

What's Happening

at St. Timothy's



Friday, December 13th, 2024

**SERVICE
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday,
December 15th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Advent

Monday,
December 16th to
Friday, December
20th

9:30am

Daily Morning Prayer
(Online)

Wednesday,
December 18th

11:30am

Mid-Week Eucharist
Blue Christmas Service

Thursday,
December 19th

7:30pm

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday,
December 22nd

10:00am

Intergenerational Service
and Pageant
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday,
December 15th

8:30am
Adult Christian Education

Tuesday,
December 17th

10:00am – 12:30pm
ESL Group

2:00 – 3:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Wednesday,
December 18th

10:00am
Contemplative Art

12:00nn
St. Andrew's Group
Meeting (**online only**)

2:00 – 3:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Thursday,
December 19th

12:00nn
Looking for Hope Group
Meeting

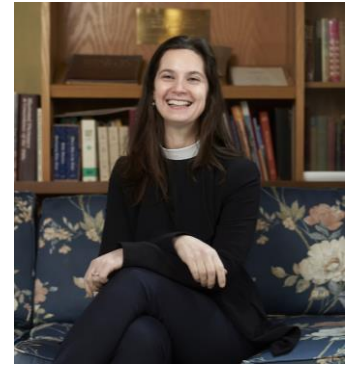
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Open Church Drop-In Hour





From the Incumbent

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at the church, and likely in your homes as well, with decorations up, shopping and to-do lists being checked off, and schedules filled to the brim. Holidays can pose many pressures and challenges, and so to start the season, we will offer a quieter, less celebratory **Blue Christmas service** this coming Wednesday, 11:30am, where we will light candles, reflect on the difficulties and losses of the past year, and pray for our loved ones.



The next special event on the church calendar will be **Carols by Candlelight** this coming Thursday, at 7:30pm.

Next Sunday, December 22nd, the children will perform their Christmas play as part of the 10:00am service, which will follow an intergenerational liturgy, including St. Tim's Mass for All Ages.

On **Christmas Eve**, there will be an afternoon **family service at 4:00pm**, featuring an improvised pageant, and a traditional **evening liturgy at 7:30pm**. The **Christmas morning service** will be a quieter, contemplative experience, with guided meditation instead of the usual homily at 10:00am.

We will take a break from our educational and weekday activities starting December 22, and all programming will resume on January 6.

Irina+

Incumbent



Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

The Chancel Guild of St. Timothy's is inviting donations towards the **Poinsettias** that will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas services this year.



Please complete this form and place it on the collection plate or hand it to the Church Office by

Sunday, December 15th.

E-transfers can be sent to office@sttimothy.ca or cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy with Christmas Flowers in the reference or memo line.

In memory of _____

OR

An offering in thanks _____

Name of Donor _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone No. _____

Donation Amount _____



Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 18th
at 11:30am

A eucharist service of
remembrance, anointing and hope
for those of who are feeling
loneliness, sadness, or pain
this holiday season

AN EVENING OF
READINGS AND CAROLS
LED BY ST. TIMOTHY'S CHOIR

Carols by Candlelight

THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 19TH AT
7:30PM

THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE WITH
A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP WITH
REFRESHMENTS

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Christmas Gift Cards for the Residents of St. George House

Many thanks to the generous parishioners of St. Timothy's!

Thank you so much for signing up to purchase gift cards for the residents of St. George House. All 25 gift cards were signed for. This is a significant gift of \$875.00.

Please bring your gift card to the church office by Sunday, December 15th, so that the gift cards can be delivered to St. George House the following week. Consider also, if you would be interested, along with 2 or 3 fellow parishioners, in providing a dinner for the residents in the new year, There is a sign-up sheet opposite the office. For more information, speak to Rev. Carol or Linda Gilpin.



We are looking for **Coffee Hour Hosts** starting January 12th. No experience necessary.

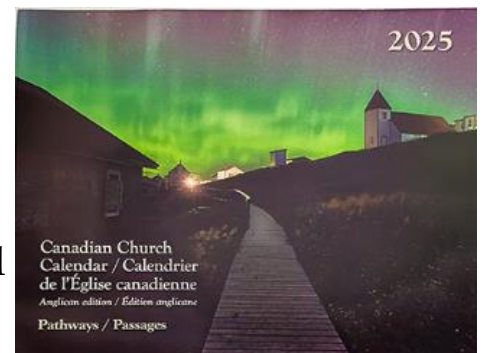
All supplies are provided except for milk and cream.

Please speak to Anne DeGrasse or email your availability. drdegrasse@rogers.com

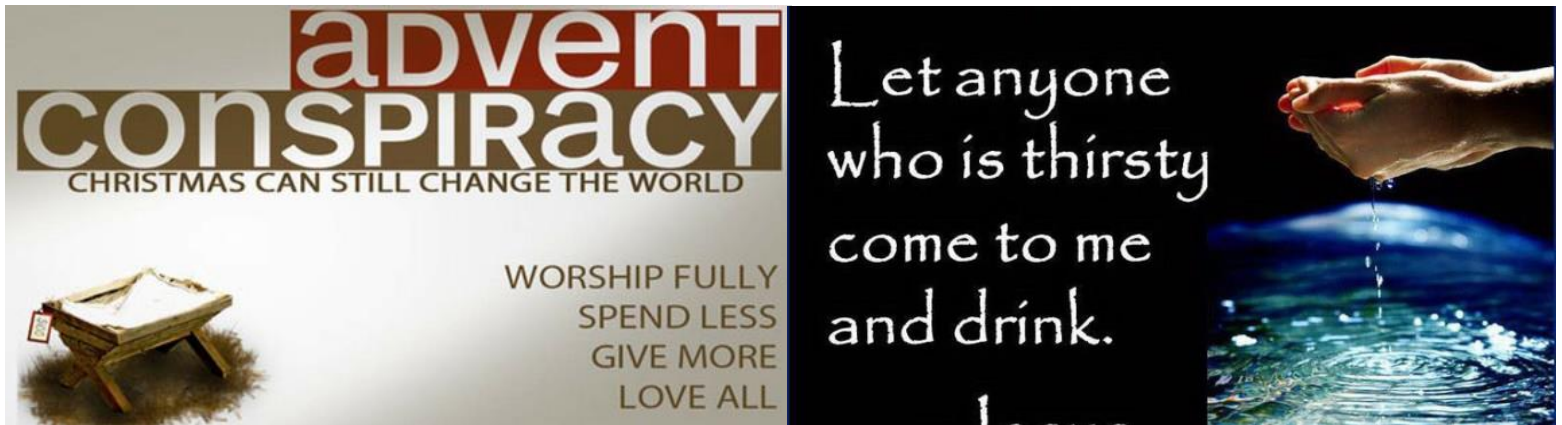
2025 Church Calendars

Since 1906, the Canadian Church Calendar has been a useful and beautiful addition to the walls of homes, and businesses across Canada.

The 2025 calendar is now available at \$7.00 each
Speak to Jane Hutchinson on Sundays at church or call the office during the week to purchase your copy!



2024 Advent Conspiracy



The Mishamikoweesh Water Partnership

World leaders agreed that Access to Clean Water and Sanitation is a central priority in their 2015 Sustainable Development Goals. But many Canadians don't have access to clean running water, and that reality is racialized, predominantly affecting Indigenous people.

For thirteen years, a network of concerned Anglicans (and friends!) have been partnering with First Nation Communities in securing clean, running water in Indigenous homes across Canada. Lack of clean, running water impacts physical and mental health, hygiene and access to education.

Be part of water justice in Canada this Christmas:

- This year, buy one less gift for Christmas.
- Give that money towards a living gift: water!
- Join a national movement to ensure everyone in this richly blessed country of Canada has access to water.

Tell the people you love this year how much they mean to you by saving on the presents and giving instead to "The Water Partnership."
Then tell the story of what this living gift makes possible!

Make your donation by cash or cheque to Church of St. Timothy or by e-transfer to office@sttimothy.ca with **Advent Conspiracy** in the memo line.

Gift cards are available in the narthex or the office. Please contact Ashani to arrange to pick up as many as you need.

Mark your calendars for BREAKAWAY!

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual weekend retreat, taking place once again at Fair Havens Resort from **Friday, January 31 to Sunday, February 2, 2025.**

Registration is now open! Sign up online using the [Breakaway Registration Form](#) or by emailing Joanna Maplazi. The cost from the weekend is being confirmed and will be communicated soon.

This cherished tradition offers parish members a chance to escape city life and enjoy quality time together. If you haven't experienced Breakaway before, we would love you to join us this year! It's a wonderful opportunity to unwind and enjoy the winter season after the busy holidays.

The retreat features:

- Engaging speaker sessions for adults
- Tailored programs for children and youth
- Delicious buffet-style meals (prepared for you!)
- Plenty of recreational activities at Fair Havens, including country skiing and snowshoeing



We are excited to share that our guest speaker will be Bishop Andrew Asbil, who will be attending the weekend along with his wife. Bishop Asbil has been serving as the 12th Bishop of Toronto since January 2019.

For any questions, please contact joannamaplazi@gmail.com.



Donating to the Church

We encourage all of you to continue to give generously in support of the work that continues at St. Tim's. The needs are great.

- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – If you are already on pre-authorized giving you do not need to do anything and we are very grateful for your continued support.

If you would like to shift to pre-authorized giving, even if only in the short term, please contact Jane Hutchinson, at envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca

- Envelopes & Cheques – If you use envelopes, we encourage you to mail those envelopes in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.
100 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, ON, M5M 2E2
Cheques should be made payable to **Church of St. Timothy.**

- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers. To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to office@sttimothy.ca



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