

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)

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 - Secret Plan

The birth of Jesus became the worst kept secret in the history of the world. All along, people knew God had a plan. God had told everyone from Adam and Eve, to Abraham and Sara, to Moses and Miriam, to Mary and Joseph that there was a plan. Nobody fully understood it. Nobody knew how God would bring the plan to fulfillment. But they all believed. They had seen God work mighty deeds in their lives, and they believed that one day the promise of redemption would be fulfilled.

Jesus was God's secret. When Jesus was born in humble surroundings outside of royalty and pageantry, only a handful of people even began to realize what God had done.

But the secret got out. Angels appeared in the sky. Shepherds showed up. And Magi traveled from a faraway land. Everyone was finding out God's two great surprises: Jesus was born as the promised Messiah, and he came not just for his own race, but for all the people of the world.

The Letter to the Ephesians says, God's mystery "was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Jesus was born, and he came to save each of us, no matter what family we came from, what we believed, or how we behaved. The mystery of God's love is open now to the whole world. That is the epiphany, the revelation of God's secret.

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Readings for January 5: Is 60.1-6; Eph 3.2-3, 5-6, Matt 2.1-12

Readings for January 12: Is 42.1-4,6-7; Acts 10.34-38; Matt 3.13-17

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.

January 5, 2020

The Feast of the Epiphany 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 January 4 - 12, 2020

Sat. Jan. 4	4:00 pm	Special Intention from the Johnstone family
Sun. Jan. 5	9:00 am	† Albert Fraser from Marcel Fraser
	11:00 am	† Gerry Prawdzik from Marcie Kosman
Tues. Jan. 7	4:00 pm	† Lorraine Charbonneau from Roland & family
Wed. Jan. 8	7:30 pm	† Joan Coté-Goring from Jeannine & Noel Audet
Thurs. Jan. 9	10:00 pm	† Lionel Lafleche from Marcie Kosman
Mass with Anointing of the Sick		
Sat. Jan. 11	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of all parishioners
Sun. Jan. 12	9:00 am	† Deceased members of the Blerot & Cruywels families from Marilyn & Alfred Blerot
	11:00 am	Special Intention from Nettie Bruce



Please remember in your prayers... Georgina (Gina) Anne Smith who passed away on December 23, 2019. Funeral Mass will be Thursday, January 9 at 11 am at the parish. Our sincere condolences to her husband David and family.

We Welcome These Children Through the Waters of Baptism

Brea Jae Chabluk
daughter of Matthew & Jenn
on December 28, 2019



Aurora Florence Bredonia Labossiere
daughter of Mario & Leanne
on December 29, 2019

Epiphany means “**manifestation**”, and it celebrates the day that the infant Jesus revealed his divinity to the magi. Traditionally, this event is connected with two others from the Gospels: the baptism of Jesus and the wedding at Cana. In all these events, the mystery of Christ became more manifest. The magi, coming from the East, signify that gentile nations – not just Jewish nations – were coming to recognize Jesus as the saviour of the world.



SIXTH Annual Epiphany Home Blessing with Chalk

It is an age-old tradition in the Catholic Church to hand out blessed chalk for us to bless our homes at Epiphany or another time in the New Year.

At mass this weekend on this Feast of the Epiphany, Fr. Chrys will bless chalk for us to take home so that we can bless our homes. With the blessed chalk you will receive an explanation of the home blessing tradition and a prayer to recite when you do the blessing!

The St. Timothy
Marriage, Family & Life Team

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Advent and Christmas Season celebrations so rich and meaningful! We would like to mention:

Our talented choir directors, musicians and choirs for leading us in uplifting joyous hymns (with all the extra rehearsals that went with the season), our AWE-some (it never gets old!) AWE Committee for the inspiring décor, all the liturgical ministers who served in many roles and served many times, our behind-the-scenes angels...the Liturgy Committee, the linen laundry team, the sacristy ministers who prepare the church for mass, manage the minister sign-ins and lock up the church, the ushers & hospitality ministers who welcomed and guided our visitors - the list goes on! We are grateful for you all!

For everyone who contributes to our parish life—the Parish Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, all our ministries and groups that serve us and our community in need—we are so grateful for all of you who make this parish community so special and we appreciate everyone’s gifts and talents—all the year through! To everyone who gathers as community each week, may you all be blessed with God’s joy, peace and love in 2020!

And of course much gratitude to Fr. Chrys for his pastoral care, his wonderful, joy-filled laugh, for encouraging us to keep our hope alive and for reminding us to thank God for everything - for the good times and the challenging times. The LORD is GOOD! All the time!

Coming Up

Monday Evenings

“Fan into Flame”
Prayer Group 7:00 pm
Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 8

Finance meeting - 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 9

Mass with Anointing
of the Sick - 9:15 am

Friday, January 10



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

Tuesday, January 14

Liturgy meeting
6:30 pm - MPR

6 Thursdays beginning January 16

“The Mass” video series
7:00 - 8:30 pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, January 19

K of C BIG Breakfast
after both morning masses
in the parish hall

2020 - The Year of Worship – Getting Closer to God



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

Happy New Year! To help us live out the four commitments of our vision statement, **Welcome, Worship, Serve and Grow**, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is coordinating a series of activities to highlight a particular intention each year. 2019 was the Year of Welcome for our parish. We now have a very dedicated team of *welcomers*, parishioners who foster hospitality through the gift of greeting.

As parishioners of St. Timothy we will continue to live out the Spirit of Welcome as we dedicate **2020 as the Year of Worship**. We begin the Year of Worship on this feast of Epiphany to connect our worship to the act of the three wise men who “when they saw the child (Jesus) with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshiped him” (Matthew 2:11)

You may have already seen the banner in the narthex by the Baptismal Font to remind us of our spiritual focus for the year. The **image** resembles a **Monstrance** which is a vessel used to expose the Real Presence of the body of Christ for adoration during the rite of exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



What is Worship?

- Worship or Adoration is the first act of the virtue of religion. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)
- Worship is the praise, thanksgiving, and acknowledgment given to God by believing individuals and communities through action and words. (*Encyclopedia of Catholicism*)

What do we currently do as a worshipping community?

- By virtue of coming together at mass, we perform one single act of worship. The Holy Eucharist, Vatican II tells us, is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 11; cf *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1324).
- Individually, we worship God in our own homes and elsewhere through our many ways of praying and living our lives as good Christian people of God.

Why the Year of Worship?

- “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve,” says Jesus, citing Deuteronomy. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)
- It is an integral component of the vision statement of the Parish of St. Timothy.

What happens during the Year of Worship?

- We already have various worship activities happening in the parish: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every first Friday of the month*, *“Fan into Flame” Prayer Group on Monday evenings*, *Faith Sharing Group of Sunday Readings and Gospel every Thursday morning*, and *“Beyond Arise” Group one Saturday morning a month*.
- We focus our additional programming to help us have a more profound understanding of what “**worship**” means: **Prayer, Liturgy/Mass, Sacrifice/Offering**.
- We encourage every parishioner to engage in worship during the year.

When will these happen?

- Current programs and ministries as mentioned are already happening throughout the year.
- Additional worship events will be carried out according to the 2020 Liturgical Year – Epiphany, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time up to Advent.
- The goal is to help us learn how to get closer to God through deeper understanding of worship so that we lead our lives in constant worship of God.

January 2020 - Ordinary Time – First Worship Program:

We will begin to learn about **the Mass** when the Church moves to Ordinary Time. “*The two parts which in a sense go to make up the Mass viz. the liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic liturgy, are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship.*” (Vatican II)

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES! EVERYONE IS INVITED!

**“The Mass” by Bishop Barron
(Facilitated video series learning)
SIX EVENINGS every THURSDAY
on JANUARY 16, 23, 30, FEBRUARY 6, 13 & 20
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - in the PARISH HALL**

“Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and **be transformed** through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. **The Mass** will help you understand how to *fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.*”

Other programs and events will be announced closer to the change of the liturgical calendar during the year.

We hope that as we begin 2020, this will be a time of reflection for how we might want to spend our year in faith. May God bless us all with His abundant love and mercy throughout the year.

St. Timothy Parish Pastoral Council

FINANCE NEWS

Weekly offering to our Parish - 2019/20

Collection date	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Total	Children's Collection for SSVF
December 22	\$4,937.00 (205 env)	in Xmas	\$4,937.00	in Xmas
Christmas 2019	\$10,195.00 (285 env)	\$2,805.95	\$13,000.95	\$139.05
December 29	\$4,934.00 (176 env)	\$646.10 (incl Jan.1)	\$5,580.10	\$43.02 (incl Jan.1)
New Years Day 2020	\$3,742.00 (120 env)	in Dec. 29	\$3,742.00	in Dec. 29

Donations made to the church by Direct Debit for December was \$15,721.00 (188 direct debit users).

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

January 5, 2020 - Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to us.

REQUESTED ITEMS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES

Baby clothes for boys or girls from newborn to size 2. Also baby items like cribs, strollers, bouncers, etc.

There is always a need for winter wear for all ages, male and female for refugees new to Winnipeg.

Please call Theresa Prystupa at 204-256-9608 if you can help. Thank you.

A "Talk with the Archbishop" meeting for separated/divorced persons will take place on Sunday, January 12, 2020, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Provencher Salon of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface (151 avenue de la Cathedrale). This meeting will be a 'workshop' type and is part of a series of meetings with Bishop LeGatt. The goal is to create diocesan initiatives for separated/divorced persons. The event is an opportunity to share experiences, and to see how to meet the needs of separated/divorced persons in our archdiocese. Refreshments and a light snack will be offered. On-site child care will be available. For information or to register before January 8, 2020, please contact Sophie from the Marriage, Family and Life Service at the Archdiocese of St. Boniface: mfv@archsaintboniface.ca; 204-594-0274.

Check out the posters on the bulletin board for all the Catholic School OPEN HOUSE dates!

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

Do you and your spouse have a patron saint for 2020? If not, choose a patron saint (or saints) for your marriage with your spouse. Learn more about them, read their writings, and ask for their intercession when times are difficult. Not sure where to start? Check out the list of married saints or look up saints by patronage or date at foryourmarriage.org.



St Timothy Grief Ministry Support Group

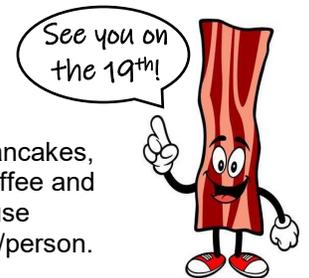
The Parish of St Timothy Grief Ministry will be offering a Grief Support Group in February and March 2020. This is an 8 week program for those grieving the loss of a loved one. We will be following a book by Alan D Wolfelt Ph.D., called "Understanding Your Grief" and the companion journal.

As we gather as a small group sharing our grief journey, we will offer and receive support from each other.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Marilyn Stewart at 204-257-4290.

KNIGHTS KNEWS

Join us on Sunday, January 19 after each morning mass for a delicious **BIG BREAKFAST** of pancakes, scrambled eggs, BAAAACON, coffee and juice all in support of Jocelyn House Hospice. Suggested donation \$6/person.



St Timothy's "Discovery" Faith Study A CALL TO ALL YOUNG ADULTS AT ST. TIM'S!

"The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith....And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us".

- Pope Francis to young people across the world

Have you ever been interested in getting more involved in our parish community? Have you ever wanted to dive deeper into the Christian faith? Have you ever wondered if there are other young people that also desire these things?

If so, **JOIN US** for the "Discovery Faith Study" (by Catholic Christian Outreach). This faith study will aim to explore some of the basic concepts of the Christian faith and will invite its participants to discern making a commitment to Christ, all in the company of other young adults (ages 18-30) from our parish. Join us for a 8 week series where we can gather together to pray, laugh, eat, meet other young people, and DISCOVER our Lord!

For more information or to sign up, contact Deepa Joseph: josephdeepa56@gmail.com or call the parish office at 204-949-3760.