

What's Happening

at St. Timothy's



Friday, March 20th, 2026

**SERVICE
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, March
22nd

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March
23rd to Friday,
March 27th

9:30am

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

Sunday, March
29th

10:00am

Service of Holy Eucharist
*The Sunday of the Passion
(Palm Sunday)*



Sunday, March
22nd

8:30am
Adult Education

Monday,
March 23rd

12:00nn
Lenten Study and Lunch

Tuesday, March
24th

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

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

Wednesday,
March 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, March
26th

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

Sunday, March
29th

NO Adult Education

From the Incumbent

Last week, we read the story of Jesus healing the man born blind, found in John's Gospel. The narrative invites us to think about sight not only as a physical ability but also as a form of spiritual perception. My homily notes can be found here:

<https://irinasart.ca/2026/03/13/the-healing-of-a-blind-man/>



This Sunday, every reading will point to resurrection and new life, as a preview of Easter before Holy Week. Here is how Holy Week will unfold at St Tim's.

Two Sundays from now, on **Palm Sunday**, we will recall that the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with branches and shouts of *Hosanna*, and then immediately turn toward the Passion narrative. This will prepare us to walk with Christ through the days that follow.

Our **Holy Week will open on Wednesday** with a brief Eucharist, followed by the contemplation of the Stations of the Cross through visual art with prayer prompts for personal meditation.

The so-called Paschal Triduum (i.e., the three days leading up to Easter) begins with **Maundy Thursday**. This is the last Eucharistic liturgy before Easter, echoing the final meal Jesus shared with his friends and recalling his request to continue sharing bread and wine in memory of him. The service includes the ritual washing of feet, which expresses Christ's model of humble service exemplified at the Last Supper, and concludes with the stripping of the altar, representing the confusion and abandonment surrounding Jesus' arrest.

Next, on **Good Friday**, we encounter the Passion story as expressed through the Stations of the Cross, followed by meditation before the cross. This year, Passion gospel readings at each Station will be accompanied by poems. After the readings, the children will have their own hands-on activity to explore the Stations of the Cross in a separate space. **After the service**, the choir will

present Franz Liszt's Stations of the Cross, a powerful nineteenth-century musical meditation written late in Liszt's life after he had taken religious orders.

Lastly, on the **day before Easter**, we enter into celebration with the lighting of the new fire and the Paschal candle on the doorstep of the church, as symbols of life and light returning to a world overshadowed by death. By candlelight, we will hear the great arc of the biblical story before the return of full lights and Alleluias, and the first proclamation of the Resurrection accompanied by the ringing of the bells. The service continues with the renewal of baptismal vows and the first Eucharist of Easter.

This is one of the most traditional moments in the church year for **baptism**, so if you or your child is interested in this sacrament, please let me know if you would like to explore the possibility of receiving it on this day.

Easter morning, of course, will gather us in joy to celebrate the resurrection of Christ with special music, proclamation, and Eucharist. I am looking forward to observing this highest point of the church year together with the whole parish.

Blessings,

Irina+

Incumbent



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, March 29th

10:00am: Palm Sunday: *with Procession and dramatic reading of the Gospel*

Monday, March 30th to Thursday, April 2nd

9:30am: Morning Prayer with brief reflection

Wednesday, April 1st

11:30am: Holy Wednesday: *Contemplative Stations of the Cross & Service of Holy Eucharist*

Thursday, April 2nd

7:30pm: Maundy Thursday: *Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altars*

Friday, April 3rd

10:00am: Good Friday Service *with interactive Stations of the Cross followed by coffee and snacks.*

12:00nn: Good Friday Choir Recital: *Franz Liszt's Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, April 4th

6:00pm: The Great Vigil of Easter: *The Lighting of the New Fire with baptism and service of Holy Eucharist.*

Sunday, April 5th

10:00am: Easter Day: *Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord*

Easter Flowers

The Chancel Guild of St. Timothy is inviting donations towards Easter Flowers. These flowers will be distributed to those on our prayer list and other parishioners after the Easter Day service.



Please complete the information below and return it via email to office@sttimothy.ca by **Friday, March 27th.**

Cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy with Easter Flowers in the memo line

or
E-transfers can be sent to office@sttimothy.ca with Easter Flowers as the reference.

In memory of _____

OR

An offering in thanks _____

Name of Donor _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone No. _____

Donation Amount _____

ATTENTION CRAFTERS!

The St. Andrew's Group Cupboard has collected a treasure-trove of items over the years and we are happy to share our stash with anyone who is interested!

Here's a list of some of the items available to come and live in your craft cupboard:



1. MANY Knitting needles and crochet hooks and a few rug-hooking latch hooks.
2. Yarn! Some is pure wool, some is acrylic, some have multiple balls/skeins of the same lot, some are singles.
3. Crochet and knitting patterns: both 'singles' and books, many of them are vintage.
4. Collection of vintage stitching books (embroidery, ecclesiastical embroidery, tapestry etc.)
5. Buttons (different colours and sizes)
6. Sewing supplies

If you are interested in having items from the cupboard, please speak to Janet Fraser or send her an e-mail at janet.fraser@sympatico.ca and she'll make arrangements for a group member to meet with you so that you can shop (for free 😊).

COMING SOON: the books and patterns will soon be available on the shelves of the St. Tim's library.

In addition to supplies, the St. Andrew's Group always has baby blankets and sweaters made by group members available for purchase. There are multiple colours available and they make a lovely gift.



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"

OUTREACH CORNER

Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica as a Category 5 Hurricane on October 28, 2025. It was the strongest and costliest hurricane ever to hit the country. The storm killed 54 people and caused widespread destruction leading to homelessness, shortages of food and water and about half of the places of worship on the island were destroyed or damaged.



In response Bishop Andrew Asbil has issued an **Appeal for Jamaican Relief and Reconstruction**. This appeal is not just about reconstructing buildings: it is about restoring communities. By giving, Canadian Anglicans are helping these churches continue to be centres of strength and healing in the midst of devastation.

The Bishop's appeal includes a \$50,000 matching grant from FaithWorks, meaning that every dollar given up to that amount will be matched, resulting in a possible \$100,000.

From the Outreach Budget the Outreach Committee has donated \$1,000. which will be matched by FaithWorks.

If you are interested in making your own contribution to this worthwhile appeal, gifts may be made online at www.FaithWorks.ca or sent by cheque payable to Faithworks to the Synod Office, 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, ON M5C 1L8. Please note Church of St. Timothy, North Toronto as your parish when making a direct donation. The Diocese will forward the funds to Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) for distribution.



OUTREACH CORNER



The Outreach Committee in partnership with North York Harvest invites you to participate in two opportunities this Lent which address food insecurity.

**Our Goal: 2 full bins or 1000 lbs of nonperishable food
& \$1,000 donations**

These items are needed:

Tinned fish

Tinned Tomatoes

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Cooking Oil

Please note the two bins in the Church for your food donations.
Please share this message with family and friends and let's FILL the BINS.

E-transfers to office@sttimothy.ca or cheques may be made payable to Church of St. Timothy, noting Lenten Food Drive in the memo/reference.

Thank you for your generous support!

FOOD DRIVE

Your donation helps local individuals and families!