

What's Happening



at St. Timothy's

Friday, February 21st, 2025

**SERVICE
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, February 23rd	10:00am Holy Eucharist Service <i>Vestry Sunday</i>
Monday, Feb. 24th to Friday, Feb. 28th	9:30am Daily Morning Prayer <i>(Online)</i>
Wednesday, February 26th	11:30am Mid-Week Eucharist
Sunday, March 2nd	10:00am Holy Eucharist <i>The Last Sunday After Epiphany</i>
Wednesday, March 5th	11:30am & 7:30pm Holy Eucharist <i>Ash Wednesday Services</i>



Sunday, February
23rd

8:30am
Pre-Vestry Finance
Presentation

Tuesday,
February 25th

10:00 – 11:00am
ESL Reading & Career
Mentoring Groups

11:00am - 12:30pm
ESL Conversation Group

1:00pm
Book Club

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

Wednesday,
February 26th

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,
February 27th

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

From the Incumbent

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place this Sunday, February 23, following the service. This is an important time to reflect on the past year, discuss our church's mission and finances, and look ahead to the future. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and participate in the conversation. Before the service, at 8:30 AM, we will offer an additional opportunity to review financial information in greater detail. This will replace our usual adult education session.



On a different note, I would like to highlight an event coming up later in Lent. On March 29, we will hold a workshop for adults and children, during which Ed will teach us how the church organ works.

The session will include a hands-on component, allowing participants to build a portable mini-organ lent by the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

You can read more about it here: <https://www.rcco.ca/orgelkidsca>

The session will take place in the late morning. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Lent begins in less than two weeks, with the usual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday (March 4), and morning and evening services on Ash Wednesday (March 5).

Blessings,

Irina+

Incumbent

Wardens' Corner

Annual Vestry Meeting

St. Timothy's Annual Vestry meeting, to review what has happened this past year and outline plans for 2025, will be held after church on Sunday, February 23rd. Vestry Reports will be emailed on or before February 16th. A light lunch will be served, and babysitting will be available.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. **In order to vote**, one must have been a member of St. Timothy's for at least three months, attended regularly scheduled services of worship at St. Timothy's at least three times in the past year, be at least 16 years old and not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three months, nor intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year.

For those who are interested in more in-depth financial information, a pre-vestry meeting will be held at 8:30am in the parlour the same day.

Janet, Michael, Mary and Bruce

Looking for Help on Election Day



St. Tim's will be a polling station for the Ontario Provincial Election on Thursday, February 27th.

We are looking for people to assist with managing the elevator for those who may need it to access Soward Hall to cast their ballot. *You will be compensated for your time **OR** this can be considered volunteer hours for high schoolers.*

Please contact Ashani 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca if you can help.

Message from the Envelope Secretary

The tax receipts for 2024 were e-mailed out on Wednesday. Some printed copies were mailed and some were hand delivered.

If you would like a tax receipt for January-February 2025 please let me know, but I won't be preparing them until the end of February.

Jane Hutchinson
Envelope Secretary

Prayer List Update

*'For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.'* Matthew 18:20

Do you have a family member or close friend that needs our prayers?

Please contact one of the clergy or the office and let us know. We will gladly add the person's name to the prayer list and pray for them during morning prayer services and on Sundays.

Have you notified us of a name you wished to add to the prayer?

Please let us know how they are doing and if they continue to need our prayers. We will be updating the current prayer list effective March 2nd and if we don't hear from you by February 26th, we will offer thanks and remove these names from the current prayer list.



Call for Submissions!

We will be publishing the next issue of St. Timothy's newsletter in February. Please send articles, pictures, creative pieces of poetry, etc. to help depict the life of our dynamic community over the last few months.

Thanks,

Frances Flint (flint.franal@gmail.com) and Janet Gordon (janetg8094@gmail.com)



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4th from 5:30 to 7:00pm

Join us for a pancake and sausage dinner the evening before Lent begins!

Invite your friends, family and neighbours – all are welcome!

Dinner includes pancakes, sausages and ice cream.

\$7 for adults, \$3 for those under the age of 12.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, kitchen duties and clean up.

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the board across from the office or contact Gord or Rosemary Hendra in person, by phone 416-483-6235 or by email

rosemary.hendra@gmail.com



OUTREACH CORNER

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

"DO YOU HAVE LINGERING QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S
SOCIAL JUSTICE VESTRY MOTION?"

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.

If you plan to vote at the vestry meeting this coming Sunday and have lingering questions about the 'why' of this motion you are invited to watch the [Vestry Motion Q & A](#). This 16-minute video prepared by the Diocese responds to some questions and misconceptions about Supervised Consumption Sites.

It is worth watching.

Read the motion and backgrounder here.

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

OUTREACH CORNER

Ontario at a Crossroads



A provincial election has been called for Thursday, February 27, 2025. As Ontarians, we have an opportunity to elect leaders who will address the multiple crises before us. As Anglicans, we understand we are called by scripture and our baptismal covenant to care for our neighbours and the Earth.

Participating in elections is one of the ways in which we live out that call. They also give us the opportunity to have conversations about how we can best build up our common life. We have prepared a resource to highlight some of the issues our Diocese has advocated for at the provincial level in recent years.

Ontario is at a crossroads. We face political and economic uncertainty both at home and around the world. Climate-related disasters are increasing in number and severity. We need Ontario communities to be strong, resilient, and cohesive in the face of these challenges. Yet our communities are already facing deepening crises of affordability, inequality, and opioid toxicity, farmland and ecosystem loss, and a failure to meet even our modest emissions targets.

Will we invest in helping people meet their basic needs in housing, public health, clean energy, healthy farmland, and ecosystems? Or will we leave more and more Ontarians behind, fracturing communities and exacerbating the climate crisis, leaving us more vulnerable to existing and future threats?

HOW ARE WE CALLED TO PARTICIPATE?

Learn about the issues. Much current attention is focused on the potential impact of US tariffs on Ontarians. While this is an important issue, it is not the only one. Issues of poverty, inequality, and environmental health often take a back seat to macro-economic issues like tariffs. Yet failing to address these underlying issues will increase our vulnerability to tariffs and other shocks.

Pray that all candidates and voters may be guided by genuine concern for the well-being of all, especially those who are most marginalized and vulnerable in our communities.

Engage in dialogue: Use the materials in the full election resource, developed with our neighbours in the Diocese of Niagara, to engage with candidates at your doorstep, on the phone, or through social media. Talk with your neighbours, friends, family, and fellow parishioners about your concerns and how your values are informing your vote.

Vote: It has been said, "A winter election is cruel and unusual punishment." It may seem difficult or unnecessary but don't let the winter weather allow others to make this important decision for you! Only 44% of eligible voters – a record low turnout – cast ballots in the 2022 provincial election. Visit the Elections Ontario website to find out how to get on the voters' list, where and when to cast your ballot, and more. Offer a ride to those who need transportation to the polls. Encourage students 18 and over to vote for the first time. Unhoused Ontarians are also able to vote.

Find our full Election Bulletin at www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac

To learn more about our diocesan advocacy on these issues, please contact:

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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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