



# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. TIMOTHY

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

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## Mass Schedule

### THE LORD'S DAY:

Saturday at 4:00 pm  
Sunday at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASS:

Tuesday to Friday at 9:30 am

## Office Hours

The parish office is **closed** from  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025 at  
noon and reopens on Friday,  
Jan. 2, 2026 at 9:00 am.

*The next Bulletin will be  
released on January 9, 2026.*

## December 25, 2025 • The Nativity of the Lord

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority  
rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful  
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:2-7

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Half an hour before Mass,  
or you may make an appointment by contacting Fr. Brian.

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

**Baptisms:** Contact the parish office three months in advance.

**Weddings:** Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.



ADORATION OF THE  
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## COMING UP AT A GLANCE

### Tuesdays after Mass

Exposition, Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament  
& Benediction

### Sunday, Jan 4 at 11 am

Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

### Wednesday, Jan. 7

Knights of Columbus  
7:00 pm Parish Hall

### Saturday, Jan. 10

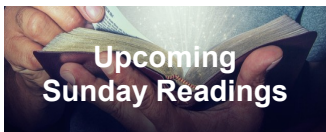
Parish Pastoral Council  
12:30 pm Library

**Please remember in  
your prayers..**

† **Hugh McMeel**

His funeral service will be on  
Friday, Jan. 9 at 11:00 am.

Please remember his family  
as they grieve the loss of  
their loved one.



**Upcoming  
Sunday Readings**

### **Holy Family Sunday: December 28**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Ps 128  
Col 3:12-21  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### **New Year's Eve & Day: Dec. 31 & Jan 1**

Num 6:22-27  
Ps 67  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

### **Epiphany of the Lord: January 4**

Is 60:1-6  
Ps 72  
Ep 3:2-3, 5-6  
Mt 2:-12

## Mass Intentions for December 24-January 11, 2025

Wed., Dec. 24	4:00 pm	Needs and intentions of all parishioners from Fr. Brian Trueman
	9:00 pm	† Ed & Ann Kramchynski and Louis & Lily Bugyik from Ken and Gaylene Kramchynski
Thurs., Dec. 25	11:00 am	Special Intention from Antika Nowak
Fri., Dec. 26		<b>No Mass in the Parish</b>
Sat., Dec. 27	4:00 pm	Special Intention from Luzige Family
Sun., Dec. 28	9:00 am	† Jose Jorge from Ormezinda Jorge
	11:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners from Fr. Brian Trueman
Tues., Dec. 30	9:30 am	Fr. Brian Trueman and all Clergy from Ashton Poudrette
Wed., Dec. 31	4:00 pm	† Ernie Côte from Lucienne Côte
Thurs., Jan. 1	11:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners from Fr. Brian Trueman
Fri., Jan. 2	9:30 am	In Thanksgiving from Diane Garroni
Sat., Jan. 3	4:00 pm	Special Intention for Fr. Brian Trueman
Sun., Jan. 4	9:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners from Fr. Brian Trueman
	11:00 am	† Jay Pyne from Donna MacCormack
Tues., Jan. 6	9:30 am	In Thanksgiving from Nicole Nicholson
Wed., Jan. 7	<b>9:00 am *</b>	† Robert Roach from The Rodrigues Family <b>* Please note earlier time</b>
Thurs., Jan. 8	9:30 am	In Thanksgiving from Rick and Fidelina Pabuaya
Fri., Jan. 9	9:30 am	† Deceased Parents from Diane Garroni
Sat., Jan. 10	4:00 pm	Special Intention from Dave and Ruth
Sun., Jan. 11	9:00 am	Needs and intentions of all parishioners from Fr. Brian Trueman
	11:00 am	† Steve Geiger from Evelyn Geiger

## Mass Times for the Octave of Christmas

### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 pm & 9:00 pm  
Christmas Day – Thursday, Dec. 25 at 11:00 am

### Weekday Mass

Friday, December 26 – No Mass in the Parish  
Tuesday, December 30 at 09:30 am

### Holy Family Sunday (Regular Sunday Mass Times)

Saturday, December 27 at 4:00 pm  
Sunday, December 28 at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Year's)

Wednesday, December 31 at 4:00 pm  
Thursday, January 1 at 11:00 am



## PARISH LIFE - RECENT EVENTS IN ADVENT



Fr. Brian Trueman celebrated a beautiful **Rorate Caeli Mass** before dawn on December 20 at 7:30 a.m., honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. Gathered in the quiet and candlelit church, we were blessed to experience this prayerful Advent tradition together for the first time. We look forward to celebrating the Rorate Caeli Mass again next Advent as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.



### **Jubilee Pilgrimage to Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine**

Our parish community was blessed to take part in a Jubilee pilgrimage to the National Martyr's Shrine of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky at St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Pilgrims learned about the life and witness of this modern-day Ukrainian martyr and prayed before his Holy Relics. The visit offered a beautiful opportunity to experience the richness of the Ukrainian Catholic tradition and to mark the Jubilee year with prayer and reflection at one of our local shrines.

The families of our catechism program brought some **Christmas cheer** to the residents of Dakota House and Seine River Retirement Residence. They sang Christmas Carols together, shared a special treat, and brought smiles, music, and heartfelt cheer to all who attended!

In addition, **30 Christmas Hampers** were lovingly prepared and delivered by our St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) Ministry, made possible through your generous contributions. Despite a snowstorm, volunteers braved the weather to sort, wrap, and deliver gifts in time for the weekend.

Thank you to everyone who shared their time, talents, and treasures. Your generosity was truly a blessing to those who received them. As a parish community, let us continue to give thanks and keep all these families, residents, and volunteers in our prayers.



*May the Peace of Christ's birth  
fill your hearts. Merry Christmas  
and a blessed New Year!*



# MERRY CHRISTMAS or XMAS?

In 1954, C.S. Lewis published an essay titled "Xmas and Christmas: A Lost Chapter from Herodotus." It is about certain winter customs, written in the style of the ancient Greek historian and discussing the customs on the island of "Niatirb" (Britain spelled backwards). I think it serves as a good reminder to us of the dangers of excessive consumeristic capitalism that can rob us of the simple joy and meaning of this sacred feast.

*Merry Christmas from Fr. Brian*

And beyond this there lies in the ocean, turned towards the west and north, the island of Niatirb which Hecataeus indeed declares to be the same size and shape as Sicily, but it is larger, though in calling it triangular a man would not miss the mark. It is densely inhabited by men who wear clothes not very different from the other barbarians who occupy the north western parts of Europe though they do not agree with them in language. These islanders, surpassing all the men of whom we know in patience and endurance, use the following customs.

In the middle of winter when fogs and rains most abound they have a great festival which they call Exmas and for fifty days they prepare for it in the fashion I shall describe. First of all, every citizen is obliged to send to each of his friends and relations a square piece of hard paper stamped with a picture, which in their speech is called an Exmas-card. But the pictures represent birds sitting on branches, or trees with a dark green prickly leaf, or else men in such garments as the Niatirbians believe that their ancestors wore two hundred years ago riding in coaches such as their ancestors used, or houses with snow on their roofs. And the Niatirbians are unwilling to say what these pictures have to do with the festival; guarding (as I suppose) some sacred mystery. And because all men must send these cards the marketplace is filled with the crowd of those buying them, so that there is great labour and weariness.

But having bought as many as they suppose to be sufficient, they return to their houses and find there the like cards which others have sent to them. And when they find cards from any to whom they also have sent cards, they throw them away and give thanks to the gods that this labour at least is over for another year. But when they find cards from any to whom they have not sent, then they beat their breasts and wail and utter curses against the sender; and, having sufficiently lamented their misfortune, they put on their boots again and go out into the fog and rain and buy a card for him also. And let this account suffice about Exmas-cards.

They also send gifts to one another, suffering the same things about the gifts as about the cards, or even worse. For every citizen has to guess the value of the gift which every friend will send to him so that he may send one of equal value, whether he can afford it or not. And they buy as gifts for one another such things as no man ever bought for himself. For the sellers, understanding the custom, put forth all kinds of trumpery, and whatever, being useless and ridiculous, they have been unable to sell throughout the year they now sell as an Exmas gift. And though the Niatirbians profess themselves to lack sufficient necessary things, such as metal, leather, wood and paper, yet an incredible quantity of these things is wasted every year, being made into the gifts.

But during these fifty days the oldest, poorest, and most miserable of the citizens put on false beards and red robes and walk about the market-place; being disguised (in my opinion) as Cronos. And the sellers of gifts no less than the purchaser's become pale and weary, because of the crowds and the fog, so that any man who came into a Niatirbian city at this season would think some great public calamity had fallen on Niatirb. This fifty days of preparation is called in their barbarian speech the Exmas Rush.

But when the day of the festival comes, then most of the citizens, being exhausted with the Rush, lie in bed till noon. But in the evening they eat five times as much supper as on other days and, crowning themselves with crowns of paper, they become intoxicated. And on the day after Exmas they are very grave, being internally disordered by the supper and the drinking and reckoning how much they have spent on gifts and on the wine. For wine is so dear among the Niatirbians that a man must swallow the worth of a talent before he is well intoxicated.

Such, then, are their customs about the Exmas. But the few among the Niatirbians have also a festival, separate and to themselves, called Crissmas, which is on the same day as Exmas. And those who keep Crissmas, doing the opposite to the majority of the Niatirbians, rise early on that day with shining faces and go before sunrise to certain temples where they partake of a sacred feast. *See continuation on Page 5*

## Xmas and Christmas: A Lost Chapter from Herodotus

(cont. from Page 4) And in most of the temples they set out images of a fair woman with a new-born Child on her knees and certain animals and shepherds adoring the Child. (The reason of these images is given in a certain sacred story which I know but do not repeat.)

But I myself conversed with a priest in one of these temples and asked him why they kept Crissmas on the same day as Exmas; for it appeared to me inconvenient. But the priest replied, "It is not lawful, O stranger, for us to change the date of Chrissmas, but would that Zeus would put it into the minds of the Niatirbians to keep Exmas at some other time or not to keep it at all. For Exmas and the Rush distract the minds even of the few from sacred things. And we indeed are glad that men should make merry at Crissmas; but in Exmas there is no merriment left." And when I asked him why they endured the Rush, he replied, "It is, O Stranger, a racket"; using (as I suppose) the words of some oracle and speaking unintelligibly to me (for a racket is an instrument which the barbarians use in a game called tennis).

But what Hecataeus says, that Exmas and Crissmas are the same, is not credible. For first, the pictures which are stamped on the Exmas-cards have nothing to do with the sacred story which the priests tell about Crissmas. And secondly, the most part of the Niatirbians, not believing the religion of the few, nevertheless send the gifts and cards and participate in the Rush and drink, wearing paper caps. But it is not likely that men, even being barbarians, should suffer so many and great things in honour of a god they do not believe in. And now, enough about Niatirb.



### WEEKLY MARRIAGE TIP

**December 27 and 28** - The Christmas season is traditionally a "family-centered" time, and for many, that means focusing on children. For newlyweds, this can be a pleasant time to strengthen their bonds, but for couples who want to have children, it can be a difficult time. Think of each other.

**January 3 and 4 – Epiphany of the Lord** – Come and meet the baby Jesus. His kingdom is founded on love and mercy, in humility and service. As you meet Jesus, may you, like the Magi, be filled with great joy, gratitude, and praise for the wonderful things God has done for you.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



#### December 28, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* COLOSSIANS 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

#### January 4, 2026 - 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 you.

### Annual Epiphany Home Blessing with Chalk

Fr. Brian will bless chalk at the **Saturday 4:00 pm Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany on January 3, 2026** so that we may mark and bless our homes for this new year!



You can pick up the chalk and prayer with instructions on how to bless your home after Mass. You'll find the basket of chalk in front of the Nativity set by the font after Christmas/before the New Year. After that weekend, any remaining chalk will be on the shelf by the parish office. Please take one per household. If we have any leftover, feel free to take more to share with others. If you have blessed chalk and instructions from previous years, you can also use that instead.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING - Thursday. January 22, 2026

Are you expecting a child or do you have a young child and are thinking about baptism?



The parish has a baptism preparation program that includes some online videos from Formed called Reborn, as well as an in-person class with Fr. Brian, Michelle Coyne, our Religious Education & Sacraments Coordinator and parents seeking baptism for their infants/young children.

This baptism program is a requirement for first-time parents and recommended for those who want a refresher! We have an in-person Baptism Preparation meeting scheduled for this Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm. If you are seeking baptism for your child, and wish to attend this meeting, you can watch the videos before you come, using this link: <https://app.formed.org/app/collections/116682> (after you've signed into Formed). Let us know if you plan to attend by emailing Paulene at [paulene@st-timothy.ca](mailto:paulene@st-timothy.ca). If you can't make it to this meeting, we'll have another one later this year. Questions? Email the office at [paulene@st-timothy.ca](mailto:paulene@st-timothy.ca).

## Grief Support Group

**Are you grieving the loss of a loved one?  
You do not have to walk this journey alone.**

St. Timothy Parish invites you to a caring, faith-filled **10-week** Grief Support Group offering comfort, hope, and shared support.

**Tuesdays | Jan 20 – Mar 24 | 1:30–3:00 pm**

There is no charge for the program but the cost of the two books is approximately \$45, and you get to keep the two books. We will use the book by Alan D Wolfelt Ph.D., called "Understanding Your Grief" and the companion journal.

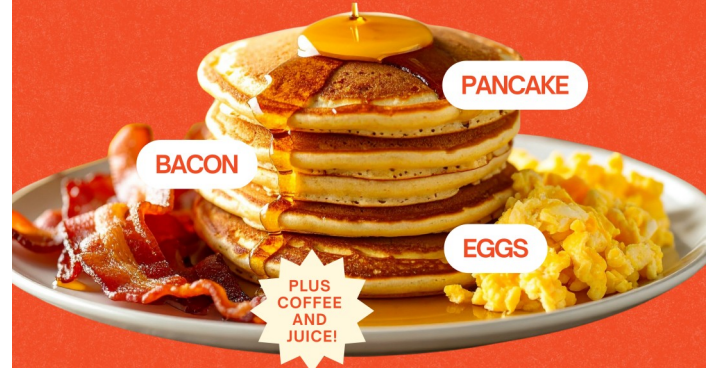


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MINIMUM OF 6-8 PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED.

## big breakfast event



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the St. Timothy  
Knights of Columbus



**ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25  
AFTER THE 9 AM AND 11 AM MASS  
IN THE PARISH HALL**

**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10**

Net proceeds to the  
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Save the Date! On the weekend Masses of **January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**, we will be celebrating our parish's patronal feast day with the

### *Solemnity of Sts. Timothy and Titus.*

Normally, the feast falls on the 26<sup>th</sup>, which is Monday this year, so we've moved the celebration of it to the nearest Sunday so all can attend.

To make the feast day extra special, our **Knights of Columbus** will be offering their delicious **pancake breakfast after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses on the Sunday**. Additionally, after each Mass that weekend, the **Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council** will be having a short (30 minute) presentation on the life of our parish, looking back at our previous year of 2025 and the upcoming year of 2026. On the Sunday, this presentation will be held in the parish hall during the pancake breakfast, and after the Saturday Mass, it will be held immediately after Mass in the church proper.

Fr. Brian



### Archbishop LeGatt Video – Merry Christmas!

Archbishop Albert wishes you and yours a blessed and peaceful Christmas, and draws striking parallels between the Nativity story and our contemporary world. Truly, unto us a Saviour is born. May Jesus' peace and joy dwell in your hearts and homes. To view the video, click [here](#) or visit the diocesan Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchSaintBoniface/> or visit the diocesan website homepage at: [www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)



### CCCB Christmas Message from The Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault Bishop of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God who draws close to us in humility and poverty. Even today, his faithful presence encourages us to renew our friendship with him. To achieve this, Pope Leo says: "One cannot love God without extending one's love to the poor."

At this time of year, let us keep in our hearts our brothers and sisters who are struggling with poverty, suffering from wars, or living in forced migration. May our gestures of tenderness among family and friends be a vibrant call for solidarity and peace. May this Christmas season rekindle in us the confidence to build a better world.

As we enter the new year, let us gather the graces of the Jubilee, which calls us to continue our journey as pilgrims of hope. On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! To watch the video, click [here](#) or go to <http://youtube.com/watch?v=2utYV0W3T1c>



### Diocesan Celebration for the Closing of the Jubilee 2025 Year – December 28, 2025

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 will conclude in the particular Churches on **Sunday, 28 December 2025**, the Feast of the Holy Family. Our diocesan **Mass will be at Saint-Boniface Cathedral at 3:00 PM, with a light reception to follow.** We invite all priests, deacons, and lay faithful to join us in thanksgiving as we mark the end of this Pilgrimage of Hope. A video of various Jubilee shrines will be presented. There will also be a collection for the Kateri Food Bank in Ste. Anne. Monetary donations are preferred, but please bring non-perishable food donations if you wish. "During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!"

### Dying with Christ - Living with Hope Series

**January 12, 19, 26, 2026 at Mary Mother of the Church  
85 Kirkbridge Dr. Winnipeg.**

**Join us for a powerful three-part video series** from the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), presented by the **Archdiocese of Saint Boniface** alongside **local Catholic healthcare professionals**, where we demystify death and the dying process and offer a fresh, hope-filled perspective on end-of-life questions. Through group discussions and personal reflection, video presentations from theologians and medical specialists this program explores:

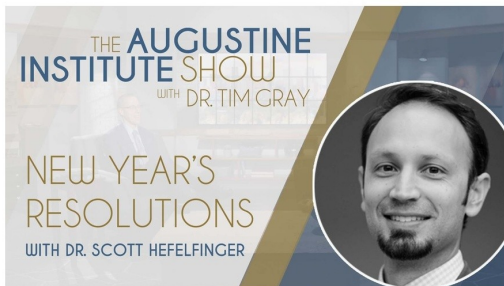
- Session 1- January 12: Death and Dying
- Session 2- January 19: Pain, Suffering, and End of Life
- Session 3- January 26: The Christian Duty to Care



Discover how a commitment to die with Christ enables us to live with hope. Click [here](#) for the program trailer. Click [here](#) for poster. Please register [here](#) by January 7, 2026. Workbooks provided in Session 1 for the first 25 registrations. The series is free; however, free-will donations are welcomed. For more info contact, Nadine Fetherston: [mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca](mailto:mfl2@archsaintboniface.ca)

# This Week on Formed

## Week of December 28, 2025



### New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



### The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



### Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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