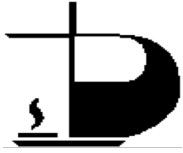


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# ST. TIMOTHY SCHOOL

## “COOPERATE, EDUCATE, CELEBRATE”

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Dear God,

You have done such a marvelous job of creating us and the world around us.  
You have placed this creation, including all the people we meet, in our care.

We come to you now asking for the grace and strength to love. We want to love like Jesus loved -- without holding back; without wondering what's in it for me; so that everyone around us will know what your love looks like.

May we find the courage to forget ourselves on purpose for the good of your people.  
We ask this in name of Jesus, our brother, who lived to show us your way.  
Amen.

### *Principal's Message*

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we continue our Lenten journey, we thank you for supporting the children as they continue their weekly faith action steps as part of the Lent 4.5 program. Each action is intended to help focus on a life of Catholic simplicity where we take steps to fast and abstain from habits that harm creation or misuse resources. The themes for the final weeks of Lent are as follows:

4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent: Energy  
5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent: Transportation  
Holy Week – Gratitude & Generosity

We hope that the blessings of Easter are celebrated by all of you with family, friends, and the Church.

Lent is the time of preparation for Easter, the greatest feast of the Church. During Lent, we are asked to focus on changing our lives through prayer, penance, and love. In doing these, we try to become more like Christ in our love for God and others.

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Thursday of Holy Week (up to the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's supper). The term Lent comes from the Middle English word that means springtime. Like the season of spring, Lent is a time of renewal.

God Bless



FAITH COMMUNITYGood Friday and Easter Monday

Good Friday is Friday, April 22nd and Easter Monday is Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school for staff and students on either day.

How to Fast

*Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.*

*Give up pessimism—become an optimist.*

*Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.*

*Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.*

*Give up discouragement—be full of hope.*

*Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.*

*Give up hatred—return good for evil.*

*Give up negativism—be positive.*

*Give up anger—be more patient.*

*Give up pettiness—become mature.*

*Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.*

*Give up jealousy—pray for trust.*

*Give up gossiping—control your tongue.*

*Give up sin—turn to virtue.*

*Give up giving up—hang in there!*

(Source Unknown)

Lenten Reflection

*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. (Joel 2:13)*

Did you ever wonder why we mark ourselves with ashes at the beginning of Lent? It's a reminder that someday our life on earth will come to an end. For some people, the idea of death is so scary that they don't want to think about it at all. But for Christians, death is the gateway to eternal life with Jesus, thanks to his saving death on the cross and his resurrection on Easter.

At the beginning of Lent, we remember that the Holy Spirit and the promise of salvation have been given to us through baptism, and we ask ourselves, "How are we living differently because of that gift?"

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us on the cross. Help us to give our lives for you this Lent and always.

From [Springs of Living Water](#) by Mark Neilsen  
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EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>:

8:00am-12:00 noon Confessions

8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00pm Holy Hour in English

10:00pm Holy Hour in Italian

11:00pm Holy Hour in Spanish

Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:

8:00am-12:00noon Confessions

1:00pm Stations in Spanish

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in English

5:00pm Stations in English

6:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in English

8:00pm Stations in Italian

9:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Spanish

Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Mass in English

10:00am Mass in Italian

11:30am Mass in English

1:00pm Mass in English

4:30pm Mass in English

6:00pm Mass in Spanish

Every Friday, Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm.



### News & Activities at St. Catherine of Siena Parish

#### Lent Activities:

**Stations of the Cross** - every Friday at 6:30pm

**Confessions** - every Saturday 4:30 to 5:30pm and during Holy week

**Lenten Retreat** - April 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am to 3pm with Fr. Claudio Piccinini.

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally** - April 9<sup>th</sup> at Metro Convention Centre 9 to 6pm

**Holy Week April 17-24<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Thursday 8pm; Good Friday 3pm, 5pm or 6:30pm; Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8pm; Easter Sunday regular schedule.

#### Other Parish News:

**St. Catherine of Siena Feast April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>** - Please join us in commemorating our Patron saint, festivities include a Mass celebrated by Bishop Boissoneau, a play on the life of St. Catherine presented by the youth group, a multicultural food fair, music and entertainment.

**2011 Share Life Campaign** - first collection will be April 2 and 3  
**Pilgrimages for 2011:** Portugal, Spain, France & Italy (April 29-May 12); Holy Land, Egypt and Jordan (November 4-14)

#### Activities for our children:

**Youth Mass (new)** every first Saturday of the month at the 6pm mass. The youth facilitate the readings, offertory and music. Next one is April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Children's Liturgy** every Sunday at the 11:30am mass for kids ages 3-10.

**Altar Servers** are always needed, ages 8 and up.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** (ages 3-15) Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm.

**Youth Group** (ages 12-18) every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30pm.

**Young Catholics** (ages 19-35) last Friday of the month from 8 to 9:30pm.

*Ten of our youth will be attending World Youth Day this summer in Madrid, Spain with Pope Benedict. Please pray for them.*

#### Activities for our adults:

**Get involved in the parish** we are always looking for new Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Choir members, etc.

**Bible Study** for adults every Tuesday @ 7:30pm in Fr. Zanon church hall.

**Prayer Groups in English, Spanish and Italian** meet on a weekly basis at the parish, call for more details.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS PLEASE CALL THE PARISH AT 905-272-1454 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE AT [www.stcatherine.ca](http://www.stcatherine.ca).



### OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL HERITAGE

*What guarantee for separate schools does the Canadian Constitution still contain?*

In 1867 the Fathers of Confederation made section 93(1) part of the Constitution. It states:

Nothing in any such [provincial legislative] Law shall rejudicially affect any Right or

Privilege with respect to Denominational Schools which any Class of Persons [i.e. separate school supporters] have by Law in the Province at the Union.

*Exactly what separate school rights does section 93(1) guarantee?*

Section 93(1) protects all the provisions of the last separate school legislation passed

before Confederation, the *Separate School (Scott) Act* of 1863. Among others, the *Act* provided the following rights:

- (a) to form a separate school board with five or more Catholic heads of family resident in a public school jurisdiction;
- (b) to receive government grants equitable with those of the public school system;
- (c) to receive equitable funding;
- (d) to have separate school boundaries enlarged;
- (e) to elect separate school trustees with all the powers of public school trustees



### VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

#### LOVE

During the month of April, we celebrate the Virtue of Love.

Love can be seen in the simplest acts of kindness, such as sharing a book, playing a game or even by saying, Thank you. Love is about seeing the good in people. We remember that Jesus' most important message to us is the message of love. God wants us to serve and to see the goodness in everyone we meet.

A loving person....

- Follows the examples of holy people
- Is willing to make sacrifices for the good of others
- Knows that we are all lovable

Prays for others and cares deeply about them.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK



**Catholic Education Week this year takes place from  
MAY 1 - MAY 6, 2011**

*More information will follow to indicate the activities that will be taking place during this week.*

## FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board opened 48 Full Day Kindergarten classes in 16 schools in September 2010. It will open 21 additional classes in eight schools in September 2011 and 103 classrooms in the 31 schools, including **St. Timothy School, in September 2012.**

## ST. TIMOTHY ANNUAL "FUN FAIR"

I know that we truly value and celebrate family as a school community. This year once again with the organization and devotion of several parents under the leadership of Linda Kostick, we have organized what promises to be another great day. The Fun Fair will be a celebration of families, where we can all gather at the school for games, activities, food, refreshments, music and socializing. I trust that all of you will mark Saturday, June 4, on your calendar so that we can all meet for what will be a fun filled day. Many staff with their families will also be here to enjoy this day.

This committee is still looking for parent volunteers as well as items that can be used in our Silent Auction. Contact the school with any questions or contributions.



## ARE YOU PLANNING TO MOVE?

We are in the process of planning staffing and organization of classes for the 2011-2012 school year. If you are planning to move out of the St. Timothy School area please let the office know. This will be of great assistance to us, as we make plans for the coming school year. The office staff will be able to provide you with student transfer forms upon request. Conversely, if you know of someone who is moving into our area for the new school year, please urge them to come in and register at St. Timothy School as quickly as possible as well.

## FOOD DAYS: PLEASE NOTE THAT, DURING LENT, FOOD DAYS WILL BE ON THURSDAYS

- **Thursday, April 7** - Pizza Day
- **Thursday, April 14** - Sub Day
- **Friday, April 29** - Hotdog Day
- **Friday, May 6** - Pizza Day



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Council Meeting dates have been set as follows (all held on Wednesdays beginning at 7:00pm)

**April 6, May 4, June 1**



### EQAO Primary and Junior Assessments

Each student in Grades 3 and 6 in Ontario will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Math for a period of 3 days beginning **May 30th, 2011** through **June 10th, 2011**. Kindly avoid booking dental, doctor and other appointments during this period. If you have a child in either grade 3 or 6 you will receive specific communication and information regarding the Provincial Assessment just prior to the start of the testing.

Please visit the website, <http://www.eqao.com/>, for parent and student resources that can be used to help prepare your child for the assessments.

### School Organization for September 2011

The staff at St. Timothy school will meet in early May to discuss the academic and social/emotional needs of our students and determine the class placement that will best meet their needs. We appreciate your input concerning any special needs your child(ren) may have. Please submit any feedback that you may have in writing to Ms. Kovacs by Friday, May 1, 2011. **Please do not make specific requests for a teacher as current and tentative assignments may change between now and September.** Wherever possible we will meet requests but the final decision rests with the Principal and the teaching staff.

### DPCDSB Summer 2011 Adult Programs

Adult CO-OP Programs (905-362-0701 or 905-891-3934)  
 ESL English as a Second Language (905-891-9263)  
 FSL French as a Second Language Conversation 905-891-9263 (ext 37955)  
 LINC Language Instruction for Newcomers (905-279-6816)

Visit the website: [www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre](http://www.dpcdsb.org/coopcentre)

### EARTH DAY USED BOOK SALE

To celebrate Earth Day, we will be hosting a used book sale at St. Timothy School. We want to avoid throwing out used books and having them take up room in landfills. Instead, we can sell them to new owners who can re-use and enjoy them. Please begin collecting used books that you would like to contribute to our sale and give them to your child's teacher. This year, Earth Day falls on April 22, which is also Good Friday. For this reason, our sale will be postponed until Thursday, April 28. The sale will take place in the library that morning, except for the afternoon Kindergarten students who will be invited to attend in the afternoon. Books will be sold for 0.50 cents each. The money collected will be used to support Earth Day initiatives such as beautifying our school environment. We appreciate your generosity and support!

-Mrs. Chyz's Grade 4/5 class



**Information...Just a click away!**

**Check out St. Timothy's website at**  
<http://www.dpcdsb.org/TMTHY>

**Math Homework Help Pilot Project**

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that once again it will be participating in the Math Homework Help pilot project. This is the second year that the students in our Board will have access to live, interactive online math help through the expansion of a pilot project funded by the Ministry of Education. Homework Help is free, real-time math tutoring by certified Ontario teachers.

This project has now expanded to 31 English-Language Boards across the Province of Ontario, and the project's goal remains to provide students in grades 7 to 10 with an after-hours online support in Mathematics.

Students can log in from Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for 20 hours a week of individualized confidential math tutoring. There are discussion rooms for each grade where students can join in and see what questions other students are asking, watch the tutors draw on the whiteboard, and ask their own question for on-the-spot help.

If they can't wait until the discussion rooms open, videos of best tutorials and commonly asked questions are available anytime. Other online math resources include math games and a virtual locker, where students can save their work.

To register for the site, visit the website [www.ontario.ca/homeworkhelp](http://www.ontario.ca/homeworkhelp). Scroll down and you will find the link to the Homework Help Line. Students will need their OEN number to register. This number is different from their student number, and can be obtained from their school.

**Parking Lot Safety and Kiss n' Ride**

Our school driveway is a matter of great concern in regards to the safety of our students.

**Please use the Kiss 'n' Ride lane at the front of the school to drop off or pick up your child.** You cannot park your vehicle in the Kiss 'n' Ride lane before school or at dismissal time.

For the safety of all of our children, ***CARS ARE ALSO NOT PERMITTED TO PARK, DROP OFF or PICK UP students in the driveway or bus lane located at the side of the school.***

**Student Lateness**

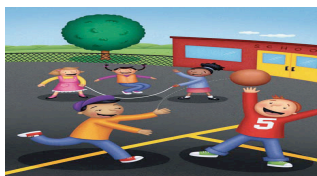
Recently, we have noticed a large number of students who have been arriving late for the beginning of the school day. We ask that both students and parents dropping off students, be diligent in arriving at school on time. A good plan would be for students to be in their designated area of the school yard no later than 8:45 so that they are ready to begin their day before the bell rings at 9:00.

Thank you for your co-operation with this important matter.



PILOT PROJECT, contact:

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**STUDENT SUPERVISION TIMES**

Please note that teachers are on supervision duty 15 minutes before the start of the school day. **For safety reasons we ask that you not drop your child off at the school prior to 8:45 a.m. and to please**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 1** - St. John the Baptist Day  
Junior Hockey Tournament (all day)
- April 2** - Round 3 HPV and Gr. 7 Hep B
- April 5** - Scientists in the School (Gr. 2's)
- April 6** - School Council @ 7:00 in school library
- April 18-22** - Holy Week
- April 22** - Good Friday (no school)
- April 24** - Easter Sunday
- April 25** - Easter Monday (no school)
- April 12** - Scientists in the School (Gr. 3's)







## Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Summer Programs 2011



### Elementary Summer School Grades 7 and 8

Monday July 4 to Friday July 22, 2011  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Students recommended by the Principal  
Bussing provided at home school pick up points  
Deadline for applications: June 3, 2011

- Good Shepherd
- Metropolitan Andrei
- St. Faustina
- St. Gertrude
- St. Jerome
- St. Raphael
- St. Ursula

### Summer Literacy Camp Grades SK to 6

Monday July 4 to Friday July 29, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily

*Fee for Service Program*  
*No transportation provided*

Deadline for applications: June 3, 2011

#### Mississauga

- St. Catherine of Siena
- St. Alfred
- St. Philip
- St. Albert of Jerusalem
- St. Bernard of Clairvaux
- St. Gerard
- St. Gregory

#### Brampton

- Venerable Michael J. McGivney
- St. Anne
- St. Bonaventure
- St. John Fisher
- Pauline Vanier

#### Orangeville

- St. Andrew
- Bolton
- St. Nicholas

For more information and registration forms regarding these summer programs please contact your local elementary school or visit our website at <http://www.dpcdsb.org/CEC/CNE>







### **Celebrating Lent**

Lent is the time of preparation for Easter, the greatest feast of the Church. During Lent, we are asked to focus on changing our lives through prayer, penance, and love. In doing these, we try to become more like Christ in our love for God and others.

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### **Giving Something Up**

For most older Catholics, the first thought that Lent brings to mind is giving something up. In my childhood, the standard was to give up candy, a discipline that found suitable reward in the baskets of sugary treats we received on Easter. Some of us even added to the Easter surplus by saving candy all through Lent, stockpiling what we would have eaten had we not promised to give it up.

Some years ago a friend of mine told me that he had urged his children to move beyond giving up candy to giving up some habit of sin that marked their lives. About halfway through Lent he asked the children how they were doing with their Lenten promise. One of his young sons had promised to give up fighting with his brothers and sisters during Lent. When his father asked him how it was going, the boy replied, "I'm doing pretty good, Dad—but boy, I can't wait until Easter!"

### **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**

The three traditional pillars of Lenten observance are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is important to see how each of these link to the renewal of our baptism.

**Prayer:** More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully.

**Fasting:** Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent. The early Church fasted intensely for two days before the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This fast was later extended and became a 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter. Vatican II called us to renew the observance of the ancient paschal fast: "...let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind" (Liturgy, # 110).

Fasting is more than a means of developing self-control. It is often an aid to prayer, as the pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God. Fasting should be linked to our concern for those who are forced to fast by their poverty, those who suffer from the injustices of our economic and political structures, those who are in need for any reason. Thus fasting, too, is linked to living out our baptismal promises. By our Baptism, we are charged with the responsibility of showing Christ's love to the world, especially to those in need. Fasting can help us realize the suffering that so many people in our world experience every day, and it should lead us to greater efforts to alleviate that suffering.

Abstaining from meat traditionally also linked us to the poor, who could seldom afford meat for their meals. It can do the same today if we remember the purpose of abstinence and embrace it as a spiritual link to those whose diets are sparse and simple. That should be the goal we set for ourselves—a sparse and simple meal. Avoiding meat while eating lobster misses the whole point!

**Almsgiving:** It should be obvious at this point that almsgiving, the third traditional pillar, is linked to our baptismal commitment in the same way. It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life we began when we were baptized. (from CyberFaith.com)

