



# **ST. TIMOTHY**

**— CATHOLIC CHURCH —**  
**LADY LAKE • FLORIDA**



## **Parish Resource Book**

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Timothy Catholic Church is a wonderful parish, and I pray that your time with us is filled with wonder and awe at the grace of God. Welcome to our community!

The entire staff of St. Timothy is dedicated to providing an environment where our parishioners can:

- Worship the Lord in a prayerful atmosphere
- Sing praises to God with hearts filled with joy and happiness.
- Collaborate on projects that fulfill the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy.

This parish is filled with believers who have come here from parishes throughout the world. We have a rich history of reverence and dedication to the Sacraments, commitment to stewardship, love for the Church and gratitude for the many blessings received from our good and gracious God. We invite you to become active in our parish, through your time, talent, and treasure and you will discover how much God loves you through others.

We are truly blessed with your presence!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Scott M. Circe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Sincerely yours in Christ,".

Very Reverend Scott M. Circe, V.F.

Pastor

## MISSION STATEMENT

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter your current family or marital situation, No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue, You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us! You are invited, accepted, and respected here at St. Timothy Parish. We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

## VISION STATEMENT

In fulfillment of our Mission:

- we, a gospel people of St. Timothy Catholic Community are in communion with each other through *Baptism*
- we seek to be inseparably connected through our Mission of promoting *God's truths* through *Christ His Son*
- we embrace each other in our diversity; our vision necessitates planning with the people and not for them; and using their gifts and talents in shared ministries
- parishioner inclusion leads to a mosaic of motivated voices and innovative support which wells up into a firmly united commitment. Our vision was created and developed by our Pastor and Pastoral Council and supported and carried out by Pastoral Staff (Clergy and Religious).



*Art Work, Ray Richards*

*"I thank Christ Jesus Our Lord who has strengthened me, that  
He made me His servant and judged me faithful."  
(1 Timothy 1:12)*

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## **ST. TIMOTHY PARISH HISTORY**

On October 15, 1985, a meeting was held at the Club House in Orange Blossom Gardens for the purpose of establishing a place of Worship. An estimated crowd of 225 attended. Father Philip Stegeman, Pastor of St. Paul's in Leesburg outlined the forming of a parish. The boundaries were North to Route 42, South to Eagles Nest Road, encompassing the counties of Lake, Sumter, and Marion. Its name, LADY LAKE CATHOLIC MISSION. The first Mass was celebrated on November 3, 1985, at 8:00a.m. in the temporary location in the Recreation Hall of OBG.

In early 1986, the Lady Lake Catholic Mission became ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC MISSION. The generosity of the parishioners was unbelievable, and the determination of the different committees made the groundbreaking for the \$800,000 multi-purpose building possible on Sunday, October 4, 1987.

The first Mass was celebrated by Father Stegeman on June 26, 1988. Father Philip Stegeman died suddenly and on October 7, 1988, his funeral Mass was celebrated in this building. On December 1, 1988, Father William Killion was appointed the first pastor, and St. Timothy became a Parish. The church building was dedicated on December 10, 1989. Our second pastor, Father Louis Dunleavy, was with us only from November 1992 until his death on October 13, 1993.

Father Francis X Zammit served as administrator during Father Dunleavy's illness, from December 1992 until December 1, 1993, when Father Robert V. Fuchek became our third Pastor. The need for a larger church became evident as the Catholic households mushroomed to 1600 families crowding the five weekend Masses. Groundbreaking for the new church was on November 23, 1994.

The dedication of the new St. Timothy Catholic Church was Sunday, January 28, 1996, presider, The Most Reverend Norbert M. Dorsey, C.P.S.T.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando, Florida. Fr. Robert Fuchek retired in June 2009. At that time, Bishop Thomas Wenski appointed Father Ed Waters to be pastor of St. Timothy.

In 2010, we have seen the enlargement of the St. Vincent de Paul Society building to double the original size. In 2011, a new Last Supper Adoration Chapel was established on the north side of the ministry building. In 2012,

a special chapel on the North side of the Ministries building, was established to enable the faithful who desire to pray before the Eucharistic Presence this opportunity twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Many parishioners contributed to this chapel. Names are on plaques in the chapel.

In 2018-19, the Parish Hall, Kitchen, and Meeting Rooms were also renovated to accommodate the growth of the 7000 parishioners. Several statues were added to the outside of the Church. In the front of the church, is the sleeping Homeless Jesus. This is to represent the poor in our community through which St. Vincent De Paul Society assists.

In the Prayer Garden, the Service Chaplain represents our military service men and women, along with the emblems of each branch of service. Around the flagpole, also has the emblems of our service men and women. There are memorial bricks and benches in the garden along with a Grotto commemorating our First Deacon, Nicholas Deutsch.

In the northwest section of the Prayer Garden is the statue of Jesus with a family to represent our young families of our community. In October of 2022, Father Ed Waters was transferred to the Diocese of Orlando and Father Ralph DuWell, who had served as Parochial Vicar at St. Timothy from 2007-2010, was appointed pastor of St. Timothy by Bishop John Noonan.

## **THE STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS AT ST. TIMOTHY**

The three stained glass windows behind the Tabernacle constitute the three central Mysteries of our Faith; the Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Christ and are also used in the praying of the Rosary. The left window depicts the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she is to be the Mother of God. The central window shows the Crucified Christ, who shed His blood in Atonement for us. The window on the right depicts the Resurrection of Our Lord, promising Eternal Life.

As you enter the church from the front entrance, the windows on your right or North side are numbered 1 through 8 and designed with themes of community involvement. And again, as you enter from the vestibule, the windows on your left or South side are also numbered 1 through 8 and depict scriptural themes in their symbolism. It is the wish of the pastor that as you study each window you will find your own deep spiritual meaning in each of them.

## COMMUNITY THEME WINDOWS

**1... "Prayer" sparks the fire of Love.** In this window, the message is given through the use of the Holy Rosary.

**2... "Community"** In this window, the whole Church of St. Timothy is shown with Christ as the vine and the people, His branches.

**3... "Service"** The use of the Bowl and Pitcher to depict the Servanthood of Christ's people is a reminder of the washing of the Disciples' feet at the Last Supper.

**4... "Healing"** The theme in the fourth window signifies healing by using the cross as the ultimate healing and the Holy Oil poured over the pleading hands of Mankind.

**5... "Forgiveness"** Forgiveness is the basic theme of our Christian Faith and is shown as the Keys of the Kingdom, which Christ gave to Peter saying: "What you have bound on earth is bound in Heaven, and what you have loosed on earth, shall be loosed in Heaven."

**6... "New Beginnings"** This symbol, the beauty of a butterfly as it emerges from its chrysalis, refers also to those beginning in the promise of our Father.

**7.. "Peace and Justice"** Peace and Justice, those traits which are part of the Mission Statement of our parish are depicted as the scales of Justice against the backdrop of the Olive Branch of Peace. Without Justice, there can be no Peace and with Peace comes Justice.

**8.. "Jubilee"** This all-important window shows the dedication of ourselves to the Jubilee year 2000 in the symbol of the Bee Hive, from which the Bees produce the sweetness of Jesus' love. The vine is old and gnarled, but the hive is new and the leaves which spring from the living vine are new, giving the promise of new life in the new Millennium.

## SCRIPTURAL THEME WINDOWS

**1... "Creation"** The depiction shows the Sun, Moon and Stars separated by the Cloud-like formation of the firmament.

**2... "Covenant"** The depiction in this window is of the Rainbow, which was sent to Noah following the Flood whereby God said he would make a covenant. The angels guard the Arc of the Covenant which is shown containing the Ten Commandments given to Moses.

**3... "Wisdom"** Depicting the theme of Wisdom, the Scriptures, the Torah and the Word of God are made alive through the Holy Spirit.

**4... "The Word"** The Word was taken from John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word." The Word is symbolized by the lamp of Enlightenment.

**5... "Baptism"** Baptism, the theme for the fifth window, is depicted as the Paschal Candle dipped into the waters of Blessing. CHIRHO, (PX) the Greek symbol for Christ and His Church, is superimposed as a part of the Candle, symbolizing our being Baptized into Christ, that through His Death and Resurrection we are saved.

**6... "Eucharist"** The Sheaf of Wheat intermingled with the Grape Vine, placed before us is the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of Christ. The RI portion of the Host depicts our visible salvation by Christ while that portion which is hidden is the Sacrificial Mystery.

**7... "Holy Spirit"** In the seventh window, the Holy Spirit is represented by the Dove from which emanates the Fire of the Holy Spirit upon Apostles.

**8... "Second Coming"** The second coming, the final Scriptural Window, is shown as that portion of the Book of Revelation which tells of the Second Coming, wherein His love is poured out over the whole world.

## **STAINED GLASS DOME WINDOWS**

There are twelve stained glass windows in the dome overlooking the church altar. In 2011 individual parish families donated a window to honor an Apostle.

## **ST. TIMOTHY ICON COLLECTION**

Entering St. Timothy Church from Rt. 441/27, you are greeted by icons installed in 2011 on the wood panels above the Narthex. In the Western and Eastern Churches, icons are an ancient tradition that began with St. Luke the Evangelist, who painted icons of the Virgin Mary, a face he himself had seen. Icons are not portraits, but a way to see what you believe. They are about faith, not art. The artist develops the icon only after reading and praying over the scriptures. What appears on the wood canvases is "written" from the artist's prayer.

Please take the time to "read" what iconographer has written in these "Windows into Heaven." From left to right, the Icons are Annunciation, Christ in the Manger, Baptism of Christ, Wedding at Cana, Transfiguration, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and The Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

## **STAINED GLASS IN TABERNACLE**

The stained glass that is in the tabernacle is very old dating back to 1860. It was originally in Christ Church in Southport, England. It was ultimately removed and placed for sale in a London stain glass store. In 1993 it was shipped to Norway, afterwards it would move from Malaysia, Houston, then the Villages, and now rests in St. Timothy's Church. The Glass artwork represents the Old Testament 1 Samuel 1-26 story of Hannah presenting her son Samuel to Priest Eli.

## WINDOWS VIEWED FROM THE NARTHEX

Looking into the body of the church from the narthex, one can view the window etching based on the Last Supper. A parishioner, Ray Richards designed these windows in 1999 using the theme of the Eucharist. Figures behind the apostles are sketched with a thinner line and "on another plane." Since Eucharist spans time and includes all, we see added figures representing all ages. From left to right behind the apostles are seen St. Padre Pio, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Vincent de Paul, St. John Newman, St. Francis of Assisi, Mary and Joseph (the parents of Jesus), Pope St. John Paul II, St. Martin de Porres, Mother Teresa, St. Francis Xavier, St. Joan of Arc and finally a contemporary family. In the center area doorway are located etchings depicting symbols of the Eucharist, namely the bread and wine, wheat and grapes. Sister Diane Couture, SSJ of the Sisters of St. Joseph-Stained Glass was commissioned to do the window.

The exterior windows in the Narthex of the church from left to right are the following themed windows:

**St. Mary Magdalene:** As part of the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Women's Guild at St. Timothy, Sister Diane Couture of SSJ-Stained Glass, was commissioned to design a stained-glass window of St. Mary Magdalene, the first disciple to witness and announce the Risen Christ. Mary announced to the apostles: "I have seen the Lord." This saint was chosen to be a complement to the one on the right side and to commemorate women in the church.

**40th Anniversary Commemoration:** The center window was commissioned in 2006 to commemorate the 40th anniversary to the priesthood of our Pastor, Father Bob Fuchek. The window denotes Father's journey with the words, "Come follow me" which led Father Bob to St. Leo Abbey (center) where he was ordained a Benedictine Priest. As the journey continued, Father came to the Diocese of Orlando and eventually to St. Timothy (lower right). At the base of the window is seen an altar with the elements of Eucharist, the bread and grapes and wine goblet.

**St. Stephen, the first Deacon:** This window was commissioned to celebrate all of our Deacons, especially Deacon Nick Deutsch at the time of his retirement from the altar. St. Stephen was the first deacon in the time of the early church. We see here Stephen with the deacon stole, the bible (word), and cup. Deacons are ordained for the ministry of the word and service of the cup. Sister Diane Couture SSJ of SSJ Architectural Stained Glass designed, fabricated, and installed all of the above-mentioned windows.

## **ST. TIMOTHY - CONVERT OF ST. PAUL**

### **Feast of St. Timothy and Titus, Bishops - January 26**

What we know from the New Testament of Timothy's life makes it sound like that of a modern harried bishop. He had the honor of being a fellow apostle with Paul, both sharing the privilege of preaching the gospel and suffering for it.

Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother, Lois, who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul - often in the face of great disturbance in churches Paul had founded.

Timothy was with Paul in Rome during the latter's house arrest. At some period, Timothy himself was in prison (Hebrews 13:23). Paul installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus.

Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. ("Let no one have contempt for your youth," Paul writes in 1 Timothy 4:12a.). Several references seem to indicate that he was timid. And one of Paul's frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: "Stop drinking only water but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses" (1 Timothy 5:23).

COMMENT: Nostalgia for the good old days in the church - should not blind us to the fact that the servants have never been greater than the Master. Their holiness was lived out in day-to-day perplexities, sufferings, and apparent failure. The world is not saved by what we do, but by what God does through the life he creates for us.

QUOTE: Paul writes, "...I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, not of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God" (2 Timothy 1:6-8).

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The role of the parish Pastoral Council is, through ongoing pastoral planning, to maintain the integrity of the parish mission and the goals and objectives related to it. Within this model, programs and events continue to take place in the parish through the efforts of many dedicated parishioners, always in the context of the parish mission and within the guidance of appropriate parish staff.

The purpose of the pastoral model is primarily the development of mission-focused parishes; efforts to place at the heart of the parish a consciousness of the zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ are a primary goal. Members of the council commit themselves to monthly meetings and workshop meetings on alternate months.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Appointed by the Pastor to review parish financial statements and to assist with the responsible stewardship of resources. The Finance Council is to support the Pastor and parish administrator in financial matters. The Council is responsible for aiding with, but not limited to, supporting preparation of an annual budget, assistance in monitoring the budget, reviewing and approving monthly and quarterly financial statements, performing audits of internal controls, supporting the diocesan Our Catholic Appeal (OCA) participation, and other duties that affect the parish finances.

## **RELIGIOUS ARTICLES GIFT STORE**

This unique store provides religious articles, Bibles, books, and gifts to enhance our Catholic faith and those of our non-Catholic neighbors.

The store is open to the public.

Personable volunteers have scheduled hours varying approximately from 1-1/2 to 5 hours per month. In addition to selling the items, accountability of inventory and income for the day are recorded and balanced.

A short training session by the coordinator is scheduled. Volunteers work in pairs and "newcomers" will work with experienced volunteers to help acquaint them with store procedure.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

Come, learn about Jesus Christ, His great love for us, and His Church!

The St. Timothy Faith Formation program has an open enrollment policy for regular program participation. We teach children in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grades. Is your child in need of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation? We teach these classes, too!

### **STYM (ST. TIMOTHY YOUTH MINISTRY)**

STYM (for teens grades 9-12) hopes to build a vibrant community of young people who seek to know, love, and serve God by being the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in the world.

We hope to achieve this by creating a home where young people feel accompanied on their journey to Christ, and His mission.

### **PATHFINDERS**

A Catholic Brotherhood for Young Men (Ages 12–17). Are you searching for purpose, strength, and real answers to the things you face every day?

Pathfinders is a Catholic group for young men who want to grow in faith, character, and brotherhood. Through Scripture, Catholic teachings, real conversations, and shared experiences, we help each other face the challenges of life with courage, clarity, and with Christ at the center.

### **YOUNG WOMEN OF GRACE**

Discover the secret to true happiness and purpose! This inspiring Catholic program for girls (Ages 12–17) helps them embrace their identity as beloved daughters of God. Through faith-filled lessons and discussion, participants will learn how to live with purpose, hope, and confidence — igniting the *Feminine Genius* God has placed within each of them.

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Our parish offers a variety of adult faith formation opportunities. Please see the Sunday bulletin for details regarding continuous study groups and upcoming special events such as:

- A Catholic Toolbox
- A Hot Cup of Catholic
- Bible Study
- Coffee & A Movie
- Inquiring Minds Want to Know...
- Parish Retreats/Missions
- and many more...

### **SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES (SCC)**

Experience the closeness of "small church"  
inside our large Parish!

Looking for deeper connections and faith filled friendships? You are invited to join one of our intimate small groups of 5 to 10 parishioners! We meet weekly or twice a month in welcoming homes to reflect on the Scripture readings for upcoming Masses. Together we pray, share life's joys and struggles, and open up about our personal faith stories. We discover at our own pace how God is actively loving and guiding us.

In this safe and trusting environment mutual support blooms. Friendships deepen, faith grows stronger, and our group becomes a "small Church" within our large parish family. Experience the concern, prayer, and emotional warmth of the Body of Christ coming alive!

We use enriching materials from the Augustine Institute (FORMED) and/or The Lectionary.

### **RETURNING/INACTIVE CATHOLIC MINISTRY**

Has marriage, separation, divorce, or remarriage left you inactive? Do you feel alienated or as if there is no one to listen? A priest or parish faith formation staff member will be more than happy to discuss options and issues with anyone seeking assistance. Please call the office or email [sttimothy@sttimothycc.com](mailto:sttimothy@sttimothycc.com) for an appointment.

## **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Men of the parish gather for an evening of fellowship, prayer, faith formation, and to share their desire to walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus. Together they discover new ways to live with the Holy Spirit, become true Christian men, and live richer, more meaningful lives. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ, renew yourself spiritually, offer new meaning to your prayer life, and most of all, build lasting relationships with other Catholic men.

## **WOMEN OF GRACE**

Women of the parish, embrace your gift of authentic femininity and dignity as daughters of God and equip yourselves to be "lights" in the culture of the day - leading others to the Truth who is Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary will be your exemplar and model. Her strength, courage, and maternal love will be your inspiration and hope. You are invited to participate in the various Women of Grace programs at St. Timothy Catholic Church. See the parish bulletin for dates and times.

### **Foundational Study**

Johnnette B Williams, Founder and President of Women of Grace® developed the Foundational Study, Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life to provide us with many tools to help us and those we love to experience God's love for you more profoundly and to "dig deeply" into the wellspring of the spiritual life and the wisdom of Holy Mother Church. In this

9-week study, you will learn about the lives of women saints, and how our Blessed Mother can bring you closer to her Son. You will study lessons about Sacred Scripture, the Church, the Catechism, and writings of the Holy Fathers.

### **Morning or Evenings of Grace**

All women of the parish are invited to grab your rosaries, your spiritual weapons, and unite in Sacred Sisterhood for a time to reconnect, renew, and reflect! Join us as we pray, sing, watch a Johnnette Williams' Women of Grace EWTN Episode, listen to a guest speaker, and participate in small group sharing. Topics include Divine Mercy, forgiveness, wounds of the hearts, the Eucharist, our feminine vocation according to God's Plan, intercessory prayer, Blessed Mother Mary, St. Joseph, and Advent. Visit [Womenofgrace.com](http://Womenofgrace.com) for more information, resources, and online studies.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Baptism is the first and foremost sacrament of initiation into our faith community. Therefore, it is only appropriate that at least one parent of an infant/child brought forth for baptism must be a practicing Catholic. Before the celebration of baptism, the Church expects parents and sponsors (Godparents) to be formed in the meaning of the Sacrament as well as its responsibilities (Canon 851). At St. Timothy, we offer online videos for the parents and sponsors (Godparents) to watch at home. After videos are watched, a meeting is scheduled to discuss the information from the videos and answer any questions regarding the baptism ceremony. If requested, an in-person meeting is available instead of the online videos. It is necessary to contact the parish at least two months prior for sufficient time to prepare for the sacrament.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) is a time when a child experiences God's forgiveness in a special way. The normal time for First Reconciliation is second grade. It is necessary that a child has had at least one year of catechetical preparation prior to the reception of the sacrament.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST**

First Eucharist (First Communion) is a child's second sacrament of initiation and sign of unity with our faith community (the first being Baptism). The normal time for a child to receive First Eucharist is second grade. In addition to the one year of preparation necessary for First Reconciliation, an additional year of catechetical preparation is required before a child receives First Eucharist.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a time when a young person is fully initiated into the church and receives a strengthening in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The youth of our parish normally celebrate this sacrament when they are in eighth grade. Two years of catechesis and a parish/community service project are required to the reception of the sacrament.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Couples planning to marry at St. Timothy will need to contact the parish at least four months prior to their wedding date. Marriage in the Catholic church is a sacrament, and it is necessary to participate in a marriage preparation program. This includes:

- A preliminary interview to explain the marriage preparation process, provide you with the diocesan Marriage Preparation Guidelines & Calendar, and request any necessary documents from you and your spouse-to-be.
- A pre-marital inventory to help identify and work through any issues that need to be addressed prior to your wedding date. While pre-marital inventories are not predictors of marital success, they can be a helpful tool for growth and preparation.
- Formation to help you grow in your understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and practical skills, such as communication, financial management, and couple prayer.

## **BECOMING CATHOLIC**

The Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which adults who are either unbaptized or from another Christian faith prepare for full communion with the Catholic Church and complete reception of the sacraments of initiation.

- Do you want to learn more about the Catholic way of life?
- Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Were you baptized Catholic and want to complete the Sacraments of Initiation - Eucharist and Confirmation?
- Do you know anyone that has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

We offer an opportunity to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. There is no obligation or commitment.

Anyone who is interested should contact the parish office.

## **SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES**

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

A special chapel on the north side of the ministries building, was established to enable the faithful who desire to pray before the Eucharistic Presence the opportunity of doing so twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. For the door code, please go to the parish office.

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

All parishioners who love Blessed Mother Mary are invited to join us in observing the "Five First Saturdays of Reparation." Our Lady of Fatima explained the Five First Saturdays to St. Lucia on December 10, 1925 in this way: "See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary." For more information see the church bulletin, the Five First Saturdays brochure in the Church Narthex, or visit [marian.org](http://marian.org).

### **THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Members of the congregation lead the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following the 8:30 AM mass everyday Monday through Saturday. Pamphlets with the prayers are available in the kiosk in the narthex of the church. The praying of the Chaplet is organized by the St. Timothy Knights of Columbus Council 10034.

## **ROSARY GROUP**

Five decades of the Daily Rosary are recited at 8:00 AM. Monday through Friday prior to the 8:30 AM. Mass and also at 6:45 AM. before the 7:15 AM mass Monday through Friday. This dedicated group encourages all to join in praying this traditional Marian devotion.

## **ROSARY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD**

At Fatima our Blessed Mother requested that all Pray the Rosary to bring about Real and Lasting Peace, that is why we Pray the Rosary. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of every month, we gather in church at noon and recite 20 decades of the Rosary.

## **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

You are invited to appeal to Heaven for the healing of our Nation as our Priests and Deacons lead the faithful in praying the Patriotic Rosary. We sing and pray for the nation's President, Supreme Court, Governors, other political leaders, and every soul in every state.

## **CENTERING PRAYER**

Centering Prayer is a method of moving beyond conversation with the living Christ by sitting in silent acceptance of God's presence and action in us while opening our minds and hearts—our whole being—to God, and resting in Him, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. A preparation for contemplative prayer, it is based on the wisdom saying of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: "When you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret," and it is also inspired by many important contributors to the Catholic contemplative heritage.

## **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

In 1901 in a rundown section of Los Angeles, California, students from a bible school began speaking in tongues. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit quickly spread throughout the country in all religions. In 1967 a Catholic Charismatic Renewal was started. The Holy Father proclaims this same theme, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

This new movement, the raising up of hands in prayer and song and the resting in the Spirit are only visible signs of what is really happening in the lives of the people who are being converted and transformed. A more intense spirituality, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the expressing of joy and peace, is surfacing among those involved.

St. Timothy has its own charismatic prayer meeting weekly. Come and observe what our parish has to offer in this renewal.

## **THE LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate, under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces, who serves the Church and neighbors in 170 countries.

Our Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa Praesidium, serves the parish through spiritual works of mercy: Evangelization -personal contacts; Instruction - organizing and conducting CCD, bible studies, women's groups, conducting programs; Consolation - visitations to nursing homes, the homebound, and hospitals; Religious Services - 1st Friday, 1st Saturday, enthronements; Service to Others - retreats, pilgrimages; rosaries, Divine Mercy, transportation; Promoting the Legion-book borrow and recruiting. We meet Mondays at 9:30 AM.

## **CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY**

Join in the “33 Days to Morning Glory” Consecration to Mary by Father Michael Gaitley. Entrust yourself totally to Mary and unite yourself to the perfect consecration of Jesus as he offers himself in the Spirit to the Father for the life of the world.

## **CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH**

Join us in the 33 days of preparation for “Consecration to St. Joseph – the Wonders of our Spiritual Father” by Father Donald Calloway. Entrust yourself to St. Joseph’s fatherly care, protection, and guidance. In the same way that St. Joseph was Jesus’ guardian, the Church calls us to put ourselves under his faithful care and patronage. Acknowledge St. Joseph as your spiritual father. Be as close to him as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

## **33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY**

Embark on a 33-day spiritual journey to consecrate yourself to Jesus in the Eucharist. This first-of-its-kind guide offers daily virtues, inspiring stories, powerful prayers, and deep insights—inviting you to surrender to God and live in “Eucharistic Glory.” Join saints like Mother Teresa, St. John Paul II, St. Thérèse, and others, and ask yourself: “Will I consecrate myself to the Lord today, so He may pour out His blessing?” Make the commitment. Experience grace. Be transformed...

## **33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE**

Join us for a 33-day journey created by Fr. Michael Gaitley to prepare for a personal offering to God's Merciful Love. This transformative experience includes daily readings and group discussions with one of the most beloved saints of modern times, St. Thérèse of Lisieux. We'll explore the heart of her “Little Way,” uncover the power of trust amid personal darkness, and be inspired to become great saints in ordinary circumstances. Rooted in St. Thérèse’s profound insight that the Heart of Jesus overflows with mercy and longs to pour it out on us, this journey lays the perfect foundation for your personal consecration to Divine Mercy, culminating in a communal consecration.

## **MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS AND LAITY CENACLE PRAYER GROUP**

The MMP is a movement attended by and open to all Priests, Religious, and Laity. It began in 1973 through instructions by our own Blessed Mother to Father Stefano Gobbi in Italy. Father Gobbi's Process for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization was opened on May 1, 2024."

Reason:

- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a special way.
- To pray for and be unified with the Pope, Bishops, and Priests, with our cenacle prayers.

Cenacle Prayers:

- Rosary
- Cenacle Prayer
- Prayers for the Pope & Priests
- New Pentecost Prayer
- Reading from The Book of Locution: "To the priests, our Lady's beloved sons."
- Voluntary Sharing
- Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

## **PRAYER WALL**

In the vestibule of the church is the location of the "PRAYER WALL." You may write personal intentions of those in need and deceased. These intentions are included in the Prayers of the Faithful at the Mass. The intentions are removed monthly.

## **PRAYER GARDEN**

In the courtyard outside the South side of the church is the Prayer Garden, a perfect spot for quiet meditation. Within this setting is featured the 14 Stations of the Cross, a beautiful water fountain, various statues, a stained-glass window with the theme of The Resurrection, and an area that honors our military and military chaplains. In addition, memorial bricks surround walkways. As you enjoy the peaceful surroundings of the Prayer Garden, say a prayer for our St. Timothy Maintenance staff who keep the flowers and plants beautifully maintained. Please see page 5 for historical facts about the prayer garden.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER**

A Special Minister of the Eucharist is a lay person commissioned for service to a particular community. Special Ministers of the Eucharist are selected by the pastor with prayerful consideration of the needs of the community and the qualifications of the individual.

Preparation for the ministry includes:

- formal instruction through the Diocesan Office of Liturgy upon the recommendation of the pastor
- Must be trained at St. Timothy's as each Parish is different.

### **SACRISTANS**

Sacristans are also Eucharistic Ministers who have accepted the additional responsibility of preparing the Sacred Vessels and unconsecrated elements prior to the celebration of the Mass. Additional responsibilities include purifying the Sacred Vessels upon completion of the Mass.

The Coordinator of the Sacristans will train volunteers on the basic, etc. Two hours per week for Sunday liturgies and additional time is required for funerals and weddings.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Servers assist celebrant(s) during the liturgy at daily masses, and holy days of obligation. Training is required. A basic knowledge of the liturgy is helpful. Must be able to walk up and down stairs without assistance.

### **READERS**

The Proclamation of the Word of God at Mass through readings taken from the Old and New Testaments.

The initial training is provided by the ministry coordinator. Public speaking and a desire to learn more about Scripture is helpful. The impact of God's messages depends significantly on the preparation, the delivery and the conviction of the Lector.

## **CANTOR**

The Cantor's role is to lead the congregation in song, and sing the responsorial psalms at Sunday Masses, funerals, and weddings. A pleasant voice and a willingness to practice on one's own are the skills necessary. Attendance at the workshops held by the diocese and meetings by the choir director are required training prior to performance. The Cantor is the psalmist, song leader and animator of the assembly.

## **PARISH CHOIR**

The parish choir augments the prayer life of the assembly through music. They also prepare special music which reflects the particular celebration. The choir meets weekly for approximately 2 hours in the day for rehearsal and training during the months of September through May. Members are expected to sing during the appropriate Mass on Sunday from September through May. No auditions are required to sing with the group. Come join them, for singing adds beauty and solemnity to the sacred liturgy.

## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

The handbell choir provides for more people to participate in worship and provides an avenue for stewardship of time and talent. As a member of this choir, it is necessary to attend all rehearsals and work toward being a competent member of the choir. Rehearsals are one hour per week and the skill of keeping a steady beat is important.

## **USHERS**

The ushers greet parishioners as they arrive at the church, assist with seating, collect and present the community's offering, direct people to communion stations and select the offertory gift presenters. Ushers are present at all Saturday and Sunday liturgies as well as special liturgies or functions that occur throughout the year. Following each liturgy, a general check-up is done throughout the church making sure all is in good order for the next service.

## **WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT**

This ministry enhances the celebration of liturgies by decorating the church and altar to reflect the current liturgical season. Floral arrangement abilities are helpful.

## **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES**

### **BEREAVEMENT & CONSOLATION MINISTRY**

It's a difficult time for individuals when a family member has died. As part of this ministry, you can help them plan the funeral mass and comfort them through this difficult time. Since we need information on the individual who has passed, we encourage them to talk about their loved ones, and the next thing you know, they are laughing as they remember all the wonderful times spent with them.

In planning the funeral Mass, they can select readings, songs, and have family or friends bring the bread and wine to the altar. This gives them a sense of being close to the person whom the funeral Mass is being celebrated. You will find that this Ministry brings peace and warmth to the family and to you.

### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Ministers of the Sick, on a regular basis, provide concern and share the Eucharist with those who are sick, grieving, or lonely homebound in the parish and any Catholics in the nearby hospitals, rehab centers and nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Ministers are asked to attend a day of training from the diocese and attend educational support meetings. Other opportunities for growth are available. It is a ministry of the presence of Jesus Christ, the Great Healer and Comforter. This is made possible by the love and caring of dedicated Ministers of the Sick.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**  
**CHRISTIAN ACTION MINISTRIES**

**RESPECT LIFE ADVOCATE**

To serve as a link between the Diocese of Orlando and the parish community in matters related to pro-life issues in order to become familiar with the available resources and expertise needed to impact knowledge on these topics to those who inquire.

Duties required for this committee include serving as a "role model" by living and supporting the church's pro-life position; be able to communicate issues effectively and communicate with the pastor and parish leaders on pro-life issues; recruit other parish volunteers for pro-life activities and promote and support diocesan pro-life events and activities.

An initial training and ongoing education, certification and leadership development will be provided through the Diocesan Respect Life Office.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Catholic organization of lay persons that seeks in a spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are suffering. No work of charity is foreign to the Society. It serves persons in need regardless of creed.

Meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month. Our conference offers financial aid to those in need, as well as a food pantry. Compassion for the needy, spirituality, confidentiality, and the ability to listen are skills necessary for this ministry. An orientation meeting with the coordinator and initial calls with clients always are accompanied with an experienced member of the Society. We are a participating member of the Christian Social Services of Lake and Sumter Counties.

## **PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

### **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

This group offers support to cancer survivors, their spouses and family members. Members are contacted and informed of guest speakers and printed material available to them at the 2-hour monthly meeting.

### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

The Grief Support ministry meets weekly. They welcome anyone challenged by any loss or life change. Our group offers a warm, confidential, and judgement-free space where you can share, listen, and begin to heal together. Come and meet new friends who understand your concerns.

### **RECOVERING FROM DIVORCE: A CATHOLIC GUIDE**

A six-week faith-based small group for Catholics dealing with separation or divorce. If you've ever wrestled with questions like: "How do I belong in the Church now?"; "Why am I still angry or hurting?"; "What about annulments, identity, or healing?" ...this program offers a safe space to: Process emotional pain; Discover deeper hope and God's love; and Learn from Catholic wisdom and others' stories. Join us on a path to healing, forgiveness, and belonging.

### **DIVORCED AND SEPARATED HEALING (DASH)**

The DASH Ministry provides support for those whose relationship has ended in divorce or are in the midst of separation. Support includes spiritual healing and provides resource material dealing with forgiveness, anger and letting go. The Ministry meets for 7 weeks to walk with individuals during this challenging time.

## **KARING KRAFTERS**

We meet every Tuesday from 9-11 AM in the Social Hall. We crochet, knit, and sew useful items which we donate to church members and various local organizations. Some of our items include Baptism scarves and blankets, baby sweater sets for unwed moms, quilts, lap robes, adult shawls, walker bags, clothing protectors, chemo caps and children's hats and scarves. Some of the organizations we support are Operation Shoebox for our Military overseas, Hands of Mercy Everywhere (H.O.M.E.), Lady Lake senior locations, Northlake Presbyterian Homebound, SOZO Kids and Weirsdale and Fruitland Park schools.

## **ROSARY MAKERS**

The Rosary Makers meet every Tuesday in the Ministry Building. If you would like to honor our Lady in a special way, plus assist in the work of domestic and foreign missions, come see us. We will teach you to make rosaries. All materials are provided. In your own home, in your spare time, you can help us make a difference.

## **AA- ACA – BEGINNERS AA 12 STEP GROUP**

The AA and all the groups associated with AA meet year-round weekly to support one another. There are group sessions for all to receive the assistance that is needed. Meetings are 2-hour sessions.

## **LIFE RECOVERY BIBLE STUDY**

The Twelve steps have long been a great help to people in recovery. Discover how they connect to Scripture to find the true source of wisdom, the Word of God. All interested are invited.

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

### **WOMEN'S GUILD**

The purpose of the Club shall be for the spiritual well-being and social pleasure of its members and the outstanding accomplishment of successful fundraising.

Club members devote time and energy to their activities such as card parties, craft bazaar, fashion shows, bake sales and charitable events.

On the first Tuesday of each month, September thru May, members attend a 2-hour monthly meeting in the Parish Hall. A willingness to work in a group situation, a true desire to serve the Lord and our parish community are some of the skills required for membership. In return, the church continues to benefit financially from this club.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The purpose of the Knights of Columbus is:

- To render pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members and their families.
- To render mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled, and needy members and their families.
- To promote social and intellectual causes among its members and their families
- Promote and conduct educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and welfare and public relief work. To carry out its purposes more effectively and to support our clergy along with mother church.

Members attend meetings twice a month (business and social) and attend corporate communion Mass at 8:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUXILIARY**

This religious and social organization assists the Knights in their charitable fundraising or whatever possible to give help. This auxiliary meets once a month during the Knights social meeting and monthly for luncheon.

## **NOTRE DAME CLUB**

The Notre Dame Club meets once a month to support one another. There are guest speakers that come along with their social gatherings. One being the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

## **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

The AOH is the oldest lay Catholic organization in America. Its main purposes are to promote Irish culture, defend all life born and unborn, foster the ideals and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish people, and to make contributions to charitable organizations such as Hands of Mercy Everywhere, Wildwood Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent De Paul Society, and others. The Division meets at 1:30 PM on the third Tuesday of the month at St. Timothy in the classrooms.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **HOSPITALITY/COFFEE/DONUTS**

This gathering in the Parish Hall provides an opportunity for families and individuals to get together after the 7:00 and 9:00 AM Sunday Masses for a continuation of the celebration of the Lord's Day by joining in the fellowship of the church community.

### **ALL SAINTS FESTIVAL**

A weekend for parishioners to enjoy fellowship and food with live music, parade of Saints (with treats), outdoor games, face painting, photo booth, and inflatables. In addition, explore where God is calling you to serve! Connect with over 40 of our vibrant parish ministries. This is your chance to uncover new ways to grow in faith and make a difference in our community.

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Come join us on Thanksgiving Day for this ticketed community event in the Parish Hall. This catered buffet style dinner includes roasted turkey and trimmings.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about joining or volunteering with the ministries or groups in this Resource Book, please email us at [sttimothy@sttimothycc.com](mailto:sttimothy@sttimothycc.com), or call the parish office at 352-753-0989.

























