

What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, February 20th, 2026

	Sunday, February 15th	10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist <i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>
	Monday, February 23rd to Friday, February 27th	9:30am Morning Prayer via Zoom (https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/ for the links)
	Sunday, March 1st	10:00am Service of Holy Eucharist <i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i>



Sunday, February
22nd

8:30am
Pre Vestry Financial Q & A

**Immediately After the
Service**

Annual Vestry Meeting

Monday,
February 23rd

12:00nn
Lenten Study and Lunch

Tuesday,
February 24th

10:00am – 12:30pm
ESL Conversation Group

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

Wednesday,
February 25th

10:00 – 11:00am
Contemplative Art

12:00nn
St. Andrew's Group
Meeting (*online*)

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

Thursday,
February 26th

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

Sunday, March 1st

8:30am
Adult Education

From the Incumbent

Lent is now upon us. We held our morning Ash Wednesday service as usual but canceled the evening liturgy due to the inclement weather. If it is of interest, my Ash Wednesday reflection that was intended for the evening service is available here: <https://irinasart.ca/2026/02/17/ash-wednesday/>



I would also like to remind you that written versions of my spoken homilies are always available online. The written versions are more detailed and carefully structured than the spoken ones, allowing me to share aspects of the preparation process that cannot all be included in spoken form because of time constraints. You may find them helpful if you wish to reflect further on the themes raised in worship or to clarify something you heard. For your convenience, over Lent I will include a link to my written reflection from the preceding Sunday, beginning with last week: <https://irinasart.ca/2026/02/14/transfiguration-as-growth-in-emotional-intelligence/>

The First Sunday in Lent traditionally recounts Jesus' wilderness experience. Lent lasts forty days, not including the intervening Sundays, in reference to the time Jesus spent in the desert. To mirror this period of deprivation and discernment, through which Jesus' identity and mission were clarified, Christians over the centuries have embraced traditional Lenten disciplines of focused reflection, reading Scripture, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. How might we make these ancient practices our own this year?

Our adult education sessions, which run before Sunday services at 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., will explore this question. An additional weekday Lenten study opportunity will take place on Mondays at noon, beginning February 23, with lunch provided. These sessions will focus on African American spirituals—sacred music that conveys themes especially fitting for this season of reflection and familiar to us through our choir's beautiful performances.

Our teen/adult education sessions, which run concurrently with the service, will now shift toward confirmation preparation. Elementary-age children will once again move from visual art to drama and use the season to prepare a dramatic reading to be presented at our intergenerational Good Friday service.

The children's most recent collaborative visual artwork is now on display in the hallway leading from the parking lot to the parish hall. Each piece of the collage was individually prepared by a child; however, while the artwork is finished, it is not yet complete! It is intended as a true mixed-media piece: congregation members are invited to pose in front of it for a photo, each person both completing the artwork in that moment and “growing” a pair of angel wings! Please see the attached photo for a demonstration of its intended use.



This year, our annual Vestry Meeting also falls on the First Sunday in Lent, February 22, following the service. Just as Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, vestry is about preparing to enter a new year in parish life. The word vestry comes from the Latin *vestiarium*, meaning “wardrobe.” In church use, this refers to the room where vestments are kept—the place where the clergy and servers gather to vest (i.e. get dressed in robes) in preparation for worship. But historically, this same room also served for parish discussion and planning, which is why our annual meeting bears the same name. Vestry, then, is fundamentally about preparation and entry: just as participants in the liturgy gather prayerfully to prepare for worship, we gather as a parish to prepare for the year ahead, in the same stance of discernment, prayer and respect.

Please note that there will be no 8:30 a.m. adult education session this Sunday due to the financial information session taking place at that time in preparation for the Vestry meeting.

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 have been emailed. If you need a printed copy, please contact Ashani.

Mary, Michael, Deb and Bruce

Message from the Envelope Secretary

The tax receipts for 2025 have been sent out by email. Where we do not have email addresses, printed copies were either mailed or hand delivered. If you did not receive a tax receipt, please let me know.

Jane Hutchinson

Envelope Secretary

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**HEARING, SEEING, CONNECTING:
MAKING HYBRID WORSHIP MEANINGFUL FOR ALL**
with Morgan Y of Church of the Redeemer

ALWAYS @ 7:00PM - 8:15PM

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Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the Advisory Board meeting held on **February 9th** are now available [here](#) or you can read them on the bulletin board outside the office.

Lent

2026

February 18
– April 04

learn
reflect
simplify
give

St Tim's
Lenten
Studies

Sundays, 8:30 am:
"Lenten Disciplines"

Mondays, noon:
"Lenten Themes in African
American Spirituals"

HUNGER. POWER. GLORY.

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS IN THE DESERT

A DRAMATIC READING OF JOHN MILTON'S PARADISE REGAINED



R.H.
THOMSON
AS SATAN



CHRISTIAN
TRIBUZIO
AS JESUS



DENISE
WILLIAMS
NARRATOR



MADRYN
McCABE
AS MARY



SHAN
FERNANDO
AS GOD

MARCH 7TH, 3:30 P.M.

LAWRENCE PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

TICKETS: [EVENTBRITE](#) AND AT WWW.LAWRENCEPARKCHURCH.CA

On March 7 at 3:30 p.m., you are invited to a rare dramatic reading of John Milton's poem *Paradise Regained* at Lawrence Park Community Church.

The setting is the desert where Jesus has been fasting for forty days. Satan arrives to tempt Jesus to abandon his loyalty to God. Satan beckons Jesus to the dark side - give in to pleasures of the flesh, and to temptations of power and glory. It's a dramatic story of the dangers of tyranny, of leaders without ethics - themes that are as fresh today as they were when Milton wrote the poem in 1671.

Acclaimed Canadian actor R.H. Thomson plays Satan. He is joined by a talented cast playing Jesus, God, demons, Mary, and Milton's wry narrator.

Tickets 20 dollars, 15 for students, are available on [Eventbrite](#) and at Lawrence Park Community Church, [2180 Bayview Avenue](#).

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.