The Roman Catholic

Parish of St. Timothy

Archdiocese of St. Boniface

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May 31, 2020

The Solemnity of Pentecost

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.

May 31 Readings:
Pentecost
Acts 2.1-11; Ps 104
1 Cor 12.3-7, 12-13; John 20.19-23

June 7 Readings:
Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34.4-6;8-9; Ps Dan 3
2 Cor 13.11-13; John 3.16-18

Living with Christ is offering free prayer resources and downloads of the daily Mass texts. Click **HERE**

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

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UPDATE ON SUNDAY MASSES

Manitoba's Chief Health Public Officer, Dr. Brent Roussin, has increased the limit on the size of public gatherings to 25 people for indoor premises, provided physical distancing and sanitizing measures are in place. **Therefore, we are excited to be able to once again, gather together and celebrate mass in person (even though only in groups of 25 at this time).**

Beginning next weekend, June 6 & 7, The Parish of St. Timothy will return to regularly scheduled Sunday mass times:

Saturday at 4:00 pm*, Sunday at 9:00 am and 11:00 am
You MUST pre-register to attend. Please see below.

***Please note that the 4 pm mass will be recorded for later viewing.**
If you are in attendance at that mass, you may be recorded.

MASS ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Beginning next weekend, June 6 & 7, the Parish of St. Timothy will begin to celebrate Mass for gatherings of up to 25 people (including the presider and ministers serving at mass). *What do you need to know? How can you request to attend?*

Call or Email to request to attend Mass:

In order for everyone to get an opportunity to attend mass, please call the office (204-949-3760) or email the office (info@st-timothy.ca) to reserve a spot at your preferred mass time. If you have no preference of mass time, please indicate so. Reservations at this time can only be accepted on the Wednesday and Thursday immediately before the weekend you hope to attend mass. We will ask for your name and the number of people in your household who will be attending. We must strictly enforce the 25 person maximum for each mass in order to be compliant with the Public Health Officials. We will confirm your attendance via email or return phone call. (Wait for confirmation before you plan to attend mass.)

Arriving for Mass: Entrance to the church will be through the north doors only (closest to the parish office). Doors open 30 minutes before mass. All other entrances will be locked. Please arrive to mass promptly as the north doors will be locked five minutes before mass begins. No one will be able to enter the church less than 5 minutes before mass begins.

BEFORE REQUESTING TO PARTICIPATE IN MASS, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

You should not attend mass if you or someone in your household is exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms, recently travelled outside of Manitoba or been in contact with someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus.

There are plastic chairs physically distanced in the worship space; you must sit in one of these chairs so they may be disinfected after mass by volunteers.

As per direction from the office of the St. Boniface Archdiocese:

Facemasks: **It is strongly recommended that all people attending mass bring and wear masks.**

Music and Congregational Singing: While we will have an accompanist and singer, singing by the greater church community is not recommended. Hymnals have been removed from the church.

Offertory Collection: We will have a collection basket for your Sunday offering just inside the worship space doors. Please drop your offering in the basket before mass as collection will not be taken during mass.

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Sign of Peace: The sign of peace will be expressed with a bow of the head toward one's neighbour.

Communion Procession: Physical distancing must be maintained during the Communion procession. The distribution of communion will be done by Fr. Chrys alone, who will be wearing a mask at the time of communion. Communion from the chalice (Precious Blood) is to be discontinued during this time. Communion is only allowed to be distributed on the hand of each communicant at this time. Great care will be taken to not make physical contact.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

Dispensation from Sunday Obligation: While we continue to move toward a total opening, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation to physically attend Mass is granted to the faithful until the end of the pandemic (cf. Code of Canon Law, 87).

The 4 pm mass on Saturday will be recorded for viewing later on for those who are not able to attend mass. Links to watch mass continues to be on our parish website.

UPDATE ON WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 9:30 am ("first come" basis up to 25 people)

Gathering is limited to 25 people including Father Chrys and designated ministers. Weekday mass will be on a first come, first serve basis. However upon arrival, attendees must write their name and phone number on contact tracing forms. Once we've reached 25 people in the worship space, we must comply with the authorities and not let more people in the church. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before mass begins. Note that you will be able to enter the church shortly before 9 am to pray the Rosary before mass, if you so choose.

The Tuesday morning mass at 9:30 am will be live streamed on Facebook to be watched live or at your convenience on Facebook.

Tuesday morning mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon.

Please join us to pray the **Rosary at 9 am (before mass) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

Mass with Anointing of the Sick on the first Thursday of the month is still postponed. Anointing of the Sick is available on request. Please contact Fr. Chrys directly at fr.chrys@st-timothy.ca or 204-257-3723 or leave a message at the parish office at 204-949-3760.

CAN YOU HELP? We'll need help at both weekend and weekday masses, setting up the altar for mass (much simpler than usual), monitoring the doors, signing in parishioners as they arrive, and sanitizing the chairs and surfaces after each mass. If you can help with one or more of these duties occasionally, please let Grace know when you register for mass. Training will be provided.

THANK YOU! As we navigate these new changes, we thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and cooperation, as we continue to work together to keep each other healthy and safe! Please watch for updates online and in the bulletin as we adjust processes as required.

The Feast of Pentecost

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

Pentecost: Acts 2:1-11 - A New Power

What could change fear into confidence? What power is strong enough to put fears to rest and bring confidence to life?

Our fears come from many sources. Failure, loneliness, and rejection can all make us afraid to try anything.

Confidence often comes from outside, especially when we cannot find it ourselves. Someone else notices a talent in us that we have overlooked. A friend helps us laugh at ourselves. Or by sheer gift, we receive a new power, a new opportunity that makes all the difference in the world.

What changed the disciples' fear into confidence? Something mighty must have happened. The same group that fled at the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus, the same people who cowered in an upper room after his ascension—these people started proclaiming the message of salvation to large crowds in every language. How did it happen?

There is only one answer. The Holy Spirit made it happen. The Spirit, promised by Jesus, came in wind and fire to lift up the disciples and bolster their confidence.

No matter where your fear comes from, the Holy Spirit may find you and change your life forever. Will you cooperate? Are you ready to share the gifts of the Spirit?

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Upcoming MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 2
† *Henri Malo*

Wednesday, June 3
† *Gordie Kosman*

Thursday, June 4
For the Sick & Shut In

Saturday, June 6
Needs & Intentions of all parishioners

Sunday, June 7
9 am - Special Intention
11 am - † Emily Gigian (Rusnak)

Holy Spirit Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you will renew
the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) continues to be busy thanks to your financial support and to your prayers for the Poor.

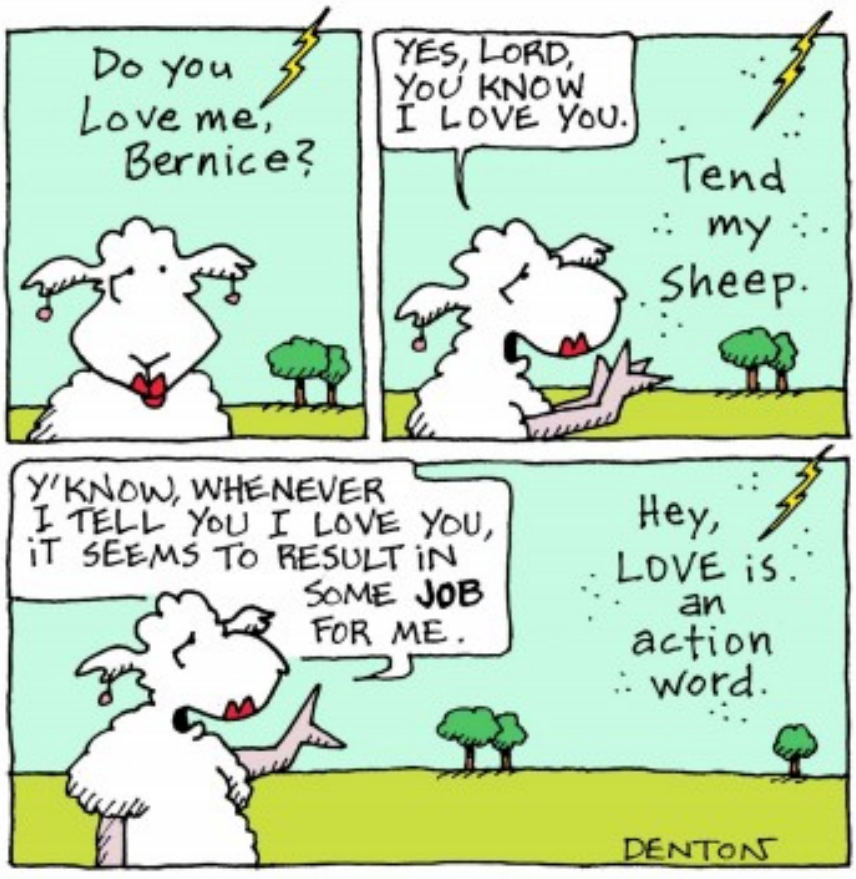
AGAPE TABLE: We are still looking for a volunteer to prepare filling for egg sandwiches to be ready for delivery on Wednesday, June 10 in the morning. We also are looking for 3 people to volunteer at Agape Table on Tuesday, June 9 which is inside of Wave Church at 364 Furby Street.

Call Michelle Fischer at 204-254-6721 if you can help. Thank you!

SSVP is grateful for the continued monetary support from our parishioners during this time. To help SSVP carry out their mission to serve the Poor in Winnipeg, you may mail cheques to the parish made payable to "Parish of St. Timothy" with "SSVP " in the memo line.

Be safe and know that you are in the hearts and prayers of all the Vincentians in our parish!

A refugee family is in need of a queen bed. Do you have one to donate?
If so, please contact Dan or Lorraine Janssens at 204-253-8908. Thank you!



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Weekly offering to our Parish - 2020

Collection Date	Envelopes	Credit Card	Total
May 3	$10,045.00 (52 env)		$10,045.00
May 10	**$ 3,753.00 (23 env)**	**$2,735.00** (17 donations)	**$6,488.00**
May 17	**$1,337.00 (12 env)**		**$1,337.00**
May 24	**$3,020.00 (13 env)**		**$3,020.00**

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

THANK YOU to all who have responded to the recent letter sent to our parish members and who have sent your donations to the parish during this difficult time.

THANK YOU also to those who have switched over from using envelopes to making their donations by direct debit. UPDATE: We now have 208 parishioners using direct debit! This is so appreciated!

Donations made to the church by Direct Debit for the month of May was $16,169.00.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to still make your Sunday donations to the parish if possible. There are three ways to do so:

Direct Debit

1) Sign up for Direct Debit: A Direct Debit form was mailed to you and we ask that you consider signing up for automatic debit donations. Direct debit forms are also on the parish website, st-timothy.ca. You can print the form then mail it to the parish with a void cheque.

2) Mail your donation (cheques only) to the parish. You may send post-dated cheques as well!

3) Online: go to archsaintboniface.ca and click on the button "donate to your parish during the COVID-19 pandemic". Or click on the **DONATE** button on the home page of our website and you'll be directed to the diocesan link to make your donation. **Be sure to choose "St. Timothy" on the drop down menu to direct your donation.**

WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

Do you tend to talk more than listen? Today, make the effort to listen to your spouse as much as you talk to them .

From the "Companions in Grief" Team
at the Parish of St. Timothy

MOVING FORWARD with *Grief*

Reaching Out

Grieving and mourning may be the hardest work you have ever done. And hard work is less burdensome when others lend a hand. Sharing your pain with others won't make it disappear, but it will, over time, make it more bearable. Reaching out for help also connects you to other people and strengthens the bonds of love that make life seem worth living again.

Excerpt from Understanding your Grief,
Dr. Alan Woldfelt

Fan into Flame Prayer Group

We have moved our Monday evening prayer meetings ONLINE!

Please contact Marcie at 204-504-6040

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday - May 31, 2020

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Cor 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

Employment Opportunity at the Parish of St. Timothy

PARISH ACCOUNTANT

After 19 years of dedicated service to our Parish, VICKY ROMBOUGH will be retiring this summer. *As a result, the Parish will have an immediate opening for the position of Parish Accountant.*

The Parish Accountant is responsible for administering all aspects of parish finances, working in partnership with multiple ministry leads.

The primary areas of responsibility include processing all income, accounts payable, payroll, reconciliations, month-end financial reports, annual budget development, and other financial tracking.

The position description may be found on our website, st-timothy.ca. Applicants may send a cover letter and résumé to Nick Pizzi, Chair of the Finance Committee, by email, nick.pizzi@icloud.com, or by post to:

Nick Pizzi
c/o Parish of St. Timothy
135 John Forsyth Road
Winnipeg MB R2N 1R3

The closing date for applications is June 5, 2020

Ordinations: June 5, 6 and 13, 2020

To the Diaconate - Christian Illunga Mutombo: Friday, June 5, at 9:30 AM

To the Priesthood - Deacon Jean-Baptiste (Anh Duy) Nguyen: Saturday, June 6, at 7 PM.

- Deacon Brian Trueman: Saturday, June 13, at 10 AM

These ordination masses will be live streamed. The liturgies can be accessed via the YouTube channel of the parish of SaintsMartyrs-Canadians:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFLbnkM6HlRYpb4QjiXeBOg/live

Or on the Diocese's Facebook page at the https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/live

Liturgies will start precisely at the indicated broadcast time.