

The Roman Catholic  
**Parish of St. Timothy**

Archdiocese of St. Boniface  
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**Sunday Mass Times:**

Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

**Weekday Mass Times:** Tues/Wed/Thurs at 9:15 am

**Office Hours:** Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
(closed from noon- 1pm)



*Simeon took him in his arms and praised God.*

*Luke 2.28*

**Readings for Feb 2:** Mal 3.1-4; Heb 2.10-11, 13-18; Luke 2.22-40

**Readings for Feb. 9:** Is 58.6-10; 1 Cor 2.1-5; Matt 5.13-16

**Baptisms:** Please call the parish office three months in advance.

**Weddings:** Please call the parish office one year in advance.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** After weekday morning mass or please contact Fr. Chrys at 204-257-3723 or Fr.Chrys@st-timothy.ca for an appointment.

**Bulletin:** Please submit church related announcements to Grace in the office (bulletin@st-timothy.ca) by Tuesday morning.

*Our vision is to be a life-giving community committed to welcome, to worship, to grow, and to serve.*



February 2, 2020

## The Presentation of the Lord

*St. Timothy is a contemporary Roman Catholic parish called to "fan into flame the gifts God has given us" (2 Tim 1.6-7) so together ALL encounter and share the Living Christ.*

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## Celebrations of the Eucharist for February 1 - 9, 2020

Sat. Feb. 1	4:00 pm	Special Intention from the Johnstone family
Sun. Feb. 2	9:00 am	† Lionel Lafleche from the St. Tim's Knights of Columbus
	11:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Fred and Eva Peloquin's 58th Wedding Anniversary
Tues. Feb. 4	9:15 am	† Deceased members of the Rego & Rodrigues families from Maria Rego
Wed. Feb. .5	9:15 am	Special Intention from Nicole Nicholson
Thurs. Feb. 6	9:15 am	For the sick & shut in of our parish
<b>Mass with Anointing of the Sick</b>		
Sat. Feb. 8	4:00 pm	† Robert De Leeuw from the family
Sun. Feb. 9	9:00 am	† Deceased members of the Blerot & Cruywels families from Alfred & Marilyn Blerot
	11:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners

## The Presentation of the Lord - *Malachi 3:1-4*

God Bleaches Us to the Bone

At first glance, the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple appears to be a peaceful scene. His parents present him. They bring along an offering. Prophets ooh and aah over the baby Jesus. They predict marvelous things. The parents are very proud. You can almost feel hearts flutter.

But hearts shudder at the scene from Malachi. God says, "Suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek." He comes like a refiner's fire or like fuller's lye. He comes able to burn you to ash and bleach you to the bone. In Malachi, the Lord's coming to the temple is not at all peaceful.

This terrifying appearance corrected a problem. The priests of the temple were not offering a due sacrifice to God. Perhaps they were unclean themselves. Perhaps they did not observe God's commands. They needed correction, so God prophesied that the Lord himself would appear in the temple to set things aright.

That tiny baby gurgling in the arms of his parents grew up to be the Savior who reads the thoughts of hearts and calls us to conversion.

In baptism we were anointed as a priestly people. Let God's fire purge whatever keeps us from sincere prayer.

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## We Welcome Through the Waters of Baptism



**Paul Nicolo Dayao Santos**

son of Paul & Nica Santos

on Sunday, January 26, 2020

## Coming Up

### Monday Evenings

"Fan into Flame"  
Prayer Group  
7:00 pm - Parish Hall

### Monday, February 3 & 17

SSVP - 7:30 pm

### Tuesday, February 4

Knights of Columbus  
7:45 pm

### Thursday, February 6

Mass with Anointing  
of the Sick - 9:15 pm



### Thursdays Feb 6, 13 & 20

"The Mass" video series  
7:00 - 8:00 pm - Parish Hall

### Friday, February 7

Adoration of the  
Blessed & Sacrament  
& Benediction  
7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

### Monday, February 10

Women's Auxiliary - 1:30 pm

### Wednesday, February 12

Finance Committee  
6:30 pm



See you Thursday, February 6 for  
Lesson Four: **RESPONDING TO GOD**  
Questions? Nick at [nick.pizzi@icloud.com](mailto:nick.pizzi@icloud.com)

## Presentation of the Lord — February 2



The origins of the feast of the Presentation of the Lord lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40th day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the temple to present him/her to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells us that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you'll come to February 2. Until the 1960s, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary." The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the Promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to all the world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of ordinary time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

Another name used to describe this day is "Candlemas" (Candle Mass). "Christ the light of the world". Churches may take this time for a blessing of candles and a more elaborate procession.

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### World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2 is also known as The World Day for Consecrated Life.

It was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for those women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

### Another Candlemas Connection: Weather Predictions!

Candlemas was the day when some cultures predicted weather patterns.

An old English song goes: If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come winter, have another flight; If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, Go winter, and come not again. Thus if the sun cast a shadow on Candlemas day, more winter was on the way; if there was no shadow, winter was thought to be ending soon.

Of course, this practice led to the folklore behind "Groundhog Day," which falls on February 2. It seems counterintuitive (why should a sunny day mean more winter?), but this is the exact pattern that Groundhog Day follows.

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YEAR OF WORSHIP

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction**  
**Friday, February 7**  
**7:00 pm - 8:15 pm**  
**Everyone Welcome**

Books and resources are provided to support your prayer time, or you may also bring your own prayer books or just sit and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

If you have never been to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please come!

*The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease (Catechism Catholic Church; 1380).*

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SOUP KITCHEN - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 at Immaculate Conception Drop-In Centre

The Women's Auxiliary will host their annual Soup Kitchen at Immaculate Conception Drop-in Centre, 181 Austin St on Sunday, February 23. We plan to serve a healthy lunch to 200 hungry people.

Once again, we count on the generosity of our parishioners to help provide food and comfort to those in need. If you can donate portions of the food items or a few dollars, we would be most grateful.

We are asking for donations of:

- chili in a 4-litre pail (3/4 full)
- large loaves of buttered bread with cheese slices (sandwich-style)
- milk in 4-litre or 2-litre containers
- bananas
- cookies (no nuts)



Also, the Drop-In Centre has requested small toiletries (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) and **small** items of clothing (mitts, socks, hats, etc.) If you can donate some of these items, they may be dropped off at any time in the box marked SOUP KITCHEN. All food items are to be brought in on the weekend of the soup kitchen BEFORE any one of the masses, February 22 & 23.

**Please stop by the SIGN-UP Table in the narthex to indicate what you can bring. THANK YOU!!**

## FINANCE NEWS

### Weekly offering to our Parish - 2020

Collection date	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Total	Children's Collection for SSVF
Jan. 26	\$4,349.25 (174 env)	\$262.95	\$4,612.20	\$41.85

Donations made to the church by Direct Debit for the month of January was \$15,631.00 (188 direct debit users).

*Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.*

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### February 2, 2020 - The Presentation of the Lord

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Luke 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

## World Day for Consecrated Life 2020 – February 2

Please join us for the annual prayer service for World Day for Consecrated Life, which will be held on Sunday February 2nd at 3 PM at Saint Boniface Cathedral. The service will take the form of Taizé prayer. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.

The primary purpose of World Day for Consecrated Life is to pray for women and men religious, and to give thanks for the gift of consecrated life in the church.

## Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions February 9, 2020

On the weekend of February 9, a new initiative called the Day of Prayer for Canadian Home Missions will be adopted by our Archdiocese. Prayer cards will be available next weekend so that we may offer prayer together and bring strength to fellow Canadian Catholics and their missionaries. We will also be holding a special collection to raise funds for Catholic Missions in Canada to be allocated to help Canadian Bishops, including Bishop Albert LeGatt, subsidize the costs of maintaining and sustaining their missionaries and missions. Brochures will be available for you to learn more about Catholic Missions in Canada and subscribe to their award-winning magazine for free.

**Catholic Health Association of Manitoba Winter Newsletter:** CHAM invites you to peruse through its Winter Newsletter Edition. To view its content visit [www.chcm.mb.ca](http://www.chcm.mb.ca) and click on "News".

## WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

Do the two of you have a favorite song or a good musical memory? Make a playlist and spend some time slow (or fast!) dancing together.

## LENTEN CHALLENGE

Participate in this 3-part initiative to 'Fireproof' your marriage / family!

- FIREPROOF MOVIE VIEWING**  
(Friday, Feb. 21) Choose to love your spouse/family better during this upcoming Lenten season!
- SMALL GROUP STUDY**  
(Monday evenings: Feb. 24 – Apr 6)
- LOVE DARE CHALLENGE**  
(Feb. 26 – April 11)

**The Marriage, Family and Life (MFL) Teams** at Mary, Mother of the Church & the Parish of St. Timothy are joining together to offer a viewing of the hit Christian movie 'Fireproof' at Mary Mother of the Church (85 Kirkbridge Dr.) on **Friday, February 21** at 7 pm.

'Fireproof' is a powerful story about saving a marriage that is on the rocks. In it, a firefighter embarks on a 40-day challenge called 'The Love Dare'. The film is inspiring for anyone aspiring to love better. All are welcome!

Additionally, a **6-week small group study** will be offered for those that would like to go deeper during Lent. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings at 7 pm, from **February 24** until April 6 at the MMOC parish.

Finally, people can also participate in a **40-day Lenten 'Love Dare'** – be it to better love their spouse or their children, starting **February 26**.

For more information and to register, please visit [MMOC.ca](http://MMOC.ca) or contact Shawnda at [shawnda@mmoc.ca](mailto:shawnda@mmoc.ca) or Grace at [grace@st-timothy.ca](mailto:grace@st-timothy.ca).

## Old Blessed Palms?

Do you have last year's blessed palms from Passion (Palm) Sunday? You may bring them to the church and we will burn them to use the ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. **Please leave your dried palms in the basket by the parish office by Sunday, February 16, 2020.**

**Winnipeg Life's Vision Annual Fundraising Lunch – February 22, 2020** Our theme will be Hope and Healing in Loving Arms 10:30 – 11:30 am "What is Rachel's Vineyard?" Presentation by Chris MacKay (This session is free to attend) 12 noon - Lunch - keynote speaker Juergen Severloh, Executive Director of Crisis Pregnancy Centre of Winnipeg. Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, 460 Munroe Avenue. Tickets \$25. Table of 8 \$175. Register at [lifesvision@shaw.ca](mailto:lifesvision@shaw.ca) or 204-233-8047. Donations of new baby items for the crisis pregnancy centre are appreciated!