



**Fourth Sunday of
Advent**

Today we light again the candle of hope, love, joy and the last

PURPLE candle, the candle of peace. Christ is the Prince of Peace, come to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible. Only with an intense desire for His coming can we begin to merit His spiritual gifts. The Catholic Liturgy reminds us during these four weeks, of the time during which the world was without Jesus. To this we implore Him to hasten His coming.

Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:

9:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve:

NO MASS

New Year's Day:

9:30 a.m.

Christmas Food Drive

You can help by donating the following:

ALL CANNED GOODS, POP TABS ONLY

CANNED VEGETABLES, MEATS/FISH, RICE, CANNED PASTA & FRUIT, SOUPS AND STEWS, BROWN BEANS, OATMEAL, COOKIES, GRAVY, KETCHUP, PASTA & SAUCE, INSTANT COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, TEA, PEANUT BUTTER, SUGAR, SALT & PEPPER, SPICES, BABY FOOD, BOXED STUFFING, BOXED MASHED POTATOES, BOXED MILK, TUNA & CRACKERS, CAKE MIX, DISHWASHING DETERGENT.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATION AT THE STEPS OF THE ALTAR. THANK YOU!

In preparation for Christmas, you can read a chapter from the Gospel of St. Luke.

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30pm. All are welcome!



Sunday December 18 (4th Sunday of Advent)

9:30am †Antonio Antao

Tuesday December 20

6:00pm Personal Intentions

Friday December 23

**6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30pm †Maria Le Thi Nguyen & Joachim Tran van Quang & Family Intention

Nativity of Our Lord - (Christmas Eve)

7:00pm For Our Parish Family

Nativity of Our Lord - (Christmas Day)

Sunday December 25

9:30am For Our Parish Family

**ATTENTIONS ALL PARISHIONERS
CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please note that Fr. Jorge is always available by phone or email at: 905-725-3275 or pastor.stphilip@archtoronto.org.

If you are in the neighbourhood, please drop in, but call first to make sure he is in.

Office: stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org.

Instagram: stphiliposhawa

Facebook: @stphiliposhawa

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

We have a new phone system. Now, when you call the parish, you will be directly directed to a voicemail where you can choose to talk to either Sarah at the parish office by pressing 0 or to Fr. Jorge by pressing 3. Please note that there is also an emergency option by pressing 9.

THIS IS ONLY FOR AN EMERGENCY.

ATTENTION MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

If you are a Minister of Communion, please contact Fr. Jorge, as only Ministers of Communion are permitted to receive communion to take home for sick or housebound parishioners.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you know of someone who is housebound or sick and needs to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, please ask the family to contact Fr. Jorge either by phone or email.

ShareLife

Help homeless youth through ShareLife

NEW: Your year-end gift will double in value! For now until the end of 2022, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$1 million.

Our goal this year is **\$10,000**. To date we have achieved **\$8,413.29**. Please give at the parish using ShareLife envelopes, online through our parish website, or at: www.sharelife.org/donate



First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion registration is now closed. If you missed registration, please see Fr. Jorge.

Reminder to All Parents

We have a Children's Liturgy every Sunday for any child that has not received 1st Communion.



Sunday Offering for December 11:

\$1,345.00

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office either by phone at: 905-725-3275 or email us at:

stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org

It is once again that time of year.

SECURITY ALERT!!!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS ALSO PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING VISIBLE IN YOUR CAR - LOCK EVERYTHING IN YOUR TRUNK.

Please Remember

For those wishing to donate through the **Pre-Authorized Giving Programme**, forms are available on our website at www.stphiliptheapostle.com or you can find them at the back of the Church.



The Palliative Care HopeLine

If you are in search of locating hospice palliative care resources and services in your community, call the HopeLine at 416-619-5700 - leave your name, phone number, and the name of the community in which you live and we will return your call as soon as possible. Please note - this service is an information line only.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed from December 23rd to January 3rd.

ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2023 will be available soon! All envelopes will be in alphabetical order by last name. If you are recently new to our parish, please pick up a blank box of envelopes and write your name, address and phone number on the first few envelopes.

DONATIONS FOR 2022

Donations must be received in the Parish Office by December 31st, 2022 to be receipted for the 2022 taxation year. Any donations received after December 31st will be recorded for the 2023 taxation year.

REMINDER!!!!

Please remember to date offertory cheques with the year 2023. Please do not use envelopes from previous years or other people's envelopes as this causes confusion for our records.

From the Music Ministry:

The Mass Setting we will be singing for this Liturgical Year is the "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen. If you wish to listen to recordings of this setting, they can be found on YouTube by searching "Mass of Creation 2010."

Saints of the Week

Saint Peter Canisius - December 21

Peter was born in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, in 1521. He joined the Jesuits and worked in Germany, Austria, Bohemia and Switzerland as a leader of the Counter-Reformation. Peter educated Catholics with his popular and influential catechism. Although he worked in a time of conflict with growing Lutheranism, he remained moderate and courteous. Peter died in Fribourg in 1597. He was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church in 1925.