Above Jesus on the cross there was an inscription that read,

“This is the King of the Jews.”

~ Luke 23:38
As this Liturgical Year Comes to an End

With today’s Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we come to the ending of this liturgical year of grace. Next weekend ushers in the Season of Advent, and we begin again to wonder at the marvels of God’s love and plan for us. Before we begin, though:

The October Mass Count

Each year every parish does the annual October Mass count. Our ushers count everyone in the church at each Mass….and do so during the Offertory (when everyone is here and countable!). Here are the results from this year’s count:

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The total number of 8077 is up from the total number of 7764 in October 2018. Please continue to invite family and friends to join you for Sunday Mass in our parish.

The Pastoral Services Appeal

As of the latest figures, there are 537 households participating this year; we have received $133,391.12 in rebates (our diocesan share has already been paid); if all pledges are paid by the end of the year, we will have $193,720.99 on hand for our parish project this year. Thank you.

Enhancement of the 5pm Mass on Sunday evening

As of the 1st Sunday of Advent, following part of the strategic plan of our diocese to renew and reimagine our focus on youth and young adults, we will be inviting our youth and young adult community to be more involved in the ministries of this Mass. We will enhance the hospitality of welcome and inclusion. The homily will be more intentionally focused for youth and young adults. Of course, everyone of all ages is welcome to this final Sunday Mass each weekend as we are one family of God here at St. Timothy.

As this church year draws to a close, let’s give thanks to the Lord for his mercy endures forever. I look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving Day Mass with you at 8:30am on Thursday.

Email and Now Text Scam Alert

Seems that some folks are now using text scam to try to get money from you….or a return phone call from you to a bogus number claiming to be Msgr. John’s number…..this happened to a good number of parishioners this past week. This is in addition to the fake email scams that are happening as well. Please be on alert for these scams; many of our parishes/priests are experiencing this horrible situation. Always call the parish phone number 949 249 4091 if needed for clarification.
As a new liturgical year begins this Advent, are you ready for a deepening of your relationship with God? What new things does God desire for you in this new season? A new liturgical year comes with a change in the readings we hear proclaimed every Sunday. This Advent, we begin a year focused on encountering Jesus through the apostolic testimony contained in the Gospel of Matthew. All are invited to come and learn more about this Gospel and how to understand the unique voice St. Matthew brings to our understanding of Jesus as a Jewish man, a Rabbi who revealed Himself to be a rebellious Messiah: Emmanuel, God with us.

This three-part series will be on Sundays, December 1st, 8th & 15th from 12:15-2pm in the Hall and will be facilitated by Matt Zemanek, Director of Adult and Youth Faith Formation. If you have any questions, please contact him at mzemanek@st-timsrc.org. All are welcome, and be sure to bring your Bibles (preferred translation: NABRE—New American Bible, Revised Edition). Childcare is available with advance notice to Marya Wallace, mwallace@st-timsrc.org. There is no cost to participate. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

**The Giving Tree**

We invite you to join us this Christmas in reaching out to those in need. The Giving Tree, sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul is decorated with gift suggestions in the church on **November 29 and on December 8, 15, and 22.**

These donations help several organizations:

- **Mary’s Path** in Tustin shelters, empowers and equips unwed teen mothers and their babies for lives of hope, dignity and self-sufficiency.
- **Beyond**, run by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Orange, joins Mercy House by helping homeless women in transition with temporary housing, training and support to find jobs.
- **Hope for Kids** helps find and support host families for children whose families are in crisis and who need transitional help. They also assist disadvantaged youth by raising funds for college scholarships.
- **The School Sisters of St. Francis** serve the needy in poor parishes in Southern Texas near the Mexican border in a number of capacities as they help the poor, the disadvantaged, and the abused.
- **The St. Timothy Conference of St. Vincent de Paul** assists local families in need with gift cards for gas, grocery stores, Target, Walmart, and fast-foods.
- **St. Timothy Food Pantry** helps 80 to 90 families a week with food and basic items such as diapers and toilet paper, and soap. Our needs are for Costco or Smart and Final gift cards that help to supply some of the needs not covered by donations such as baby diapers, baggies for food items such as produce, and for rice and beans.
- **The San Felipe Homeless** are the homeless men and women in the Capistrano Beach, San Juan Capistrano and Dana Point areas. Many are day laborers who do not have the means to rent rooms. Once a year, through the Giving Tree, St. Timothy partners with Welcome INN (Interfaith Needs Network) to provide these brothers and sisters with the gifts of sweatshirts, jeans and a bountiful meal in January on the Feast of the Three Kings.

*To participate, just visit the Giving Tree in the back of the church, take an ornament, and return the ornament with the designated gift card to the box by the tree or at the parish office.*
A Reflection on Pilgrims and Indians

Picture them all: Miles Standish, John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, Governor William Bradford, Massasoit (Chief of the Wampanoags) and Squanto (Indian friend and guide to the Pilgrims and last survivor of the Patuxets). All real historic characters made more colorful by Longfellow in his folk tale, The Courtship of Miles Standish. Reenacting the story of the Mayflower and the “First Thanksgiving” of 1620 used to be a parochial school favorite. You may have been a participant yourself. When I was in the sixth grade at St. Cecilia’s, I was chosen to play the part of Squanto. As I recall, my costume consisted of a large, brown paper bag with arm holes and a headband with a single feather that kept falling out, and I had just one line to deliver in pidgin English. Something to do with corn.

The 1620 scene in the Plymouth Colony has always been depicted as a warm and friendly gathering of Pilgrims and indigenous people coming together to celebrate the first harvest with an expression of gratefulness to God. But recent historical studies have somewhat darkened that picture (as indeed they have darkened the celebration of the voyages of Columbus and to some extent the canonization of Junipero Serra). The accusation is that the European colonists were really oppressors of the indigenous population. In the un-sanitized version of the history of the Plymouth Colony, the Pilgrims (or Puritans) who fled Europe to escape religious persecution turned out to be just as intolerant as their former persecutors. They treated the local population as an inferior race, took their land and tried to obliterate their culture (which ironically included great respect and gratitude for the gifts of the earth), and didn’t like Catholics, Anglicans and Lutherans either. Even the words “Pilgrim” and “Puritan” connote different things. “Pilgrim” suggests someone on a spiritual quest for a deeper personal relationship with God, while a “Puritan” is that joyless Christian with a starched white collar and a tall pointy hat who has a thing about dancing.

Should we abolish the Thanksgiving Day holiday? Of course not. In one of our most precious family celebrations of the year, we formally recognize the blessings we have received, the gift of life, the gift of faith, the gifts of family, friends and country and the gift of our common home. We thank God for all of these. Then we share a wonderful meal with those we love. There is just one caveat. In chapter 18 of Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about “two people who went up to the temple area to pray.” The Pharisee starts out his prayer “O God I thank you…” So far, so good. But then he blows it. “…that I am not like the rest of humanity…or even like this tax collector.”

May we always keep Thanksgiving Day as a day to express our humble gratefulness to God for all his blessings, none of which we deserve. And may we never, ever insult the Lord by thanking him for making us better than someone else. Happy Thanksgiving! (by Bill Kramer, Life, Justice and Peace)

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THIS SUNDAY: "RESTORE"
All high school teens are welcome to join us for this Life Night on how Christ is present to us in the Sacraments to heal our spiritual and physical brokenness.

LIFE NIGHTS
SUNDAYS 6-8PM / UPPER ROOM
Questions? Contact Vanessa Serna: vserna@st-timsrc.org.

11.24 - LIFE NIGHT Series part 3
12.01 - LIFE NIGHT Issue Night
12.04 - Year 2 Confirmation, 7-9PM
12.06 - XLT "Stir Into Flame." 6-9PM
12.08 - LIFE NIGHT Issue Night
12.11 - Year 1 Confirmation, 7-9PM
12.15 - Off-Campus Social: Check IG

DROP-IN
Every Thursday from 3-5pm the Youth Room is open to teens in high school. Come get help with homework, play Smash on Nintendo Switch, play pool or ping pong, eat food & relax.

XLT: STIR INTO FLAME
Join us on Friday, December 6th from 7-9pm for XLT (Free Dinner at 6pm in the Hall). XLT is short for EXALT, and all are welcome to come exalt our Lord at a powerful night of prayer, praise & worship, an inspiring message, Adoration and Reconciliation.

PRESENCE SERIES
All high school teens are invited to our life night series "Presence" on the seven Sacraments on 11/3, 11/17 & 11/24 from 6-8pm in the Upper Room. Bring a friend and we hope to see you there!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY @thrive_yam
THURSDAYS 7:30 - 9PM / YOUTH ROOM / 18+

Are you looking for a consistent young adult community where you can meet new people and grow in your relationship with Jesus? THRIVE is a weekly young adult ministry that seeks to build community through fellowship, prayer, lectio divina, and discussion about our lives, current events and our faith. All are welcome and invited to join us as we seek to live out our Catholic faith in the world.
Advent for All
Preparin for Jesus...

Stir into Flame the gift you have received…come and celebrate Advent for all families

Saturday, December 7
After the 5 p.m. Liturgy
In the Hall
$5.00/person

For more information contact Faith Formation at (949) 495-4126

Come and celebrate the beginning of the church year with your family, friends and neighbors, at church!

Enjoy an evening of dinner, Advent Trivia, children’s activities and an inspiring message while awaiting the Christmas season.

You may register on-line at www.st-timsrc.org by Dec. 4th. Or stop by the office.

Childcare is available, (1-3 year olds) kindly call the Faith Formation Office or email mwallace@st-timsrc.org

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Children’s Faith Formation

Schedule of Classes

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word,

Only 20 minutes one Sunday each month during the Mass you typically attend!

Parents of children who partake in C.L.O.W. are encouraged to volunteer.

We currently need a presider at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month and 11:00 a.m. Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month

Diocesan volunteer forms are required. For more information, contact the Faith Formation Office.

949/495-4126 or email Valerie Skaare: vskaare@st-timsrc.org.
You are invited to join in celebrating

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 a.m.
Bilingual Mass

Followed by a reception in the Hall

Mary appeared to Juan Diego in a small village near
Mexico City December 12, 1531.
She is the patroness of the Americas.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning of the reception in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. Please contact Marya Wallace at 949/495-4126 or mwallace@st-timsrc.org

By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ. Let us welcome the following children baptized in November:

Xyon Zayn Shimoda Bertholdo
Child of Guilherme and Yumika Bertholdo
Godparents: Vincent Avendano and Reena Shimoda

Petra Juniper Rodriguez
Child of Patrick and Angelina Rodriguez
Godparents: Phillip Rodriguez and Jann Rodriguez

Christmas Eve Liturgy
December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Sign ups will begin shortly!
All children, ages five and older, are welcome to participate in a small choral performance during the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy on Christmas Eve.
There will be one required practice on Wednesday, December 18 from 6:15—7:15 p.m. in the Church.

For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 949-495-4126.

Thanksgiving Day

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers
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5:00 p.m. For the People of St Timothy Parish

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Monday, November 25
8:30 a.m. Joy David,living and Martha Fox,living

Tuesday, November 26
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Parish Mission Statement
The mission of Saint Timothy Parish is to form loving disciples of Jesus Christ who make a difference.

Clergy:
Pastor: Monsignor John Urell
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Truong
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Ken Hobbs
Sunday Visitor Priest: Rev. Bernard Johnson, O. Praem

Liturgy Schedule:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Confessions:
Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Parish Office Hours: 249-4091
Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Faith Formation Hours: 495-4126
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Visit our Parish website for more information www.st-tims.org

Stewardship Reflection, November 24, 2019
“giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” Colossians 1:12
God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire “things”. Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.