Enter into Lent

Sign up to receive great daily content in your inbox from Dynamic Catholic during the season of Lent: www.DynamicCatholic.com/Best-Lent-Ever
Sign up for daily videos at: RedeemedOnline.com/Lent to journey through the Gospel of Mark, and check out the content on our myParish app!

Lent Playlists On Spotify:

"+Lent // Traditional" by u catholic
"Hymns for Lent" by solanofathens52
"Lent Worship Songs" by Bobby Gilles
"Lent Worship Music" by Adrian Walter
"Lenten Worship (Songs for Lent...)" by Don Hooper
"Lent At Ephesus" by Benedictines Of Mary, Queen Of Apostles

Online Lent Resources:

CRS Rice Bowl: www.crsricebowl.org
FAQ’s about Lent: www.catholic.org/lent/faq.php
Downloadable Resources: https://catholicapps.com/make-best-lent-ever/
How to Observe Lent: https://lifeteen.com/blog/desert-live-lent-purpose/
USCCB: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/litururgical-year/lent/index.cfm
For spiritual family conversations: https://www.faithandfamilycollective.com/
Videos & Blogs: https://www.catholicapostolatocenter.org/lenten-resources.html
What to give up: https://lifeteen.com/blog/what-to-give-up-25-creative-ideas-for-lent/
Did someone say Lent?
I better think of something to give up!

For many years when the season of Lent came around, this is what I would think. I thought that Lent was simply a time to give something up, like a second chance at a New Year’s resolution (since those work out so great). I would give up things that would make me waste less time or lose weight, and when Easter came around I would celebrate by indulging in those very same things I had given up. Can you relate?

The question of Lent is not: “What should I give up?” The question of Lent is: “How can I RETURN to the things that matter most in my life? How do I want to be a better version of myself when I wake up on Easter morning?” Lent is an invitation for us to rid ourselves permanently of the things we do not want in our lives. Whether it is an addiction, a bad habit, an inclination to sin or selfishness, a negative pattern of behavior, a neglect or lack of the good things we need in our lives, Lent is an opportunity for transformation through picking up our crosses and walking with Jesus toward a resurrection of our hearts and lives this Easter.

Throughout the Season of Lent, we as a parish will be praying through the theme of RETURN, and so I ask you to consider how God is asking you to RETURN to Him this Lent in prayer, fasting & almsgiving. God invites us to RETURN to prayer and into deeper relationship with Him. Fasting invites us to RETURN to the cross by sacrificing and offering up the distractions and bad habits in our lives so we can become the best versions of ourselves. Almsgiving invites us outside of ourselves to RETURN to mercy and remember that this life is not about us and what we can get, but about sharing the gifts and forgiveness that God has given us with others as formed, loving disciples of Jesus Christ who make a difference.

On the cover of the bulletin this weekend you will find some suggestions to help you on your journey through this season of Lent. Sign up for the daily reflections, listen to the music in the car instead of what you normally would, and read the blogs and web resources about how you can enter into Lent more intentionally than ever before and make a RETURN to what matters most. Share these with your family and use them to have meaningful conversations about how you want your family to be closer to Jesus Christ. I am praying for you this season of Lent and I will see you in the Eucharist.

Matt Zemanek, Director of Adult & Youth Faith Formation.
**Pastoral Services Appeal Update**

Thanks to the **274 parish households** who have already given to the PSA 2019 campaign. That represents about 11% of our registered households.....we are off to a good start and now we need to continue forward. If you need a PSA pledge envelope, please find them in the pews in church or at the front office. **Last year 534 households contributed**: let’s try to get to that number and even more. As the theme states “WE ARE ONE”! Everyone’s gift makes a difference.

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**Confessions During Lent**

St. Timothy Parish has Confessions each Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30pm.
You may also make an appointment at any time with Msgr. John or Fr. Vincent.

**Local Parish Lenten Penance Services are:**

- Monday, March 18  Holy Trinity, Ladera Ranch, 7pm
- Wednesday, April 3  St. Timothy, Laguna Niguel, 7pm
- Thursday, April 4  Mission San Juan Capistrano, 7pm
- Monday, April 8  St. Edward, Dana Point, 7pm
- Tuesday, April 9  St. Catherine of Siena, Laguna Beach, 7pm
- Wednesday, April 10  Our Lady of Fatima, San Clemente, 7pm
- Thursday, April 11  Corpus Christi, Aliso Viejo, 7pm

**Additional Date for Confessions at St. Timothy:**

**Saturday, April 13th at 10am**

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**Adult Confirmation**

**An invitation for adults who have not been confirmed**

If you are 19 years of age, and have made your First Communion, but have not been Confirmed, I invite you to join me and others in a preparation program this spring so that you will be Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 9 at 11am Mass, here at St. Timothy Church.

**How do I sign up?** Either come to the parish office and pick up a registration form, or go to the parish website and download the registration form, fill it out, and return by March 18.

**When do classes start?** We will begin on **Monday, March 18 with an Information Evening at 7pm in the Upper Room**; the classes will start Monday, April 22 and continue on a weekly basis through June 3.

**What else do I need?** You will need to get a new copy of your baptism certificate; you will need to get a Confirmed Catholic to be your sponsor and to accompany you to class; and you will need an open heart and mind to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

I am looking forward to meeting you, teaching you, and sharing this journey with you for the final step toward your final step of Initiation into our Catholic faith. Any questions? Please call me at 973 9021 or **email at mzemanek@st-timsrc.org**.

**Matt Zemanek, Director of Adult & Youth Faith Formation**
Help Save Lives in Mission Viejo!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils outside the local abortion facility and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers!

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

**Vigil Location:** In front of the Planned Parenthood in Mission Viejo. Meet on the corner of LaPaz & Chrisanta Dr, in front of the Taco Bell, located at 26171 La Paz Rd. Mission Viejo. St. Timothy Church is scheduled for Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. but please sign up for any time or day. Also, it's not necessary to sign up. If you can't plan ahead, just show up when you can. For questions contact: Vicky Fershin (949) 280-1474 or Patti Mires (949) 933-0474. Sign up for prayer times by visiting: [40daysforlife.com/missionviejo](http://40daysforlife.com/missionviejo)

Catholic Social Teaching – Time for Action

The following is the first in a Bulletin series of themes of social justice as articulated by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and about what we can do as a parish and as brothers and sisters of Christ.

**Life and Dignity of the Human Person.** The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. *(From Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions Copyright 2017, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services)*

**Time for Action.** New York State has passed a law legalizing late-term abortion (virtually permitting infanticide!) and seven states (including our own) and the District of Columbia permit doctor-assisted suicide. **Each of us is called to action to protect and defend human life.** What can we do? **First, we need to know the truth.** Add the Catholic News Agency to our mobile phones. Go to https://www.rcbo.org/resource/about-life-justice-and-peace/ and subscribe to the Orange County Diocesan Newsletter on life, peace and justice.

Look up www.socalfaithcoalitionagainsthumantrafficking.org or www.vanguard.edu/gcwj to learn more about human trafficking in our own county; and the Southern Poverty Law Center website, www.splcenter.org for the struggle against hate crimes.

When we know the truth, we are then empowered to make the choice to act, whether it is by learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches about the dignity of life, by praying, by sending a letter to a congressman, by becoming personally involved in something like 40 Days for Life, by helping to support an organization like Obria or by sharing the truth with one other friend or family member. Together, we can make a difference. *(by Bill Kramer and Sally Hotchkiss, Life, Justice and Peace)*
CHECK OUT WHAT IS COMING UP IN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

CONFIRMATION:

**Wednesday, 3/13:** Year 1 Confirmation meeting from 7-9pm in the Hall. **SPONSOR FORMS ARE DUE!**

**Wednesday, 3/20:** Year 2 Confirmation meeting from 7-9pm in the Hall. **BISHOP LETTERS ARE DUE!**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY:

**Sunday, March 10:** XLT from 6-9pm.

**Sunday, March 17:** Life Night on St. Patrick! Come and learn about this awesome saint on his feast day and how we can live boldly in our faith like him!

**Sunday, March 24:** Check our Instagram for details and permission slips as it gets closer!

**Sundays 3/31, 4/7 & 4/14:** Join us for a three-part series called “Unspoken” as we break open the Theology of the Body and talk about human dignity and sexuality, especially as it applies to technology, pornography and the hyper-sexualized culture we live in. This series is open to all high schoolers, especially those who desire life-giving relationships and a healthy relationship with technology. We hope to see you there!

**Drop-In is every Thursday from 3-5pm** in the Youth Room and is open to teens in high school. Come get help with homework, play pool or ping pong, eat food or just relax!

FOLLOW US ON:

**INSTAGRAM:** @sttimsysyouthministry // **FACEBOOK:** http://facebook.com/sttimsysyouthministry // **TWITTER & SNAPCHAT:** @sttimsym

Steubenville NORCAL Youth Conference from Friday, July 26th – Sunday, July 28th! Steubenville NorCal is one of about 30 different high school youth conferences that are put on by the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio all around the country each Summer. These conferences are weekend retreat experiences with about 2,000 Catholic youth and leaders, which include Mass, adoration, confession, workshops, speakers, music and fellowship. These events are incredibly life-changing and have inspired the faith and vocations of thousands of young people. There are a limited number of spots available, to sign-up early. The event is $300, with a $100 deposit needed when the consent form in turned in. Participants must also participate in fundraising & the balance of $200 is due by Monday, April 1, 2019. For more information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSnKvk4Rwsc.

SENIORS!:

Every year, we have a Senior Mass to honor our graduating Seniors. This year, that Mass is on Sunday, May 19th at 5pm. You will receive a special blessing, be recognized by the congregation, share what your plans after high school are and receive a special gift from the parish. Please RSVP via e-mail (mzmanek@st-timsrc.org) if you are able to attend, and let us know what your plans after high school are: where you will be working or where you will be attending college and what your major will be. Please invite your families to this special Mass and know that we are praying for you!

PARENT NIGHT: Sunday March 31st from 6-8pm.

We will be offering a FREE parent session on Sunday, March 31st on technology and pornography from 6-8pm in the Hall, which will be given by Matt Zemanek, our Director of Adult and Youth Faith Formation. All parents are welcome, regardless of the age of your children or their participation in the upcoming Life Night series on the same topic. We want to provide an opportunity for you to be equipped with the language to talk about this issue with your families and the resources to protect them. Childcare will be available and dinner will be served, so please RSVP to Matt (mzmanek@st-timsrc.org) by Wednesday, March 27th for childcare and to let us know if you will be attending so we can plan for dinner.
Friday, March 15
5:30 p.m.  Soup dinner in the Hall
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Beginning in the Courtyard

Got Soup?
Children’s Faith Formation, C.L.U.B. 6-7-8, and Youth Ministry are hosting this Friday’s Lenten Soup and Stations of the Cross. The world famous Knights of Columbus have the night off! A simple potluck soup dinner will be served in the Hall followed by Stations of the Cross.
Donations collected at the soup dinner will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the needy in our community.
Invite your family and friends for an evening of fellowship, reflection and prayer.
If you would like to bring a crockpot filled with a delicious meat-free soup, let us know.
For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 495-4126.

Diocese of Orange
Middle School Youth Day
at Knott’s Berry Farm

It was a beautiful sunny day, sandwiched between days of rain, when a group of C.L.U.B. 6-7-8 youth and a few TEAM members joined several other middleschool youth groups at Knott’s Berry Farm. Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Freyer is pictured here with the representative St. Timothy group.
We shared a day of praise and worship, ice-breaker activities, a meaningful and relevant message and Mass. The event was followed by a full day of fun and fellowship.

2019 Summer Camps
Looking for summer activities for your family or children? Here are a few opportunities:
Sacred Heart Camp, Big Bear offers:
Girls Camp for campers ages 8-15  www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com/girls-camp/
Family Retreat Camp  www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com/family-retreat-camp/
EDGE Middle School Summer Camp, Big Bear
Monday, June 17—Saturday, June 22  https://lifteen.com/camps/register/
St. Killian/Mission Basilica/Holy Trinity Middle School Retreat at Santiago Retreat Center
June 19-20: save the date as more information will follow.
First Reconciliation 2019

There is one week remaining to complete the at-home lessons as family.

Children’s session in the Church:
Lesson 6 + Reconciliation preparation:

Wednesday, March 13 from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.
OR
Thursday, March 14 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

FIRST RECONCILIATION Celebration is:

Saturday, March 16, at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Church

Kindly call the Faith Formation Office at 949/495-4126 for any inquiries.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

This meeting is for parents only.
Choose one of the following sessions:

Sunday, March 17 at 12:15 p.m. in the Upper Room
OR

Wednesday, March 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Upper Room

Childcare is available, (1 year old confident walkers - 10 years old.), kindly call the Faith Formation Office to reserve a space for your child, 495-4126 or email: mwallace@st-timsr.org

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY—Putting it into Action!

Children’s Faith Formation is joining other Catholic faith communities throughout the state to provide support to uniting children with their incarcerated mother and father. These children are innocent victims who long to see their parents. The Get On The Bus activity drive hopes you are able to donate supplies to make the children’s one day a year visit more enjoyable. Get On The Bus’ greatest need is Board Games which provides bonding opportunities for the children and their parents. The games must be new and some examples are Connect 4, Trouble, Guess Who, Scrabble Jr., Jenga, etc. Any board game that looks like family fun! The program would also benefit from small children’s toys, McDonald’s gift cards and money donations. Collection bins are available in the Faith Formation Office until April 19. Thank you for your generosity to those who bear so many burdens, “I was in prison and you visited me.” Mt. 25:37

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Mt. 25:40

One way we practice our faith is by taking care of those in need. We are seeking the following assistance for a project that helps our homeless neighbors and re-purposes plastic shopping bags. The following donations are needed:

- Plastic shopping bags, these will be cut into strips and woven on a loom making mats that are weather resistant, portable and bug resistant.
- Volunteers to assemble the mats.
- Donation may be dropped off in the Faith Formation Office. For more information, please contact Jennifer Jo Leva at jennjoleva@aol.com.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, March 9**
5:00 p.m. Dennis McCarthy,† and Gay van der Linden,†

**Sunday, March 10**
7:00 a.m. Margaret Suhujda,† and Rosalia Romerez,†
9:00 a.m. Timothy J. Parker,† and Sara Sisley,†
11:00 a.m. Betty Jane Merkel,† and Gloria Gerasia,†
5:00 p.m. Julio Bertangintino,† and Jeff Hayek,†

**Monday, March 11**
8:30 a.m. John & Martha Nguyen, and Les Briggs,†

**Tuesday, March 12**
8:30 a.m. Grace & Anthony Montone,† and Larry Waley,†

**Wednesday, March 13**
8:30 a.m. John Hobbs,† and Erik Linsdey,†

**Friday, March 15**
8:30 a.m. Laureana Sanchez,† and Murielo Mira,†

**Presider Schedule**

**Saturday, March 16**
5:00 p.m. Father Vincent Pham

**Sunday, March 17**
7:00 a.m. Monsignor John Urell
9:00 a.m. Monsignor John Urell
11:00 a.m. Father Bernard Johnson
5:00 p.m. Father Vincent Pham

**Weekly Parish Offering**

**March 3, 2019**
- Cash/Checks $16,693
- EFT $11,094
- TOTAL $27,787

Thank you for your continued generosity!

COMING SOON!!

Look for a new for method of Electronic Giving! More information coming soon!

**Prayer for the Sick**

Liza Schuman Aber
Javier Acuña
Luis R. Allende
George Bernett
Bob & Gina Berman
Guadalupe Bojorquez
Peter Boermester
Bill Brooks
Mary Casey
Shannon Castagno
Art Castaneda
Hunter Ciccarelli
Chavez Family
Maria Elena Conde
Roseann Coons
Claire Daggett
Colleen Davidson
Riley Dockerty
Callen Douglass
Dave De Belius
Leonor De Castro
John Del George
Ann Dreyer
Monica Evans
Sammy Faltas
Charlene Fershin
Nick Fletcher
Don Flood
Jackie Flynn
Robert Fraijo
Lavelle Froboese
Wayne Froboese
Steven Gamble
Joe Garcia
Lydia Garcia
William Gates
Ken Glasscock
Betty Grady
John Grady, Sr.
Tommy Grzecka
Michael Griffith
Geraldine Gaudivaud
David Halaas
Timothy G. Hassell, Jr.
Jack Hayes
Suzan Hazard
Lily Hazbun
Leonidas Henao
Joann Hopper
Danne Hurst
Lyn Hutchinson
Lance & Amy Ishmael
Rebecca Jane
Donna James
Pamela Johnson
Sharon Johnstone
Kyle Kelso
Ernie Kosch
Dylan Kramer
Alfredo Lansangan
Patricia Lansangan
Rochel Lavine
Henry Lawrence
Zenaida Loyola
Al Lubrano
Joseph Mangiapane, Jr.
Barbara Marchese
Cody Marschak
Kim Marschak
Irene Mihalovich
Irene McCarthy
Gary McClevey
LaReen McDonald
Darla McMullen
David Molta
Jeremiah Mooney
Eddy Morales
Rebecca Moshenko
Kelley Munzing
Joe O'Brien
Sr. Catherine O'Leary
Kathleen O'Regan
Westley Patrick
Worth Patrick
Dorothy Pavliga
Adela Perez
Maureen Petrone
Jessie Punzalan
Theresa Reyes
Donna Ricci
Judy Richardson
Kevin Riley
Jojo Ramirez
Linda Rose
Patrick Roux
Roland Rubalcava
Donna Rupp
Alma Ruszak
Amanda Samuels
Carolyn Sandore
Terry Scarlet
Anna Senkowski
Henry Shahinian
Barbara Smith
Howard Smith
Andrew Soto
John Timlin
Vern Vallis
Marie Vitali
Bill & Barbara Wild
Chris Walsh
Tim Walsh
Madelon Weinberg
Janet Winninghoff
Pat Wright
Krystal York

**Restore the Church Build the Future**

Support The Collection For The Church In Africa, Latin America & Eastern Europe

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. For many in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Saint Timothy Parish is to form loving disciples of Jesus Christ who make a difference.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.
Monday - Wednesday, & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Visit our Parish website for more information www.st-timsrc.org … Like us on Facebook!

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven. Pope Francis

Join Catholics from across Orange County in answering Pope Francis’ Call to Show the Mercy of Christ to the World.

There will be prayer opportunities with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, exhibits, Praise and Worship Holy Hour, in addition to the opportunity for individual confession with priests who speak English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

CHRIST CATHEDRAL CAMPUS - Friday, March 29 - Saturday, March 30
Mass at 3 p.m. Friday in the Arboretum
Benediction at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Arboretum

For complete schedule and more information, visit: www.rcbo.org/24-hours-for-the-lord

Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange