

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

May 26, 2019

*Sixth Sunday
of Easter*

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.



Whoever
loves me
will keep
my word.

John 14.23

Readings for May 26:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 *The first church council resolves conflicts about Jewish practices*

Ps 67 *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 *The new Jerusalem will be a community for all*

Jn 14:23-29 *Jesus assures the disciples of his continuing presence & love*

Readings for June 2:

Acts 1: 1-11 *Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach his kingdom & continue his work*

Ps 47 *Celebrate with great joy for God rules all the earth*

Eph 1:17-23 *Believers are called to profess belief in the triune God*

Lk 24.46-53 *He withdrew from them & was carried up to heaven*

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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Liturgical Celebrations for May 25 - June 2, 2019

Sat. May 25	4:00 pm	Special Intention from Nettie Bruce
Sun. May 26	9:00 am	† Doris Champagne from Michael & Hilary Rajotte
	11:00 am	† Eugenie & Arthur Landry from Phil & Josie Landry
Tues, May 28	9:15 am	† Gerry Cariou from June Lussier
Wed, May 29	9:15 am	† Ella Fedorkie from Julie Senez
Thurs. May 30	9:15 am	† Joanne Swain from June Lussier
Sat, June 1	4:00 pm	† Guy Robert
Sun, June 2	9:00 am	† Peter & Diane Karschewski from Cecile Vermette
	11:00 am	† Madeleine Laurin from Claudette & Harm Bouwman

Sixth Sunday of Easter Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 - Lights Out

A power outage eliminates the usefulness of many appliances. Computers and mobile phones have batteries, but they have to be charged. Kitchens rely on electricity for food preparation. The garage door opener fails. And, of course, the lights go out. In fact, people sometimes describe a power outage in those terms: "Our lights went out." Much more went out, but the lights mean more to us than anything else.

In the days before electricity, the sun and the moon provided much-needed light. Without them, life would be unthinkable. The night brought terrors and insecurities long forgotten by more civilized societies.

So when the Book of Revelation envisions living in a world without sun and moon, the

image is inconceivable. But here was a city gleaming like a jewel, fortified with walls, and penetrated by twelve magnificently harmonious gates, named for the tribes of Israel. Revelation says the heavenly bodies served no luminous purpose for this new Jerusalem. "The glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." No other light was needed.

Each of us has known a time when the glory of God was our only light. Our lives were dimmed by loss of income, friends, authority—or electrical power.

When the light of our eyes finally closes, when the gathering darkness of death envelops us, one light shall shine to dispel our fear and bring us home: the light of Christ.

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Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church - Monday after Pentecost

Given the importance of the mystery of Mary's spiritual motherhood, which from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim Church on earth, Pope Francis decreed, beginning in 2018, that on the Monday after Pentecost the Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church should be obligatory for the whole Church of the Roman Rite.

The connection between the vitality of the Church of Pentecost and the maternal care of Mary towards it is evident. In the texts of the Mass and Office, the text of Acts 1:12-14 throws light on the liturgical celebration, as does Genesis 3:9-15,20, read in the light of the typology of the New Eve, who became the "*Mater omnium viventium*" under the Cross of her Son, the Redeemer of the world.

The hope is that the extension of this celebration to the whole Church will remind all Christ's disciples that, if we want to grow and to be filled with the love of God, it is necessary to plant our life firmly on three great realities: the Cross, the Eucharist, and the Mother of God. These are three mysteries that God gave to the world in order to structure, fructify, and sanctify our interior life and lead us to Jesus.

Please join us for mass on Monday, June 10 at 9:15 am to celebrate the Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church.



Coming Up at a glance

Monday Evenings

"Fan into Flame"
Prayer Group - 7:00 pm
ALL WELCOME!

Friday May 24 & 31

Rosary & Litany of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 pm

Monday, May 27

SSVP - 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 25

Mass at Vista Park Lodge
for residents 10:30 am

Sunday, May 26

Communion Service
at Golden Links Lodge
for residents - 2:30 pm

Wednesday, May 29

Garden Care meeting
1:30 pm

&

Parish Pastoral Council
(PPC) 6:30 pm - library

May Devotions in Honour of Our Blessed Mother, Mary

Friday May 24 & 31

Rosary & Litany of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 pm

The Rosary on May 31st
will be followed by a
communal celebration
in the parish hall. Bring a
snack to share if you can.



You'll find a two-sided insert titled "Mary, Mother of God" in this week's bulletin. Spend some time reading it (include your children) for some eye-opening details about Mary & why the Catholic Church encourages a devotion to Our Lady! (Additional copies are by the parish office)



A venerable Catholic tradition sets aside nine days of prayer as a novena. Novenas enjoyed a more popular history as recently as the last generation of Catholics, but this generation continues the custom in various places, on different occasions. Praying consistently on a particular theme for nine days brings a comfortable spiritual rhythm that allows the prayer to intensify from day to day. Far from causing boredom, these become occasions for spiritual repetition, for deepening our relationship with God.

The mother of all novenas dates back to the original disciples. According to Acts of the Apostles (1:3), Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after the resurrection. The disciples then entered a period of intense prayer (1:13-14). On Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover, the Holy Spirit came to them all (2:1). Those nine days situated between Ascension and Pentecost became the prototype of the novena. Our liturgy today still honours the original idea.

In many places, including Canada and much of the United States, Ascension is celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost. Moving the Ascension from a Thursday to a Sunday permits a greater number of believers to celebrate one of the major mysteries in the life of Christ. Our church has long permitted countries to make this switch if they wish. You don't end up with the same number of days between the two events, but the spirit of the period remains in place. Even Luke himself seems unsure about the exact number of days intervening here. Although he seems clear in Acts about the sequence of events, he follows a very different chronology in his own Gospel, where he implies that the Ascension took place on the same day as Easter (24:51). Other evangelists concur.

Nonetheless, our liturgical year in the Catholic Church has always adopted the chronology from Acts as the one we follow year after year. It gets us into the spirit of intense, ever-deepening prayer.

As each parish marks the days between Ascension and Pentecost, it prays daily, intently, for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our midst today.

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You'll find copies of the Novena of the Holy Spirit for Ascension to Pentecost by the parish office. The prayer officially begins on Friday, May 31 and ends on Saturday, June 8, the Vigil of Pentecost. But pray it when you can!

EVE OF PENTECOST

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING - EVERYONE is INVITED!

Saturday, June 8 from 7 pm - 9 pm



Join us at the parish for a Praise & Worship event at the parish on the Eve of Pentecost, Saturday, June 8. Refreshments & fellowship to follow.

This event is organized by the "Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services of Manitoba" with the help of the Monday evening "Fan into Flame" Prayer Group.

Feedback from the COMMUNITY COFFEE CAFÉS Survey

The Marriage, Family and Life Team (MFL) hosted Community Coffee Cafes for parents, guardians, caregivers and grandparents during the 2018/2019 catechism year. The cafés were informal gatherings that took place while the children were in catechism classes on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings. A series of five six-part topics on issues relevant to family life and raising children provided the discussion focus for each evening. The cafés had a loyal following fluctuating with usually 3 or 4 participants plus the MFL hosts. It's evident that parents are very busy people! Of the parents who did not participate in the cafés, that they used that catechism hour to run errands, attend to young children not in catechism, get caught up on housework or teach catechism. A few parents used this hour for some self-care such as exercising or relaxation. How do we know? We asked them!

At the Catechism wind-up celebration for students and parents, we surveyed the attending parents, asking them to evaluate the café format and material. We also asked for ideas for other events or activities that the MFL team could consider hosting. **Here are some of our findings:**

- Number of surveys completed: 49
- Total number of children in these households: 115
- Number of children under 13 years: 86
- Number of children over 13 years: 29

The transition to parenting pre-teens and teenagers represents a shift in family dynamics as these young people, naturally, begin to question and explore norms, values and beliefs. **This was reflected in some of the topics in the survey that interested parents:**

- *Creating Family Values
- *Using Social Media
- *Establishing Discipline
- *Resolving Conflict
- *Talking with Teenagers
- *Managing Family Finances
- *Creating Quality Family Time
- *Living Your Morals & Values
- *Family Prayer
- *Explaining Loss (Death, Divorce, Moving)
- *Being a Catholic Role Model

Additional topics suggested by parents included:

- * Balancing Family & Work
- * Believing Without Seeing
- * How to Encourage teenagers to continue attending Mass
- * Marriage and Relationship Classes

In response to the question "what can the MFL Team offer that would benefit your family?", some suggestions were:

- *Parent Event nights with a Speaker
- * Family Games Nights
- *Youth Group
- * "couple to couple" conversations
- *Date Nights*
- * Potluck dinners following Saturday Mass

In addition to the preponderance of positive feedback, there was also constructive criticism which will help us for future events. The MFL team has much to consider for the coming year. We are grateful for the feedback and suggestions. Copies of the summary are available at the office or by email for those who are interested in the amalgamated data.

Blessings,

**Marriage,
Family & Life
Team @ St. Tim's**

*Alesa & Donald Sutherland, Gerri Bisson,
Ray & Sandi Chartrand, Nadine Fetherston,
Grace Grindean, Theresa Prystupa,
Mary Anne & Patrick Villacorta*

FINANCE NEWS
Weekly offering to our Parish - 2019

Collection date	Envelopes	Loose Cash	Total	Children's Collection for SSVF
May 12	\$4,729.00 (213 env)	\$220.25	\$4,949.25	\$30.85
May 19	\$3,149.75 (161 env)	\$251.00	\$3,400.75	\$31.70

- Donations made to the church by Direct Debit for April was \$15,275.00 (187 direct debit users)

JOIN DIRECT DEBIT TODAY! If you are not using Direct Debit to make your parish donations, please consider doing so! It's easy & convenient! And using Direct Debit means that you can continue to support the work of the church even when you are unable to attend mass or are on holidays. Forms are by the parish office or download a form at st-timothy.ca.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

May 26, 2019 - 6th Sunday of Easter

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

WEEKLY  MARRIAGE TIP

Spring and summer are great times to start new hobbies. Talk with your spouse about your interests and pick a new hobby to do together.

**Join the WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
on a FUN DAY-TRIP!**

We, the Women's Auxiliary, wish to invite the ladies of the parish to join us on a day excursion to South Beach Casino on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

For \$20, you will travel in style by bus while playing on-board "Bingo" and enjoy a relaxing day at the casino. The casino will give you back \$15 for you to use towards lunch, or the gift shop, or the machines - whatever you choose. The bus will leave from the church parking lot promptly at 10 am and will return there at 4 pm. Leave your car at the church and enjoy the care-free ride to South Beach! Bring your sister, bring your friend!

To guarantee yourself a seat on the bus, please contact Paulette at paulettespencer18s@gmail.com or 204-254-6800 OR Bea at beavinc87@gmail.com or 204-415-7916. Join us for a FUN day!



Summer Chapel Information Available:

Get your brochure by the parish office or visit the diocesan website (under the Parishes" tab) for individual Summer Chapels information.

Grief Support at the Parish of St. Timothy

As Christians, we are called to walk with those grieving the death of a loved one, to offer support and friendship. At this time, we have a small group of parishioners who are planning to start a Grief Support Group in our parish for our parishioners and the extended community.



As a Support Group, we would like to help those grieving by:

- Introducing them to others who have had similar experiences, thoughts, feelings,
- Countering the sense of isolation that many experience in our current culture,
- Providing emotional, physical, and spiritual support in a safe, nonjudgmental environment.

As well, there may be an education component along with the support component.

**** We are looking for more people to join our team in order to bring these plans to fruition. ****

Please consider sharing your gifts and join the team to help support those in our parish family who are grieving. Please contact Grace at the parish office and she'll connect you to a member of the Grief Support Team for more information. Email grace@st-timothy.ca or call 204-949-3760.

Winnipeg Life's Vision Annual General Meeting All are welcome to join us for our AGM on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Life's Vision office 618 Muriel Street (located in New Life Sanctuary Church) located just west of Westwood Drive, north off Portage Ave. We encourage you to share with us any ideas you have, to promote all aspects of Life. Any questions call Joan at 204 895-7595.

Diocesan Launch of the Extraordinary Missionary Month - June 5, 2019 On the occasion of the feast of Saint Boniface, Great Missionary and Patron of our Archdiocese, Bishop Albert LeGatt and the Diocesan Committee for Missions invite you to the diocesan launch of the Extraordinary Mission Month 2019, decreed by Pope Francis on the World Mission Sunday, October 22, 2017. This event will take place during the Eucharistic celebration which will be presided by our Archbishop on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 7:30PM at St. Boniface Cathedral, 180 Avenue de la Cathédrale. Come join us in celebrating the wonders of the Lord for his people. Information: Sr. Anne Adoukpe at anneafmm@gmail.com or 204-414-4403.