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**Parish of St. Timothy**

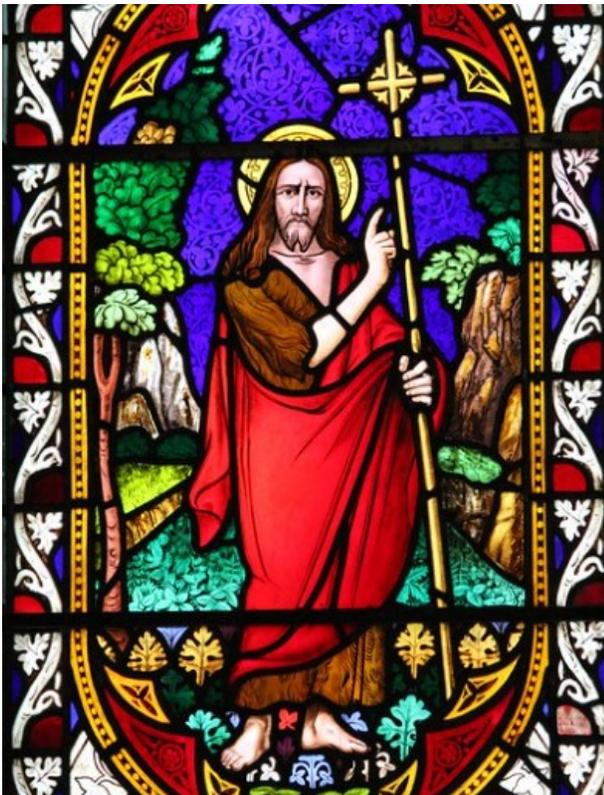
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St. Timothy is a contemporary Roman Catholic parish called to "fan into flame the gifts God has given us" (2 Tim 1.6-7) so together ALL encounter and share the Living Christ.

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

*December 5, 2021*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*



*Prepare the way of the Lord. Luke 3.4*

**Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 5:**  
Baruch 5.1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1.3-6, 8-11; Lk 3.1-6

**Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent, December 12:**  
Zeph 3.14-18; Ps 12; Phil 4.4-7; Lk 3.10-18

Find us on:



See Mass attendance details in bulletin  
or on our [website](http://st-timothy.ca)

**LORD'S DAY:**

Saturday at 4 pm\*

Sunday at 9 am & 11 am\*

\*livestreamed Masses

**WEEKDAY MASS:**

Tuesday - Friday at 9:30 am\*

\*Tuesday & Wednesday Masses are livestreamed

**Parish Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:  
9 am - 5 pm (closed noon - 1 pm)

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**  
Before Mass, or you may make an appointment by contacting Fr. Brian at 204-949-3769 or [fr.brian@st-timothy.ca](mailto:fr.brian@st-timothy.ca)

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** By individual appointment due to the pandemic. Contact Fr. Brian or the parish office.

**Baptisms:** Please contact the parish office 3 months in advance.

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

## Details on Advent Penitential Service and Christmas Masses

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (Romans 10:15)

Greetings in the Lord!

I am pleased to announce a message which gives important information for two upcoming events: a penitential liturgy for this season of Advent and our parish's Masses for Christmas.

First of all, many of the parishes in our deanery (South Urban English Deanery) are offering a times and occasions for people to celebrate the sacrament of Confession this season of Advent as a way to prepare spiritually for the Comings of the Lord, to “make straight in the desert a highway for our God” (Isa 40:3). I will list the options for all the parishes and then comment on our own particular options.

Friday, December 10 at St. Emile Parish (English) at 7:00 PM

**Saturday, December 11 at St. Timothy (English) at 7:00 PM**

Sunday, December 12 at St. Andrew Bobola Parish (English) at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 14 at Christ The King Parish (English) at 6:00 PM

Friday, December 17 at Saint-Norbert Parish (Bilingual) at 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 18 at Mary, Mother of the Church (Bilingual) at 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 19 at Holy Family Parish (Bilingual) at 3:00 PM

Tuesday, December 21 at Holy Cross Parish at 6:00 PM

Last year such communal gatherings were not possible due to restrictions, but this year as you can see, many parishes are working to ensure such cherished traditions can be done in safe ways as we have been doing now for much of the pandemic. Options abound for us!

For St. Timothy, this penitential liturgy will be an opportunity to come together in prayer, prepare ourselves for a fruitful Confession, and then be able to see one of the 4-5 priests that will be here. I look forward to it very much after being unable to do it last year. For those who would like to celebrate the sacrament of Confession but think that such an event may not work for them, the possibility will still exist to either see me when I'm available in the confessional for roughly 30 minutes before all our parish Masses (weekday and weekend) or to make an individual appointment with me.

The second upcoming notable event I'd like to discuss is our Christmas Masses. Much like the penitential celebrations happening this year, we rejoice that these options are available to us this year having missed them greatly last year. Our Masses for Christmas are as follows:

**Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve - 4:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 10:00 PM.**

**Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day - 11:00 AM**

Additionally, I'll just note that due to the proximity of Christmas and Sunday this year the normal Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM will not be celebrated. This Mass would be the Sunday Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family, and not another Christmas Mass. Many parishes have chosen to simply not have an evening Mass on Christmas Day, especially since many parishioners will still probably be celebrating various Christmas festivities. The following day, however, on the Sunday (26th) we will still have our regular 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family which always falls on the first Sunday after Christmas.

We anticipate many will still desire to attend the Christmas Masses in-person this year, just as it has always been rather well attended before the pandemic. As a result, we would like to ask parishioners to make a reservation for themselves and others who may attend with them for the specific Mass they intend to participate in. The reservation system was used especially when we feared having to turn people away from the Mass due to our limited capacity, such as the celebrations during Holy Week this year. We will use the online service, RSVP Church, that we've had good experience with previously. The reservations will only be required for our four Christmas Masses on the eve and during the day, and not any of the other Masses for the Sunday or later in the season (Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on New Year's).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** We are only announcing the times and need for reservations this week so you can plan accordingly, but the service for making the actual reservations will begin to be available on Tuesday, December 14th at 9:00 AM.

I hope this message is clear, understandable, and brings you a sense of eager anticipation as I have.

May the Lord continue to bless our Advent journey abundantly!

I am, in our Lord, yours.  
Fr. Brian Trueman

### **Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season**

*(A Christmas Mass will be live-streamed  
and recorded for later viewing - details next week)*

**Reservations will be taken for the Christmas Masses only,  
starting Tuesday, December 14 by using our reservation system  
RSVP Church at [rsvp.church/r/mRvh7Ock](https://rsvp.church/r/mRvh7Ock)**

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 4 pm, 7:30 pm & 10 pm

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day: 11 am

*(No Saturday Anticipated Mass for Holy Family Sunday, Dec. 26)*

Sunday, December 26, Holy Family: 9 am and 11 am

Friday, December 31, Mary, Mother of God: 4 pm

Saturday, January 1, Mary, Mother of God: 11 am

Saturday, January 1, Epiphany: 4 pm

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany: 9 am and 11 am

#### **Office Hours before Christmas**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, December 21/22/23: 9 am - 5 pm

#### **Weekday Mass Schedule before & after Christmas:**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, December 21- 23  
(There is no weekday Mass on Friday, December 24)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, December 28 - 30  
(There is no weekday Mass on Friday, December 31)

#### **Important Notes:**

**Reserve for Christmas Masses  
at RSVP Church  
[rsvp.church/r/mRvh7Ock](https://rsvp.church/r/mRvh7Ock)**

If you do not use the internet, you may call the parish office to make your reservations starting on **Tuesday, December 14 at 9:00 am.**

**We have room for about 160 people in the building:** 95 people in the church and 65 in the parish hall (where Mass will be projected on the big screen with clear sound.)

Doors will open one hour before Mass begins.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass begins.

Those who have reservations will be seated first. However, **reserved spots will be given up by 10 minutes before Mass** if there are people without reservations waiting for seats.

**Livestreamed Masses that are also recorded for later viewing:**

Saturday - 4 pm  
Sunday - 11 am  
Tues/Wed - 9:30 am

**How to view live-stream Mass: Go to [st-timothy.ca](https://www.st-timothy.ca)**

Click the "live stream" link by the Mass time you want to watch. You can also click the Facebook icon on the top of the home page and you will be directed to our Facebook page to watch live or recorded Masses.

**Mass Intentions for December 4 - 12, 2021**

Sat., Dec. 4	4:00 pm	† Alajzia & Sylvester Bielik and deceased family members from Phil & Josie Landry
Sun., Dec. 5	9:00 am	In thanksgiving from Cecile Vermette
	11:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners from Fr. Brian Trueman
Tues., Dec. 7	9:30 am	† Carl Sinclair from Marcie Kosman
Wed., Dec. 8	9:30 am	† Michelle Petit from Jacqueline & Dale Verville
Thurs., Dec. 9	9:30 am	† Dave Penner from Marcie Kosman
Fri., Dec. 10	9:30 am	† Ernest Carriere from Rene & Ellen Gratton
Sat., Dec. 11	4:00 pm	† Jules Granger from Daniel Bouchard
Sun., Dec. 12	9:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners from Fr. Brian Trueman
	11:00 am	† Jules Granger from Ruth Prawdzik

**CAPACITY FOR MASS**  
Use of PARISH HALL

**CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS** allow 33 % capacity for places of worship, physically distanced.

For our parish, we fit about 95 people in the worship space (church nave) and 60 + in the parish hall where Mass is projected on the screen. Communion is brought to those participating in Mass in the hall.

**REMINDERS WHEN ATTENDING MASS**

Please arrive at least **10-15 minutes before Mass** to allow time to sign-in and self-screen for Covid-19.

**Masks are required in all indoor public places.** If you've forgot your mask, ask the door monitors for one.

For more information, read the November 5th update of [Diocesan Health Measures](#) or go to [archsaintboniface.ca](#) to view the document.



**Grow your faith this ADVENT!**  
Spend some quiet time in the Presence of our Lord

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*  
*Tuesdays after weekday Mass*

**JOIN US: Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm St. Boniface Cathedral** Come celebrate the trust of the Virgin Mary which led her to say her "Yes" to God's plan and to accept to be the mother of His Son. The diocesan Mass will be presided by Bishop LeGatt. We will be praying in a special way for an end to the pandemic and for reconciliation to flourish among all people and in all places. All are welcome. No prior registration is required. The Cathedral will be able to accommodate 290 people in the nave and 150 people in the basement, where the Mass will be televised. The celebration will also be broadcast live on the Cathedral parish YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/a0mC9pPKPw/>

**The 2022 Donation Envelopes are Ready for Pick Up!**



This week you'll find your box of donation envelopes in **alphabetical order** on tables near the sign-in tables. (Please note that your envelope number may not be the same as last year.)

If you can't find a box of envelopes in your name, please check the list by the envelopes. If your name is not on the list, we did not issue you envelopes. If you want envelopes, please call or email the parish and we will prepare a box for you.

**Do you donate by Direct Debit?** You will find a box of donation envelopes with your name as well as your donation number. Please write your name and envelope number on each envelope that you use so that your account is credited correctly.

Please do not use the 2022 envelopes until the new year.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
**Blessing of Prayer Shawls**  
**Saturday, Dec. 18 after the 4 pm Mass**

### What is a Prayer Shawl?

A prayer shawl can be knitted, crocheted or sewn. The shawl creator begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way.

### Giving a Prayer Shawl

Do you know someone who is in need of a prayer shawl? A friend or family member undergoing a physical or emotional challenge? Someone who has experienced a personal loss or needs a tangible reminder that there are people who care, and that God continuously wraps each and every one of us in His endless love?

You can nominate a person for a Prayer Shawl by completing the "Prayer Shawl Nomination Form" found on the shelf by the parish office, or email [info@st-timothy.ca](mailto:info@st-timothy.ca) or [prayershawlstt@gmail.com](mailto:prayershawlstt@gmail.com) to request an emailed copy of the form.

### BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

The blessing of our newly created prayer shawls will take place in the narthex after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, December 18. You are invited to stay after Mass to witness the brief blessing ceremony and to pray with Fr. Brian and our community.

### A Message from the Women's Auxiliary

It is with great regret that I announce the Women's Auxiliary has held their last meeting within the Parish. Unfortunately, we no longer have enough active members to remain viable. More information will be forthcoming in January regarding our closure but until then, I would like to express what an honour it has been to serve as Chairperson of the Women's Auxiliary.

In past years the Women's Auxiliary asked women from the Parish to join us at a luncheon to celebrate Christmas and we would like to continue the tradition this year with a farewell luncheon. Please see our announcement with all the details. I hope many of you can join us as we celebrate our past successes.

*Bea Vincent, Chairperson, on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary*



Go to our [website](#) for a PLETHORA of RESOURCES to make your ADVENT count! [st-timothy.ca/advent](http://st-timothy.ca/advent) or visit [archsaintboniface.ca](http://archsaintboniface.ca)

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### ***Journey through Advent 2021 - Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation***

Each week, beginning on Sunday, 21 November 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were developed in view of [the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17 to 20, 2021.](#)

To watch the video on youtube for the Second Sunday of Advent, click on this link: [Second Sunday of Advent: Residential Schools](#)

For more information and to view all the videos, go to <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

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**Advent Spotify Playlist** Spend some time this Advent season listening to this Spotify playlist of Advent songs, which comes recommended by members of St. Joseph the Worker Parish. To access the playlist, click [here](#).



### ***Farewell Luncheon***

The Women's Auxiliary would like to extend an invitation to a special Farewell & Christmas Luncheon. If you were a member, are a member, wish you had been a member – this is the lunch for you.

In an effort to lower the risk of covid exposure and maintain a healthy environment, the private room at Smitty's (150 Meadowood) has been reserved for **11:30 am** on Monday, **December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. Join us for some friendly reminiscing tales and learn some of the history, some of the accomplishments, the fun times, the annual outings and maybe bring home one of the many prizes. RSVP [paulettespencer18s@gmail.com](mailto:paulettespencer18s@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

## Recent Offerings to our Parish

## WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

Lift high the Cross! Do you have a crucifix in a prominent place in your home? Seeing Jesus' sacrifice is a great reminder of the love spouses are called to every day.

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From the "Companions in Grief" Team

### MOVING FORWARD with Grief

The death of someone you love has resulted in a very real disconnection from the world around you. If you don't nurture the warm, loving relationships that still exist in your life, you will probably continue to feel disconnected and isolated. Allow your friends and family to nurture you. Let them in and rejoice in the connection.

From "Understanding your Grief", Dr. Alan Wolfelt

Date	Envelope Amount	Loose Cash	TOTAL
Nov. 7	\$4,835.00 (74 env)	90.00	4,925.00
Nov. 14	3,000.00 (43 env)	17.00	3,017.00
Nov. 21	2,640.00 (60 env)	56.00	2,696.00
Nov. 28	2,908.00 (61 env)	37.00	2,945.00

The direct debit donations for November was \$19,181.00 (223 donors)

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

December 5, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."  
Philippians 1:9-10

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

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

Because of the generosity of our parishioners, 67 families consisting of 112 adults and 104 children received food assistance during the month of November.



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**Fan into Flame** ON-LINE PRAYER GROUP  
Monday Evenings at 7 pm  
Contact Marcie at [gmkosman@gmail.com](mailto:gmkosman@gmail.com)  
for the Zoom link or call 204-801-6040

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## 2021/22 SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday Missals are available to purchase in the parish office during office hours. **Missals are \$6 each.**

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## Thank you to everyone who has donated the requested items for Newcomers! We're looking for a few remaining items:

- A playpen. If you have one, please call or text Lynne at 204-795-9366.

**A new family to Canada and to our parish** is looking for some help with the following items for their family and for their home (new or gently-used):

- Two desk chairs, shelving unit or bookcase. Contact Grace at [grace@st-timothy.ca](mailto:grace@st-timothy.ca) or 204-949-3760 if you can help.

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## Returning to Spirit – Roots of Reconciliation Workshop for Non-Indigenous: Jan. 8-9 & Jan. 15-16, 2022

This four-day workshop is essential to the Returning to Spirit reconciliation model. The insights developed during the workshop create space for participants to discover how previously held behaviours, judgments, assumptions or perceptions have kept them stuck in a disempowering way. January 8-9 & January 15-16, 2022 in Winnipeg. Cost: Suggestion donation is \$50. To register, visit [returningtospirit.org](http://returningtospirit.org). For more info: [amber.reid@returningtospirit.org](mailto:amber.reid@returningtospirit.org), 204-889-4579 or 1-855-244-3963. You must be 18 years or over, Non-Indigenous and from the Winnipeg area to participate. To view poster, [click here](#) or check our bulletin board.



## Share Christmas with Families in Winnipeg

We are well on our way to preparing Christmas Hampers for 20 needy families with children identified by the *Christmas Cheer Board*. Thank you to everyone who has dropped off food and toys so far!

**We've fine-tuned the requested FOOD & GIFT items that are still needed!**

### FOOD

- **If you've already picked up food tags but haven't brought the items in yet, please do so by December 12.**
- **If you have not picked up tags and have yet to purchase food for the hampers, please refer to the updated list of the most needed items.**

#### **MOST NEEDED non-perishable FOOD ITEMS to complete our hampers:**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Beans in tomato Sauce | • Jam (250 ml)          |
| • Cake Mix              | • Jelly Power           |
| • Box of chocolates     | • Pancake Syrup         |
| • Candy                 | • Rice (large)          |
| • Coffee                | • Canned Salmon         |
| • Cookies               | • Soda Crackers         |
| • Cranberry Sauce       | • Soup, dry             |
| • Flour (2.5 kg)        | • Vegetable Oil 946 ml) |



### TOYS/GIFTS

**GREAT NEWS! We have plenty of TOYS for younger children - thank you for your generosity! We DO need gifts for teens. Gift cards are most appreciated!**

**Gifts for older children  
(12 - 17 years) are most needed.**

**Some examples are:**

#### **1) Gift Cards for:**

- **Fast Food (e.g., A&W, McDonalds, Subway, Tim Hortons)**
- **Walmart**
- **Chapters**
- **Cineplex (Movies)**
- **Ardene's (clothing for teen girls)**
- **Old Navy (clothing for everyone)**



#### **2) Warm mitts/gloves, scarves, winter hats/toques**

#### **3) Games for teens**

### MONETARY donations

Monetary donations are also accepted to stock the hampers with fresh food and purchase special toy requests. Special envelopes marked "CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS" are on the shelf by the parish office and by the Food Tags. Please enclose cash or a cheque made payable to the Parish of St. Timothy and return it to the collection basket or parish office by **Sunday, December 12.**

**Please bring your food,  
gift and monetary donations  
in by Sunday, December 12!**

Hampers will be delivered on **Sunday, December 19** in the afternoon. Sign-ups to volunteer to deliver will take place next weekend, or email [info@st-timothy.ca](mailto:info@st-timothy.ca) if you are available to help deliver a hamper or two!

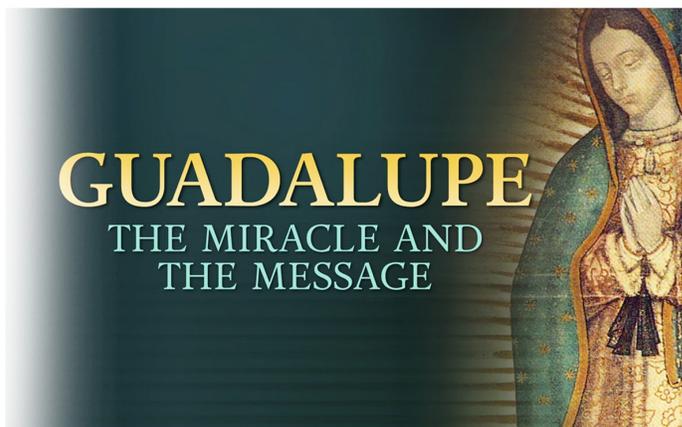
**"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." St. Teresa of Calcutta**

December 5, 2021

WATCH

### GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



### Do We Make Too Much of Mary?



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### FORMED NOW! DO WE MAKE TOO MUCH OF MARY?

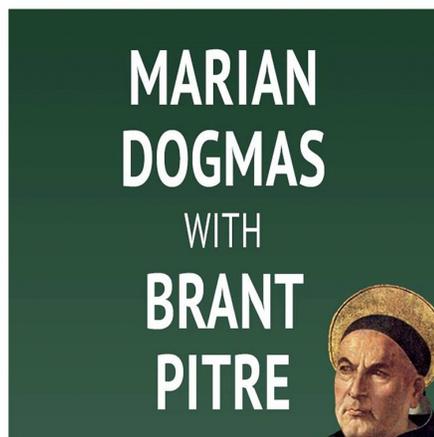
Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

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### MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.



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