

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, January 30th, 2026



Sunday, February 1st	10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>
Monday, February 2nd to Friday, February 6th	9:30am Morning Prayer via Zoom (https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/ for the links)
Sunday, February 8th	10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist <i>The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany</i>



Sunday, February 1st	Immediately following the service Lunch and Recital by JUNO-nominated jazz musician, Mike Janzen
Tuesday, February 3rd	10:00 – 11:00am ESL Reading & Career Mentoring Groups 11:00am - 12:30pm ESL Conversation Group
Wednesday, February 4th	1:00 – 2:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour 10:00 – 11:00am Contemplative Art
Thursday, February 5th	12:00nn St. Andrew's Group Meeting (<i>online</i>) 1:00 – 2:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour 1:00 – 2:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour

From the Incumbent

Monday is Groundhog Day, which means that this coming Sunday we are anticipating Candlemas — also known as the Presentation of the Lord or the Purification of Mary. These observances are the historical precursors to Groundhog Day itself, as spring forecasting was long associated with this feast because of its particular place in the calendar. Candlemas falls neatly midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, at the moment when the increase of daylight finally becomes noticeable in daily life. It is also forty days since Christmas (does it not feel like much longer?), which is why this feast aligns with the scriptural moment when Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him to God at forty days old, in accordance with Jewish law. Many themes converge on this day, including the theme of light — hence the “Candles’ Mass,” now known as Candlemas — when some Christian communities bless candles for use throughout the year. This is because of the words said by the elderly prophet Simeon when he greets Jesus in the Temple, calling him “a light for the nations”.



Where are you finding light in your life these days? Who or what is its source? And, of course, will we have an early spring? After all this snow and cold weather, I certainly hope so — though we will have to see what our furry forecaster tells us on Monday. Or, as the old rhyme puts it: “If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, winter will have another bite (or another flight, or fright!)”.

Breakaway is here!

If you are not heading up to Fair Havens, please remember that after church this Sunday there will be a special talk and piano recital by Mike Janzen, a JUNO-nominated jazz musician and worship leader at Little Trinity Anglican Church. Lunch will be served alongside the talk.

As a follow-up to Breakaway, our upcoming **Lenten study series** will echo the theme of the Image of God. This series is not particularly academic, but intentionally experiential, so please consider attending even if you do not usually take part in education sessions. If you are unable to join us for the retreat, this will be an opportunity to engage with similar material; if you do attend Breakaway, it will offer a meaningful way to build on that experience.

We will meet on five Mondays before Holy Week, at lunchtime starting on February 23. Each session will include a short time for lunch (provided) and conversation.

Ash Wednesday falls on **February 18**, with our usual morning and evening services at 11:30am and 7:30pm. Of course, this also means that the **Pancake Supper** is just around the corner on **February 17**, and we will need help with the event.

Shortly before Lent, on **February 12** at lunchtime, there will be another gathering of **Companions in Care**. All those who are caregivers — whether logistically or spiritually — are invited to gather for lunch, scripture reading, conversation about home communion and stocking frozen meals at the church, and a time of mutual support.

Finally, a quick reminder that we are still looking to fill a few volunteer roles, including second adults in the room during the teens' and school-age programs (no pressure to lead or prepare, simply to be present), ESL leaders, coffee-hour helpers, and photographers to help complete the parish directory.

Blessings,

Irina+
Incumbent

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



*Mark your calendars now
for Pancake Tuesday Supper
at St. Timothy's on*



February 17th from 5:30 to 7:00pm.

Invite your neighbours and family members.

All you can eat pancakes and sausages and ice cream for dessert.

Adults from 12 to infinity \$7.00

Children 4 to 11 \$4.00

Toddlers under 4 eat for free.

We are also looking for volunteers to help.

Please email Anne DeGrasse if you're available to help in anyway.

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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.
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- 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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