

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

Archdiocese of St. Boniface

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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

March 10, 2019

**FIRST Sunday  
of LENT**

*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.*



JESUS...  
was led by  
the SPIRIT  
in the  
WILDERNESS.

Luke 4.1

**March 10 Readings:**

**Dt 26:4-10** I have brought you the first fruits of this land flowing with milk and honey

**Ps 91** Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

**Rom 10:8-13** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

**Lk 4:1-13** You shall not put the Lord God to the test

**March 17 Readings:**

**Gn 15:5-12, 17-18** Look at the sky and count the stars

**Ps 27** The Lord is my light and my salvation

**Phil 3:17-4:1** Our citizenship is in heaven

**Lk 9:28-36** This is my chosen Son; listen to him

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**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 call Fr. Chrys at 204-257-3723 for an appointment.

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

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

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## Celebrations of the Eucharist for March 9 -17, 2019

Sat. Mar. 9	4:00 pm	Special Intention from Winnie Chanas
Sun. Mar. 10	9:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners
	11:00 am	† Madeleine Laurin from Claudette & Harm Bouwman
Tues. Mar. 12	9:15 am	† William Dion
Wed. Mar. 13	9:15 am	† Lionel LaFleche from Yvette LaFleche
Thurs. Mar. 14	9:15 am	† Thérèse Olivier from Julie Senez
Sat. Mar. 16	4:00 pm	In thanksgiving from Joel & Linda Bouchard
Sun. Mar. 17	9:00 am	† Lorraine Charbonneau from Roland Charbonneau
	11:00 am	† Thérèse Oliver from Guy & Jeannine Lemire

First Sunday of Lent - *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

### Offering the Fruits of our Labour

Very few people pay their taxes willingly. We try to find ways around paying income tax. We often contribute to charities, not because we will feel good about supporting their cause, but because our gift is tax-deductible. Some people give only to save.

Imagine a different kind of society. Imagine a place where people know their taxes provide good roads, good schools, a fire department, and a recycling service. Imagine people believing so strongly in these goals that they gladly pay their taxes, and even contribute additional funds. Imagine that as they pay taxes each year, each person makes a statement renewing citizenship, professing a belief in the community's goals and reverence for its past. In such a society, individuals would care more for the community than for themselves.

In the Old Testament, Moses instructed the people to perform this kind of action. They prepared a basket of their first fruits and brought it to their religious leader. There they made a statement of faith, beginning with, "My father was a wandering Aramean." They recounted the history of God's interventions in the lives of their ancestors. They acknowledged their dependence on the faith of their parents and on the goodness of God. Consequently, they brought their gift in gratitude.

Did everyone really do what Moses asked? If they were like us, probably not. But just imagine. Imagine if we did this as a society. Or as a church.

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What am I  
doing for Lent  
this year?



If you missed last week's bulletin with suggestions on how to make Lent really count this year, you'll find copies of the bulletin on the shelf by the parish office, or go on-line to read it at [www.st-timothy.ca](http://www.st-timothy.ca).



**"Fan into  
Flame"**

Prayer Group  
**MONDAYS**  
at 7:00 pm  
at the Parish

Come JOIN US for PRAISE & WORSHIP, with teachings, sharing, and faith-related videos. FELLOWSHIP to follow! **ALL WELCOME!**

### *Stations of the Cross*

Join us to pray the Stations of the Cross every **Friday at 7:00 pm** during Lent:

**March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12**

### *Why Pray the Stations of the Cross?*

Praying the Stations of the Cross is a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It takes the reflection on the Passion out of your head, and makes it an imaginative exercise. It involves your senses, experience and emotions. **Help deepen the experience of your Lenten journey and join us in the parish each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm.** Scriptural booklets (large print too) are available for use while we pray the Stations of the Cross.



## Coming Up @ a gl@nce

### Monday Evenings

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

### Tues/Wed Catechism Evenings

Catechism Café/6:30 pm

### March 8, 15, 22 & 29 Fridays in LENT:

Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm

### Monday, March 11

Women's Auxiliary  
7:00 pm

### Tuesday, March 12

Liturgy Meeting - 6:30 pm

### Wednesday, March 13

Finance Meeting  
6:30 pm

### Thurs. Mar. 14, 21, 28 April 4 & 11

Lenten Video Series  
7 - 8 pm Parish Hall  
ALL WELCOME

### Monday, Mar. 18

SSVP - 7:30 pm

### Saturday, March 23

Mass at Vista Park Lodge  
for residents -10:30 am

### Sunday, March 24

Mass at Golden Links  
Lodge for residents  
2:30 pm

## Lenten Symbols in our Home

We need things to help support our Lenten journey and symbols are very powerful. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere that we need help. If we fill our home with meaningful symbols, they can serve as reminders and can help us raise our minds and hearts to God. Bring out some of these items to create a prayer table or space, or place them throughout your home as a prayerful reminder of this journey we are on this Lent.

**A Crucifix:** We probably all have a crucifix in our home. If not, Lent might be a wonderful time to buy one and place it in a central place.



**Water:** A simple bowl of water, in a central place, can be transformed into an ongoing reminder of our journey to the font of baptism for the renewal of commitment and life in Christ. Perhaps we can pray over it: *Lord, may this water remind us of our baptism and be a blessing for our home, where our dying and rising in you is lived each day. Bless us, as we sign ourselves with it each day.*



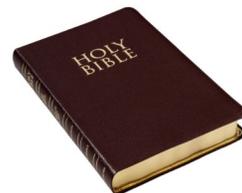
**Sand or stones:** Perhaps a bowl of sand or display of stones can help us remember our journey. God led the people in their journey in the desert. Jesus himself re-enacted that journey to face his own temptations. The desert can be a place of retreat,

where there is a freedom from distractions. It can be a good place to be led and to face our temptations.

**A Candle:** Imagine having a candle in a central place in our home. Imagine praying over it together as we begin Lent: *Lord, thank you for the gift of your Light in the midst of all darkness. Let this candle be a symbol of our faith in your presence among us.* And imagine if we light this candle whenever we feel tempted away from the Light of Jesus, when we are experiencing tensions in our home, whenever we need special graces. Imagine how powerful experiencing

the lighting of the New Fire will be at the Easter Vigil. Perhaps we have Baptismal candles that were given to us or our children at Baptism. It might be very meaningful to bring them out and lay them near our central candle, or even light them. We can remember the words that were spoken when we received this candle: "Receive the Light of Christ. ... keep this flame burning brightly."

**A Bible:** The Word is so important for us during Lent. Perhaps the prominent presence of a Bible in our home can represent for us our desire for God's Word in our lives. If you don't have your own bible, stop by the parish office or call us at 204-949-3760.



**A Symbol for Almsgiving:** During Lent, many of us grew up with a simple box for contributions to the poor around the world on our kitchen table. Bring this tradition back - choose a bowl or container to place on your kitchen table to make this way of making almsgiving at home very concrete and focused on solidarity with those who have so much less than we do. The key is to give a focus to our sacrifices as a family - eating or living more simply during Lent - in a way which directly connects those sacrifices with the needs of others. The money you "save" not eating out or by doing without can be collected in your container to give to those in need.



Are there other symbols which make your particular Lenten journey full of meaning and faith?

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### LENTEN VIDEO PROGRAM

Join us **THURSDAY** Evenings from 7 - 8 pm  
in the Parish Hall on March 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11  
for **SHORT 8-minute VIDEOS** by Fr. Mike Schmitz\*

The videos will focus on the three things pillars of Lent:

**PRAYER, FASTING & GIVING ALMS**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**A special invite to YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**



**Come to watch, reflect...  
and for fellowship & refreshments!**



*\*Father Mike Schmitz is a well known energetic and inspiring priest in Duluth Minnesota. He appears in programs targeted toward youth and young adults for Ascension Press, as well as regular short videos on "Ascension Presents."*

### FIRST SESSION: Thursday, March 14

#### Seeking the Lord in Reading Scriptures

**"Where is Lent in the Bible?":** Just about any question you might have about Lent is answered in this video. Fr. Mike explains where the observance of Lent came from (the Bible), clarifies why Catholics observe the season, and shares how it can make a difference in our lives.

**"Ways to Read the Bible":** Maybe you used to read the Bible for inspiration, for its great stories, or for answers to the big questions in life. But now, it sits on your nightstand gathering dust. Perhaps you gave up reading it because it seemed irrelevant to your everyday life or because it became too hard to follow. If so, Fr. Mike Schmitz offers several reasons for you to pick up your Bible again, see it with new eyes, and allow it to transform your life.

## FINANCE NEWS

### Weekly offering to our Parish - 2019

Collection date	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Total	Children's Collection for SSV
February 24	\$3,712.30 (156 env)	\$251.00	<b>\$3,963.30</b>	\$35.15
March 3	\$5,779.35 (189 env)	\$188.00	<b>\$5,967.35</b>	\$23.90

Donations made to the church by Direct Debit for February was \$14,935.00 (184 direct debit users)

## WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

Have you ever tried a "tech fast"? For one day resolve not to use any technology – no TV, computer, cell phone, iPod, etc. Use the time you save to pray and to be present

### NEW SCHEDULE FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### New Ministry Schedule - 2019 Second Quarter

**TODAY, March 10 is the deadline to get your availability in for the second quarter Liturgical Ministry Schedule.** If you already know some dates that you are not available April - June, please go on-line to the ministry schedule, click on "my profile" and submit the dates that you are not available to be scheduled.

If you do not use the schedule electronically, please contact Grace at the parish office at [grace@st-timothy.ca](mailto:grace@st-timothy.ca) or leave a message at 204-949-3760 to share the dates that you know you are not available to serve. Thank you!

## CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### March 10, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deut 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.



**CAN YOU HELP? NEEDED: 2 baby car seats and a mattress** (no box spring needed) for newcomer families. Can you please call Brigitte (from SSV) at 204-396-6103 and leave a message. Many thanks!



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) MONTHLY UPDATE

Because of the generosity of our parishioners, 47 families consisting of 79 adults & 35 children received food assistance and visits to their homes during the month of February.



### This Share Lent, let's Create a Culture of Encounter

For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada encourages us to reach out to forcibly displaced persons and to share their journey. How? Donate online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or give during the Solidarity Sunday collection on

the 5th Sunday of Lent on April 7. The funds collected are used to support over 162 projects in 37 countries around the world! Also, learn more about Development and Peace Share Lent by going to [devp.org](http://devp.org) as a way to encounter children, women and men who have been forcibly displaced and to learn how their partners are making a difference. There will a

different bulletin announcement each week that focuses on different communities of forcibly displaced people that were supported by donations to Development and Peace.

### Week 1: Share the journey with poor coastal communities in Tacloban, the Philippines

In 2013, poor coastal communities in the Philippines saw their homes ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to your donations, Development and Peace and its local partners formed a consortium for the purchase of a piece of land that affected communities were empowered to transform into the Pope Francis Village.

Watch the documentary *After the Storm* to follow the inspiring journey of these communities: [devp.org/en/philippines-documentary](http://devp.org/en/philippines-documentary).



**NEW WEBSITE! National Week for Life and the Family** The National Week for Life and the Family Tri-Diocesan Committee has launched a **new website: [lifeandthefamily.com](http://lifeandthefamily.com)**. You will find resources, our events calendar, bulletin inserts, news and blog articles, and more information about the National Week for Life and the Family. It will serve as a "hub" for the NWLF in southern Manitoba, involving the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, Archdiocese of St. Boniface, and Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg.

**ILLUMINATE EVENING OF ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Friday, March 29, 2019** All are invited to participate in a dynamic evening of adoration, praise & worship, reconciliation and fellowship on Friday, March 29, 2019, at 7:00 pm, St. John XXIII Roman Catholic Church, 3390 Portage Avenue. Starting at 7 pm with Stations of the Cross. For more information, [www.illuminatemb.com](http://www.illuminatemb.com) or [facebook.com/illuminatemb](https://facebook.com/illuminatemb).