

What's Happening

at St. Timothy's



Friday, January 10th, 2025



Sunday, January
12th

10:00am

Holy Eucharist Service
The Baptism of Our Lord

Monday, January
13th to Friday,
January 17th

9:30am

Daily Morning Prayer
(Online)

Wednesday,
January 15th

11:30am

Mid-Week Eucharist

Sunday, January
19th

10:00am

Holy Eucharist
*The Second Sunday After
Epiphany*



Saturday, January
11th

9:00am
St. Tim's Breakfast Club

Sunday, January
12th

8:30am
Adult Christian Education

Tuesday, January
14th

10:00am – 12:30pm
ESL Group

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

Wednesday,
January 15th

10:00 – 11:00am
Contemplative Art

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

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

Thursday, January
16th

12:00nn – 1:00pm
Looking for Hope Group
Meeting

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

From the Incumbent

This Sunday, we will observe the Baptism of the Lord with a service that will include a baptism.



Our 8:30am **adult education group** resumes this Sunday.

For the next few weeks, we will practice scripture meditation techniques using the weekly assigned texts. As we approach Lent, we will shift our focus to a short book that reviews and explains Lenten prayers and devotional practices. During Lent, we will read a piece of historical fiction that illustrates life in the 1st century and discuss it on Sunday mornings. Additionally, there will be weekly presentations on a weekday evening that are less educational and more community-oriented (details will be shared closer to the time).

The children will have the opportunity to witness the baptism this week and will also begin an exciting sculpting block. Meanwhile, the "Deepening Our Faith" program continues to prepare candidates for Diocesan Confirmations, which will take place on Easter 2, April 27.

If you are considering **Confirmation, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Reception into the Anglican Church**, it's not too late to join!

Attending a total of six sessions at any time between September and March will provide sufficient preparation for the rite. Weekly attendance is not required, and newcomers are warmly welcome to join.

Looking ahead, our annual **Parish Retreat at Fair Havens**, near Beaverton, will take place from January 31 to February 2. This year's invited speaker is Bishop Andrew Asbil, who will explore the theme of "Faith in Times of Uncertainty." Transportation and bursaries are available to assist with logistics and costs if needed. If you haven't already done so, the registration link is available on page 6 or speak to Joanna Maplazi.

For the first time this year, the retreat also includes an at-home component for those staying local. On **Sunday, February 2**, the Rev. Tay Moss will not only preach and preside in my absence but will also present a lecture on artificial intelligence during lunch.

Lastly, we are looking for a coordinator and volunteers to assist with the **pancake supper**, which will take place on Tuesday, March 4. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to one of the wardens or myself.

Irina+

Incumbent

Wardens' Corner

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2024 EXPENSES

Please note that the deadline to submit 2024 expenses is Wednesday, January 15th.

If you haven't already done so and wish to be reimbursed for any expenses you have incurred on behalf of the church in the year 2024, please send in the original receipts with the completed reimbursement form to the church office by the deadline above.

Thanks,

Michael, Janet, Mary and Bruce

St. Tim's Breakfast Club

Saturday, January 11th at 9:00am

Come and enjoy a cooked breakfast on Saturday, January 11th at 9:00am in the Parlour. **Open to all who enjoy breakfast and fellowship.**

Price for Adults is \$10 and for children \$5.

Please let us know you will attend by emailing Sttimsbreakfastclub24@gmail.com so we can know how many to cater for.

This is a volunteer run group and is self funding.



Vestry Reports Due

The deadline for submitting vestry reports is **Friday, January 31st**. Microsoft Word format is preferred to allow for easier editing and arranging. Please send an electronic version of your report to office@sttimothy.ca.

Thank you.



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 of the weekend is \$210 per adult or \$240 for an individual premium room. There is no cost for children.

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.



OUTREACH CORNER

Vestry motion for 2025: Protecting and Expanding Harm Reduction in Ontario

On Aug. 20, 2024, Premier Doug Ford and Health Minister Sylvia Jones announced their decision to close 10 of the 17 safe consumption/overdose prevention sites around Ontario, and to prevent any new sites from opening. On Nov. 18, 2024, the government introduced legislation enabling this decision in the form of Bill 223, the “Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act, 2024.”

This decision will have a devastating impact and lead to thousands of deaths. Every day more than seven Ontarians die because of a fatal overdose. Without supervised consumption sites, the numbers will only grow. Hospitals, front-line workers and a commission appointed by the province all agree that safe consumption sites are a necessary public health service and prevent accidental overdose deaths.

Five of the sites are in our Diocese, within the City of Toronto. The others are in Ottawa, Guelph, Hamilton, Kitchener and Thunder Bay. Several faith leaders around the province, including Bishop Andrew Asbil, have signed [a letter](#) calling on Ford and Jones to reverse their decision.

Our Social Justice Vestry Motion for 2025, “Protecting and Expanding Harm Reduction in Ontario,” calls on the province to reverse its decision on the planned closure of safe consumption sites and to lift the ban on the creation of new sites, in order to expand life-saving harm reduction services to Ontarians.

Read the motion and backgrounder here.

[2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION & BACKGROUNDER \(PDF\)](#)

On Monday, January 13 there is to be a public meeting in support of supervised consumption sites. This public meeting is sponsored by former Toronto mayors David Crombie and John Sewell. See poster on next page.

SITES
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PUBLIC MEETING

In support of supervised consumption sites

Monday January 13 - 7:30 pm Trinity St. Paul's Centre

427 Bloor Street West, one block west of Spadina

Sponsored by former Mayors David Crombie and John Sewell

SitesSaveLives.ca

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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