those with the most service hours, and not for those who made the best grades. God did it for everyone. God even did it for sinners.

St. Paul tells the Romans that Christ died for the ungodly. "Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die."

How different God is from us. We would not give the time of day to people we know are sinners. Jesus gave his life for them. Jesus gave his life for you, no matter what you've done or how well you've apologized. God's love lies beyond human experience.

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### We Welcome these children through the waters of Baptism

**Esmé Michaela Dawn Hastings** daughter of Darcy & Jennifer on Saturday, February 24, 2018

**Jesse Enoabasi Tunji-Johnson** son of Tunji & Adeline on Sunday, February 25, 2018

**Anaya Marie Florence McQuaid** daughter of Jordan & Sarah on Sunday, February 25, 2018



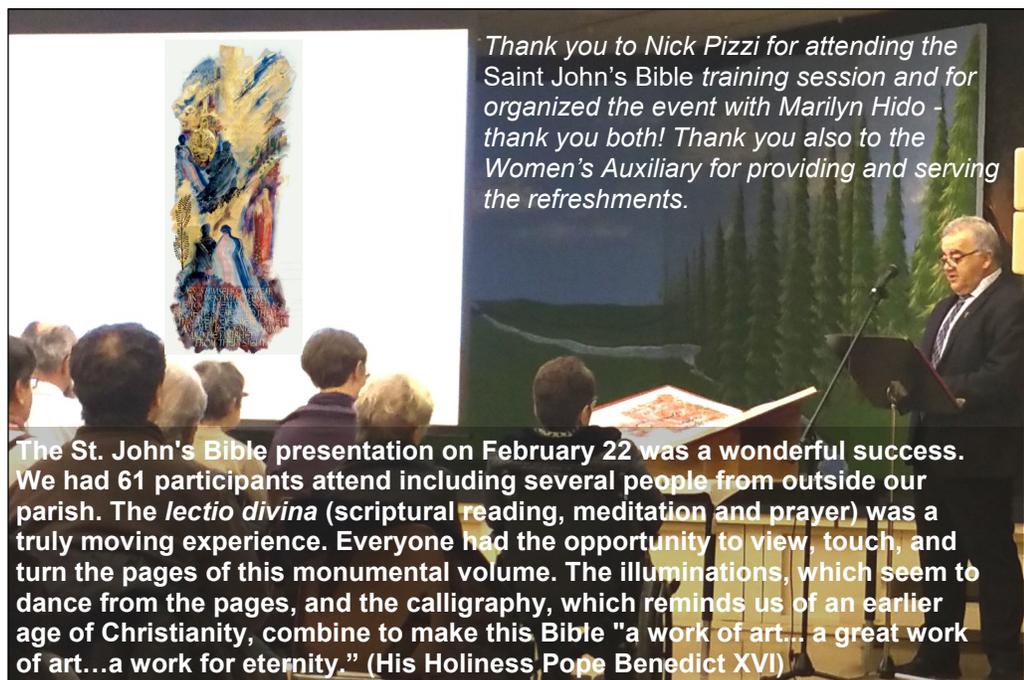
### The Soup Kitchen Last Weekend was a Huge Success!

Heartfelt thanks for the wonderful response and support from our parish community. Thank you for providing all the food, the clothing and the toiletries. The Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre was so very grateful also for your generous monetary donations. Many poor families and homeless people shared the hearty and healthy meal which was so gratefully received.

The Soup Kitchen coordinators were overwhelmed with the generosity of the people from our parish. A big thank you to all who helped in receiving, packing and loading the food. A special thanks to the great team who came out to transport, prepare and serve the meal. All agreed that it was a marvellous experience to be of service to those less fortunate people. Thank you to everyone!

*From the St. Timothy Women's Auxiliary*

*\* A special THANK YOU to Irene Paradis, who once again, coordinated the event!\**



*Thank you to Nick Pizzi for attending the Saint John's Bible training session and for organized the event with Marilyn Hido - thank you both! Thank you also to the Women's Auxiliary for providing and serving the refreshments.*

The St. John's Bible presentation on February 22 was a wonderful success. We had 61 participants attend including several people from outside our parish. The *lectio divina* (scriptural reading, meditation and prayer) was a truly moving experience. Everyone had the opportunity to view, touch, and turn the pages of this monumental volume. The illuminations, which seem to dance from the pages, and the calligraphy, which reminds us of an earlier age of Christianity, combine to make this Bible "a work of art... a great work of art...a work for eternity." (His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI)

## Scrutiny

Tell people they will face a scrutiny before they can join your community, and they will probably say, "Thanks, but no thanks." Boldly, our church expects not one but three scrutinies of the elect before their baptism at Easter (on the 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent).

Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance. When people from another spiritual background seek baptism in the Catholic church, they do so by stages. First we accept them into the order of catechumens. Then as they complete their catechetical formation we enroll them among the "elect," or those chosen for baptism. This rite of election generally coincides with the beginning of Lent. Three times during Lent the church prays the scrutinies to encourage a spirit of repentance among those who seek a worthy celebration of baptism.

Although scrutinies have returned fairly recently to Catholic parishes, they originated early in church history. St. Ambrose and St. Augustine celebrated them in the fourth and fifth century to mark the spiritual progress of the catechumens. The moral preparation of catechumens included prayers of exorcism to drive out the spirit of evil which kept them from embracing Christ as their light. In the scrutinies the church discerned if those exorcisms had achieved their effect. Catechumens entered the church, stood barefoot on goatskin and renounced evil influences all night. Those unworthy of baptism had to wait another year for Easter to roll around again.

Today's scrutinies seem less intense. They still include an exorcism, in which the priest or deacon prays that the spirit of evil may be replaced by the spirit of good. Their purpose is not so much to examine the candidates' mental readiness but their spiritual readiness. Scrutinies offer the catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of baptism worthily.

For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter we renew our baptismal promises as we see the catechumens baptized. So during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the elect scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.

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### What Do the Readings Say?

Just as the scrutinies themselves are meant to be a series of rites spanning over an extended period of time, so too are these three Gospel readings meant to be "digested" little by little with time in between each set of readings. This is because the readings in their assigned sequence reflect the very purpose of the Scrutiny Rites. That is, little by little, these readings with their prescribed rites uncover what is weak and sinful and strengthen what is good and upright in the elect. Through them, "the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered..." (RCIA, 143).

In the story of the woman at the well, the Samaritan woman hears Jesus then goes and tells the villagers what she has heard, causing them to seek him out for themselves. The reading ends with the villagers saying to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world" (John 4:42). Was this not the starting point of every elect? They heard a word, a word that they discovered over time to be Christ. Upon discovering who was speaking to them, they no longer believed because of hearsay, obligation, or pressure, but because they heard Christ's voice for themselves.

## Coming Up at a glance

**Fridays**  
**March 2/9/16/23**

*Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm*

**Sundays**  
**March 4/11/18**

*Alpha 5 - 7 pm  
Parish Hall*

**Mon., Mar. 5 & 19**

*SSVP - 7:30 pm  
Library  
ALL WELCOME!*

**Tuesday, March 6**

*Triduum Liturgy  
meeting 6:30 pm*

*Knights of  
Columbus  
8:00 pm - Library*

**Tuesday, March 13**

*Women's Auxiliary  
1:30 pm - library*

**Tues/Wed/Thurs**  
**March 20/21/22**

*Last Catechism  
classes*

**Wed., March 21**

*Lenten Sacrament  
of Reconciliation  
(Confession)  
7:00 pm*

## It's time to register for Catechism & Sacraments for the Fall of 2018!

Those families who have children that are new to the catechism program at St. Tim's, please contact our Coordinator of Religious Education, Michelle Coyne for information about registration (see below for contact info). Here are a few important facts you need to know about our program!

- Our catechism program offers classes for children from Kindergarten to Grade 5.
- The program runs weekly from October to April.
- Classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.
- Children in Grade 2 + are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of First Penance (Confession/Reconciliation).
- Children in Grade 3 + are invited to prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist (First Communion).
- Confirmation preparation is open to children in Grade 6 or older.
- Registration deadline is June 13, 2018.
- Please pick up a brochure by the parish office for more details.

If you would like to know more, please contact Michelle Coyne at 204-949-3764 or [michelle@st-timothy.ca](mailto:michelle@st-timothy.ca).

Registration packages were handed out last week at Catechism. If you didn't receive your registration package, you'll find yours in alphabetical order on the table along the parish hall in the narthex.

## Sunday Collection

Date	Amount
February 25/18	\$5,509.25
Children's Collection for SSVP:	\$ 40.00

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### 3rd Sunday of Lent - March 4, 2018

In today's Gospel the Samaritan woman experiences a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Stewardship likewise is life-changing and this way of life, "always starts with a personal experience with the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts." (Bishop Sylvester D. Ryan) With Christ at the center of our lives we experience a deeper falling in love with God. We become acutely aware of God's many gifts and our call to steward our gifts in a manner that gives witness to that love. Our example can draw many others to know Christ, just as the Samaritan woman's witness did.

### We are looking for the following items for NEWCOMER FAMILIES

\*\* A gently-used chest of drawers and a vacuum cleaner... please call Theresa Prystupa at 204-256-9608.

\*\* Two night tables and a dinette table with 4 chairs... please call or text Lynne Guertin at 204-795-9366

### PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE BOOKS & VIDEOS

If you have borrowed books or videos from our parish library, please return any books that you've had more than three weeks and return videos that you've had more than one week so that others may borrow them too. Thank you!

### Habitat for Humanity St. Vital Interfaith Festival

An evening of food, music and friendship in support of the 2018 St. Vital Interfaith Habitat Project.

Friday, March 23 at 7:00 pm

St. Vital EMC Church 2005 St. Mary's Road

Tickets; \$10.00 (Children 12 and under free)

Tickets available for purchase from Phil Landry before each mass next week. Donations of ethnic or non-ethnic food would be appreciated. Eg. finger food, baked goods, fruit and vegetable tray, small sandwiches or dessert which you can bring that evening or contact Phil Landry at [pdjlandry@hotmail.com](mailto:pdjlandry@hotmail.com) or 204-230-4050.



### Evangelization Summit:

Live Streaming to Winnipeg

Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28, 2018

St. Bernadette Parish - 820 Cottonwood Rd

This two-day conference will bring together speakers, who are leaders in the New Evangelization, to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. \$40/ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets: [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

### WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP: [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

One way to sacrifice in Lent is to take stock of what you have but do not need. What can you give up so that others may benefit? Start with your own closet and see if it catches on in your family.

Our Alpha guests were once again very engaged in discussing last Sunday's topic of *Why and How should I read the Bible?*

### Next ALPHA Topic:

## Does God heal today?



This Sunday will be Week 8, and our guests continue to enjoy a meal together, fellowship and deep dialogue about their faith and spiritual experiences. We ask our parishioners to remain united with us in prayer.

Sunday, March 4  
5 - 7 pm  
in the Parish Hall

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - Share LENT



Photo: Lagos, Nigeria.

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace

partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development and Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round. You can also register online at [devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround).

### Theology on Tap is back! – Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Johnny G's, 177 McDermott Avenue

Join us for a casual night of fun, fellowship, food and faith at the next Theology on Tap, Tuesday, March 13; Sr. Michelle Garlinski, SNJM, Director of Charism and Mission at St. Mary's Academy, will share about the topic: "Is the Church Still Relevant?" This is a FREE event. Guests may arrive at 7:15 pm to order food and drinks and to fellowship with the young adults present; the talk begins at 8 pm; followed by a time of table discussion.

### Art Exhibitions: St. Timothy's own

Anthony Chiarella: Poetical Movement Within Art and Faye Hall: Seven Whole Days

March 16 - May 5, 2018 Opening: March 16, 7:00 pm  
MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd.,  
south campus of Canadian Mennonite University

Artists' Talk: Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm

Visualizing Christianity: Mennonite & Catholic Art in a Secular Age. Anthony Chiarella and Ray Dirks discuss how they speak their faith, "making Christ known," through their art from Catholic and Mennonite perspectives.