

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, October 10th, 2025

**SERVICE
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, October
12th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist

Monday,
October 13th to
Friday, October
17th

9:30am

Morning Prayer via Zoom
(<https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/> for the links)

Wednesday,
October 15th

11:30am

Mid-Week Eucharist

Sunday, October
19th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist



Sunday, October
12th

8:30am
Adult Education

Tuesday, October
14th

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

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

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Wednesday,
October 15th

10:00 – 11:00am
Contemplative Art

12:00nn
St. Andrew's Group
Meeting

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Thursday,
October 16th

1:00 – 2:00pm
Open Church Drop-In Hour

Sunday, October
19th

8:30am
Adult Education

After the 10:00am service
Volunteer & Fellowship
Opportunities Fair

From the Incumbent



As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself reflecting on how much there is to be grateful for in our parish life. On most weekdays, there is so much activity in and around the church that I barely sit at my laptop—from group gatherings to volunteers quietly caring for others in ways that often go unseen, from pastoral visits to informal conversations. It is a joy to serve in a community so alive with generosity and concern for one another.

Next Sunday, October 20, we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Luke** (transferred from Saturday), long associated with healing and compassion. He is one of my favourite saints because his biblical and traditional composite portrait includes being a **healer, writer, and artist**—three kinds of gifts that inspire me in others. At this service, I would like to introduce a new ministry of **one-on-one prayer and anointing during Communion**, held in the chapel at the same time as Communion is being received. I hope to arrange for two individuals to be present each Sunday in the side chapel to pray with anyone who wishes to receive it, quietly and confidentially. When no one comes forward, these volunteers will use the time to pray for those on our parish prayer list. Please let me know if you're interested in helping with this addition to our services. Our newly certified lay anointers, whom I will introduce to you on this day, will anchor this ministry whenever they are present at church.

This theme of care will continue in the coming weeks as we begin an initiative I have been developing recently, called **Companions in Care**. This is not another ministry to take on, but rather a way for the clergy to **support and sustain those who already offer care**—pastoral, spiritual, or practical. Our gatherings, held a few times a year, will include a short prayer service and reflection on Scripture, followed by conversation and lunch. My hope is that these gatherings will nurture and connect those who so generously care for others. Please let me know if you'd like to attend these gatherings. The first one will be on Thursday October 23 at noon.

Also next weekend, during the coffee hour, we will host a **Ministry Fair**—an opportunity for each parish group and ministry to share what they do and welcome others to learn more. Tables will be set up in the parish hall with representatives from each area of parish life. It is a wonderful way to see the breadth of what happens at St. Timothy's and how our individual gifts contribute to the life of the whole.

Our **weekday Eucharist** continues each **Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.** in the chapel. Before each Wednesday service—and on Sundays as well—you are invited to **light a candle in prayer**. The candles are placed safely in a tub of sand, allowing them to remain lit throughout the service. You may light your candle from another's flame or from the altar candle as a sign of shared prayer and presence.

Our **Outreach Committee** is also continuing its **clothing drive** for local children. Snowsuits have already been purchased through the Outreach funds, and we are now collecting items to complete the sets—**hats, boots, and neck warmers** for elementary-school-aged children.

Donations can be brought to the church office Tuesdays through Thursdays, as well as on Sundays.

Finally, as part of our **anniversary year**—the cornerstone of the current church nave dates to September 30, 1950—I invite you to read about **St. Timothy** who gives our parish its name. Paul's companion, teacher, and leader in the early Church, Timothy came from a multicultural background, and his faith was shaped to a large extent by the women in his family: his mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois. 🖱️ [Who was St. Timothy?](#)

You may also wish to look at our [Fall Guide 2025](#), which outlines parish activities and opportunities for participation between now and Advent.

With thanksgiving for each of you and the many ways you help this community flourish,
Irina+
Incumbent

Wardens' Corner

Please take note of two important topics.

PARKING LOT

The parish parking lot is limited to six regular spaces, plus two handicapped spaces. When all our staff are on site the six regular spaces are full, as two spaces are used by a tenant under their Licence Agreement with us. As such, we kindly ask parishioners not to park in the church parking lot at any time Monday through Friday. Please note as well that the handicapped spaces are only to be utilized for individuals with mobility limitations in cars carrying a legal permit.

PRIVACY

Privacy is a concern to all in today's environment. As per Diocesan guidelines, we must not gather nor publish personal information without consent. Please be aware, therefore, that emails sent by you to more than one recipient should use the 'bcc' format unless explicit consent has been given to share personal email addresses with others.

Michael, Mary, Bruce and Deb

VOLUNTEER & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19TH
@ COFFEE HOUR**



**Come to Coffee Hour on
Sunday, October 19th
and tour the tables in
Soward Hall, where
representatives from the
various church groups
will explain what their
group does and answer
any questions.**



**With volunteer opportunities
such as the Chancel Guild,
learning opportunities such as
the Round Table or Book Club,
and fellowship opportunities
such as St. Andrew's Group,
there is something for
everyone.**



All Souls Service

We will be observing All Souls Day on **Wednesday, November 5th** at our Mid-Week Eucharist at 11:30am in the chapel.

If you would like to have a loved one who has died, prayed for at this service, please contact Ashani 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca by **Friday, October 31st.**



Coffee Table Book of Illustrations

The new edition of Rev. Irina's book of illustrations is now available. This edition titled **"A Liturgical Journey in Image and Word"** features digital images, verses of scripture and reflections on the major feasts through the liturgical year.

Cost: \$40 per book

All proceeds (less the cost of printing) will be donated to St. Tim's.

Please contact Ashani, office@sttimothy.ca to make your purchase.



Registration Now Open for BREAKAWAY 2026

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual weekend retreat, taking place once again at Fair Havens Resort from **Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

Registration is now open! Sign up online using the [Breakaway Registration Form](#) or by emailing Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com. The cost of the weekend is \$230 per adult or \$260 for an individual premium room. There is no cost for children. Cost should not be a barrier to attend. If it is for you, please reach out to Irina as subsidies are available.

Breakaway is a beloved winter retreat that invites our parish community to step away from the city's pace and reconnect in a peaceful, scenic setting. Whether you're a longtime attendee or considering it for the first time, this is your chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together after the holiday rush.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Inspiring sessions for adults led by engaging speakers
- Fun, age-appropriate programs for children and youth
- Delicious buffet-style meals — no cooking required!
- Outdoor adventures at Fair Havens, from cross-country skiing to a wagon ride

We are excited to share that our guest speaker will be **Thomas Reynolds**. A professor at Emmanuel College and a jazz musician, his work explores disability, theology of care, and the healing miracles of Jesus, challenging conventional ideas of wellness, beauty and ability.

We'd love to share this experience with you. Come join us!

For any questions, contact Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com

OUTREACH CORNER

St. Timothy's Winter Clothing Drive Returns

*Keeping ahead of the Cold
One warm coat, boot and mitt at a time!*

The Winter Clothing Drive returns for Flemington Park Ministry, a multicultural community city bringing people together to break barriers of isolation and food insecurity in the Thorncliffe/Flemington Park area.

Seeking: NEW boots, hats, and water-resistant mitts or gloves for ages 4 to 14 (elementary school age). Our goal is to fully equip up to 30 snowsuits ready for Winter.

The opportunities to donate:

- **Saturday, October 4th** between 10:30am – 12nn.
- **Starting October 5th**, every Sundays into early November during the 10am service.
- **Weekdays** (Tuesday & Wednesday) between 10:00am – 2:00pm during the month of October. *(Please use the Ridley Boulevard entrance by the rainbow-coloured fence)*

Thank you! Please help by sharing this information amongst family, friends, and neighbours.

Wishing to donate instead?

Make cheque payable to Church of St Timothy, noting Winter Drive in the memo line and we will buy more snowsuits towards our goal of 30 complete sets.

Questions? Contact Cynthia at cyn.majewski@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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