

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, February 13th, 2026



	<p>Sunday, February 15th</p> <p>Monday, February 16th to Friday, February 20th</p> <p>Wednesday, February 18th</p> <p>Sunday, February 22nd</p>	<p>10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist <i>The Last Sunday After Epiphany / Transfiguration</i></p> <p>9:30am Morning Prayer via Zoom (https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/ for the links)</p> <p>11:30am & 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Services <i>Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes</i></p> <p>10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist <i>The First Sunday of Lent</i></p>
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Upcoming **EVENTS**

Sunday, February 15th	8:30am Adult Education
Tuesday, February 17th	10:00am – 12:30pm ESL Conversation Group
	1:00 – 2:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour
	5:30 – 7:00pm Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday, February 18th	10:00 – 11:00am Contemplative Art
	12:00nn St. Andrew's Group Meeting (<i>online</i>)
	1:00 – 2:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour
Thursday, February 19th	1:00 – 2:00pm Open Church Drop-In Hour
Sunday, February 22nd	8:30am Pre Vestry Financial Q & A
	Immediately After the Service Annual Vestry Meeting

From the Incumbent

Lent is almost upon us. The days are getting longer, which reminds me that the word “Lent” originates from the Old English word for “spring” — lencten, rooted in the Germanic langitinaz, literally meaning “long days.”



On the last Sunday before Lent, which is this weekend, the church service centers on the theme of Jesus’ Transfiguration — the episode when Jesus’ face and clothing transform into light. We read this right before Lent, first, because in the Gospels this is the story that opens the last chapter in Jesus’ life, leading up to and including his Passion, just as Lent takes us each year to Holy Week.

And second, as Jesus’ appearance changed, so Lent calls us to change, insofar as it is possible for now, to let God’s presence shine through our own lives. To this end, traditional Lenten disciplines include focused study of Scripture, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. To position these in the context of contemporary living — and avoid giving up chocolate unnecessarily! — I think of them as “learn, reflect, simplify, give,” and apply them quite broadly. For example, one of my favourite Lenten activities is decluttering and spring cleaning. After all, Lent means “spring.” How might you engage in these ancient practices this year? Let’s compare our Lenten plans over coffee after church!

We will also unpack the above-mentioned Lenten practices at our **adult education sessions**, which run before Sunday services.

Our teen/adult education sessions, which run concurrently with the services, will now become focused on **confirmation preparation**.

The elementary-age children will use the season to prepare a **dramatic reading/play** based on the Passion sections of the Gospels, to be presented at our intergenerational Good Friday service.

An additional **weekday Lenten study** opportunity will take place on **Mondays at noon**, beginning February 23, with lunch provided. Jonathan and I have decided to focus these sessions on studying African American spirituals. They convey themes that are especially fitting for this season of reflection and have become familiar to us through our choir's regular performances in recent years.

Lent itself will begin on **Ash Wednesday**, February 18, with our usual services at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. This means that the **Pancake Supper** will be on February 17 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Our **Annual Vestry Meeting** will take place on the following Sunday, February 22, following the service. An additional Q&A session focused specifically on parish finances will be held before the service, at 8:30 a.m. in the parlour. Please note that there will be no 8:30 adult education session on Vestry Sunday.

Blessings,

Irina+
Incumbent

Wardens' Corner

Annual Vestry Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Vestry meeting of the Church of St. Timothy will be held on Sunday, February 22nd immediately after the 10:00am service. A light lunch will be served, and babysitting will be available.

The purpose of this meeting is to review what has happened over the past year and outline plans for 2026.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

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.

In order to vote you must be able to make the following declaration:

Declaration

"I solemnly declare that I have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three (3) months, that I have attended regularly scheduled services of worship with this congregation at least three (3) times in the past year, that I am of the full age of sixteen (16) years and that I have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three (3) months, nor do I intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year".

Vestry Reports were emailed last weekend. If you need a printed copy, please contact Ashani.

Mary, Michael, Deb and Bruce

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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All are welcome

Ash Wednesday



February 18th, 2026

Services at 11:30am & 7:30pm

Lent

2026

February 18
– April 04

learn
reflect
simplify
give

St Tim's
Lenten
Studies

Sundays, 8:30 am:
"Exploring Lenten Disciplines"

Mondays, noon:
"Embodied Love:
From Creation to the Cross"

OUTREACH CORNER

Vestry Motion for 2026:

Recommitting to "Protect, Sustain and Renew the Life of the Earth."

In our baptismal covenant, we pledge to “safeguard the integrity of God’s creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth.” This is part of our worship of God who created all things and our duty of care to our neighbour, particularly those who are most vulnerable to a changing climate. Cast the Net call #8 in particular calls us to “intensify advocacy and action in response to the climate crisis.”

For many of us in the Diocese of Toronto, 2025 was the year that the climate crisis truly hit home. Wildfires, an increasingly regular feature of summers in much of northern and western Canada, raged in our own communities of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton. Farmers’ crops and suburban gardens suffered under drought conditions. And the city of Toronto had six heat warnings this past summer – double or triple those in recent years.

There are things we can do as individuals and as parish communities to minimize and mitigate our climate impacts. But we also need to raise our voices with our elected officials and hold them accountable to their climate action commitments.

The following Motion will be presented at Vestry:

We, the parish of St Timothy's North Toronto in the Diocese of Toronto, pledge to honour our baptismal commitment to “safeguard the integrity of God’s creation” and urge the Government of Canada to honour its commitments to the Paris Accord, 2015: to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.