

January 26, 2023

Good Morning!

~Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting 6:30, Parish Office

~Prepare or get your reservations in for the Chili Cook Off tomorrow night! Call the school at 760-1619. Event is free, just a canned good for the food pantry would be appreciated!

1. Today's Readings: [Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Sts. Timothy and Titus were both collaborators with Paul in his ministry to the Gentiles. Tradition holds that they were the recipients of Paul's "pastoral epistles," letters replete with practical advice for the two pastors. Above all, Paul encourages Timothy and Titus to remain faithful to Christ, "nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed" (1 Tm 4:6). Timothy is believed to have been the first bishop of Ephesus. Titus served as bishop of Crete. Timothy's relics are preserved at the Cathedral of Termoli in Molise, Italy; Titus' remains are in Venice. (*Source: Magnificat, Jan. 2022*)

3. Quotes of the Day:

~"... proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." *2 Timothy 4:2*

~"...showing yourself as a model of good deeds in every respect, with integrity in your teaching, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be criticized, so that the opponent will be put to shame without anything bad to say about us." *Titus 2:7-8*

~"Timothy and Titus teach us to serve the Gospel with generosity....With our concrete commitment, we must and can discover the truth of these words and carry out...good works to open the doors of the world to Christ, our Savior." *Pope Benedict XVI*

St. Timothy and St. Titus, Pray for Us!
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS, DISCIPLES OF ST. PAUL

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Timothy's Life

Timothy was born in Lystra (about 200 km north-west of Tarsus) to a Jewish mother and a pagan father. When Paul passed through those lands at the beginning of his second missionary journey, he chose Timothy as a companion because “he was highly esteemed by the brethren of Lystra and Iconium, (Acts 16: 2)” but he circumcised him “for the Jews that were in those regions. (Acts 16:3)” With the Apostle of the Gentiles, Timothy passed through Asia Minor and reached Macedonia. He then accompanied Paul to Athens and from there he was sent to Thessalonica. Then, he continued to Corinth and collaborated in the evangelization of the city on the isthmus. The figure of Timothy stands out like that of a great shepherd. According to the later Ecclesiastical History of Eusebius, Timothy was the first Bishop of Ephesus. Some of his relics came from Constantinople in 1239, to rest in Italy, in the Cathedral of Termoli in Molise.

Titus' Life

Titus was from a Greek family, still a pagan, and was converted by Paul on one of his journeys, only to become his collaborator, companion and brother in mission.

The Apostle of the Gentiles took Titus with him to Jerusalem, for the so-called Apostolic Council, precisely at the crucial moment of the controversy concerning the baptism of the Gentiles. The Apostle was resolutely opposed to the circumcision of the Christians of Antioch, and Titus thus became a living symbol of the universality of Christianity, without distinction of nationality, race or culture. After the departure of Timothy from Corinth, Paul entrusted Titus with the task of bringing that difficult community back to obedience, and he succeeded in bringing peace between the Church of Corinth and the Apostle. Titus was sent back to Corinth by Paul, who called him, "My companion and collaborator, (2 Cor 8:23)" to organize the conclusion of the collections for the Christians of Jerusalem. Further information from the pastoral letters qualifies him as Bishop of Crete.

Two faithful servants of the Gospel

Paul circumcised the disciple Timothy and did not circumcise Titus, whom he also brought with him to Jerusalem before the Council of the Apostles. Thus, in his two collaborators, Paul unites the men of circumcision and the men of non-circumcision: the men of the law and the men of the faith.

According to tradition, Paul wrote two letters to Timothy and one to Titus. They are the only two letters of the New Testament addressed not to communities but to people. By then an old man, St. Paul the Apostle allowed himself to write letters full of affection towards his two disciples, pleased to have put the proclamation of the Gospel in their hands. According to Benedict XVI, Timothy and Titus "teach us to serve the Gospel with generosity, knowing that this also involves a service to the Church itself."

Source: vaticannews.va