

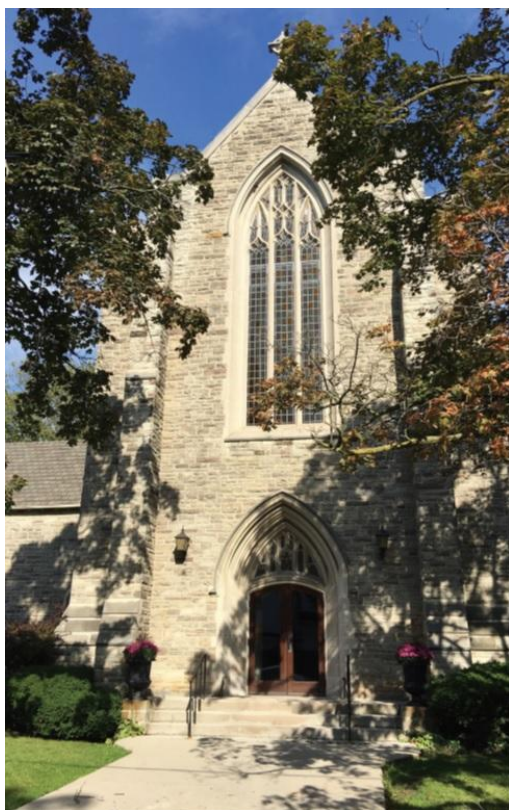


Fall Guide



Church of St. Timothy

Parish life from October to Advent



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Worship & Special Services

Weekday Morning Prayer (Zoom, 9:30 a.m.)

A calm and prayerful start to the day, with reflections from the clergy Monday–Thursday and a more informal gathering on Fridays—also nurturing online fellowship and a strong community of support.



Weekday Eucharist (Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.)

A quiet, contemplative service in the chapel—a midweek anchor of prayer and Communion.



St. Francis: Blessing of Animals & Creation Care (Sat, Oct 4, 11:00 a.m.)

Bring pets (or photos/leashes) for a brief liturgy on caring for creation and the poor.



St. Luke Healing Service (Sun, Oct 19)

A service of prayer for healing with laying on of hands and anointing.



Remembrance Sunday (Nov 9)

We mark the Act of Remembrance within our service and pray for peace.



All Souls (Wed, Nov 6, 11:30 a.m.)

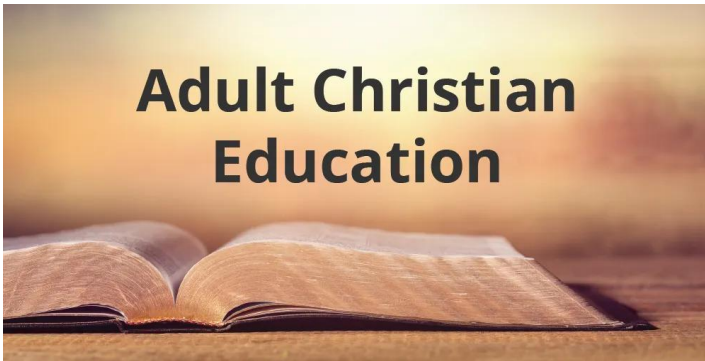
A gentle service to remember those “whom we see no longer,” replacing the usual weekday Eucharist.



Learning & Formation (Adults)

Adult Education: Christian Reflection on Disability—Faith & Ethics (Sundays, 8:30–9:30 a.m.)

A six-part series integrating Bible study, prayer, and worship as we learn to walk beside one another in friendship and to receive one another's gifts; a second block continues the theme in November.



Pre-cursor to Breakaway Retreat, Jan 31–Feb 2

The fall series ties into our parish retreat with Prof. Thomas Reynolds (Emmanuel College) on disability, care, and Christian friendship.



Deepening Our Faith Program (Sundays during the service)

An opportunity to join the teenagers in exploration of faith, partly geared towards Confirmations, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Reception in the Anglican Communion – especially in Lent – but open to all who desire additional education. On any given week, adults may choose to attend this group, and return to the service in time for Communion, or to remain in the service and hear the Liturgy of the Word + Homily.



Learning & Formation (Children & Youth)

Sunday Children's Ministry (age-specific groups during the 10 a.m. service)

The priest offers a children's message connected to the readings, often with visual or hands-on elements.

Younger Children (Preschool–Grade 4)

After the children's message, younger children begin by unpacking the story and readings for the day with simple prompts and worksheets prepared by the clergy.

They then move into arts-based activities led by professional artists: **fall theme – collaborative and individual visual art projects including garden decor, stained glass, and large scale collage.** Finished artwork and performances are shared with the whole congregation during the year.

Older Children & Teens (Grade 5 and up)

Gather for discussion and teaching with clergy, lay leaders, or trained volunteers.

Liturgical Leadership Training

Each week, children help lead worship by carrying crosses, candles, or banners, and reading the first lesson. A few children leave their activities a little earlier, and help set up and clean the altar, and ring the bells during the Eucharistic Prayer. Children lead the procession out of the church at the conclusion of the service, as they lead us in at the start.

Youth Group

Meets every Sunday after the service, and includes planning service projects, fundraising for retreats, and leadership opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities

High-school students are welcomed to earn volunteer hours by assisting with live-streaming and sound, serving in liturgical roles, greeting, working in the kitchen, and with younger children.



Community Care & Pastoral Support

Companions in Care

A circle of parishioners— lay pastoral visitors, lay anointers, prayer group members, informal caregivers, and anyone else who feels called to the ministry of care— meet for a short prayer service, Scripture reflection, and shared lunch, to support one another in offering pastoral and practical care. The initiative also introduces pairs available during Communion to offer brief, confidential prayer. **The first meeting of the group will be on October 23rd at noon.**



Drop-in Pastoral Care (Tue–Thu, 1:00–2:00 p.m.)

Clergy are available in the church for conversation, prayer, or a quick check-in—no appointment needed.



Language & Arts

ESL Conversation Group (Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.)

Two components run each week from among four: reading news articles, targeted language skills (phonetics/grammar/vocabulary), short individual presentations on a shared theme, and free-form conversation.



Adult Art Group: Portraits (Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.)

Learn portrait techniques and apply them in projects such as “intercessory portraits” and handmade greeting cards.



Fellowship & Parish Groups

St. Andrew's Ladies' Group (Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.)

Lunch and conversation with light knitting and planning for upcoming fundraising efforts.



Book Clubs

Round Table (First Sunday of the Month via Zoom)

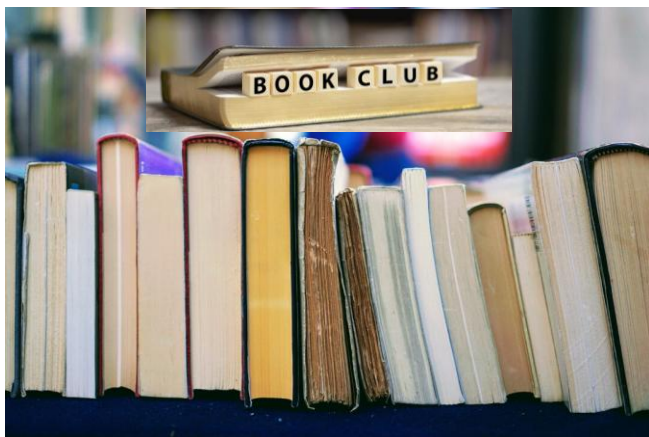
This group is designed to read books related to our “Spiritual Journey” and encourage a sharing of thoughts in an accepting, non-judgmental atmosphere. Currently reading “Wrestling with God”. Group members choose books that interest them and stimulate discussion. New members welcome!

St. Tim's Book Club (4th Tuesday of the Month, 1:00 p.m.)

Books are chosen from what is available at the library. A new book will be chosen at the September meeting. Members are encouraged to make suggestions. It is a very relaxed book group and new members are welcome!

C Group (3rd Thursday of the Month, 12:00 p.m.)

The book this group is currently reading is “The Four Loves” by CS Lewis. Members suggest books that they might read. The reading is at a leisurely pace as there is always lots of discussion on a wide variety of topics. All are welcome to attend.



Service & Fundraising

Choir Practices (Alternate Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.)

New members are welcome. You do not need to know how to read music to join. Contact music director, Ed Connell on edward@sttimothy.ca



Sanctuary Guild and Servers Guild

Both these groups welcome new members. No prior experience required. Training will be provided as needed.



Ministry Fair (Sun, Oct 19)

Explore the full range of parish ministries and find your next place to serve or learn.



Christmas Kitchen Preparation (group pastry-making Tuesdays at noon)

Parishioners will also bake at home and in small groups; contributions of preserves, knitting, and art objects created by individuals and teams are also welcomed.



Christmas Kitchen (Sat, Nov 29)

Our final pre-Advent event—and major fundraiser—galvanizes the whole parish in preparation and draws neighbours to shop, connect, and support our outreach.





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 either put them on the collection plate or mail them in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.
- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers (e-transfers). To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to office@sttimothy.ca

