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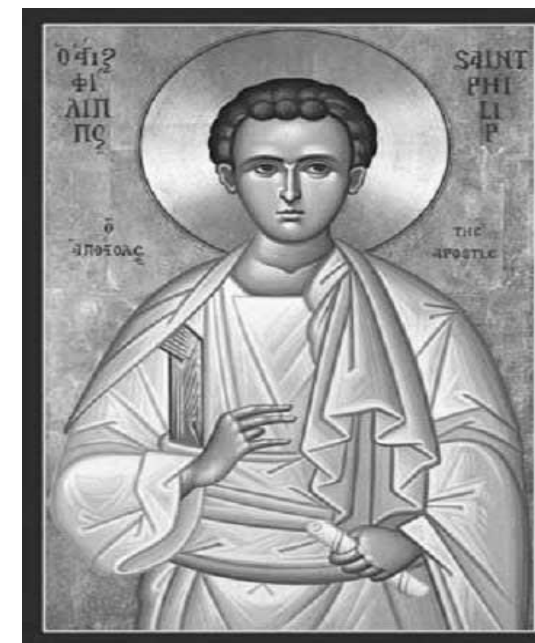
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Mass Times

Weekday Masses

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.

Friday: 6:00 p.m.

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: 15 minutes before each mass or by appointment

Weekend Masses

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Baptism

Infants and young children of registered parents are eligible to have their child baptized. Baptisms are celebrated by appointment only and require a meeting with the priest.

Marriage

Weddings for registered parishioners are generally celebrated on Saturdays. A Marriage Preparation Course is required. Please contact the pastor a minimum of one year before the planned marriage date.

Ministry to the Sick

Please call the Parish Office to arrange for visits, Communion, or Sacrament of the Sick. If you are admitted to the Hospital, kindly identify yourself as "Catholic" at the time of admission

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery,
355 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby, ON
905-668-8912

SCHOOLS

Msgr. Philip Coffey - 905-723- 4241
Msgr. John Pereyma - 905-432-8470

For more information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Durham Catholic District School Board at 905-576-6150 or www.dcdsb.ca

We welcome new parishioners. Please register in the vestibule or call the parish office



We again light the candles of hope and love. Today we add the **PINK (ROSE)** candle of joy. Prophecy has been fulfilled. The long-awaited Messiah has come. Joy is the mood of all earnest seekers.

Rejoice! Here is your God! As the feast of Christmas draws closer, we are reminded that the Lord is with us even now. Jesus came to give sight and life to the dead. Christ's reign is among us through our deed of love and generosity. Let us not grow weary, but steady our hearts and rejoice, for the Lord is close at hand!

In preparation for Christmas, from December 1st to 24th, you can read a chapter from the Gospel of St. Mark.

First Communion Registration is now closed!

If you missed out on registering your child for 1st Holy Communion, please speak to Fr. Jorge.



Sunday Offering for December 10:
\$935.00

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

Rosary

For those of you who are interested, the Rosary is prayed Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30pm. All are welcome!

Natural Family Planning:

Helping married couples live out the teachings of the Catholic Church
(<https://bit.ly/NFP-Brochure-OFD-SMI>)



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

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.

Archbishop Francis' Message for the Parishioners and Fr. Jorge

"You also are blessed because you have heard and believed. A soul that believes both conceives and brings forth the Word of God and acknowledges his works.

Let Mary's soul be in each of you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Let her spirit be in each to rejoice in the Lord. Christ has only one mother in the flesh, but we all bring forth Christ in faith. Every soul receives the Word of God if only it keeps chaste, remaining pure and free from sin, its modesty undefiled. The soul that succeeds in this proclaims the greatness of the Lord, just as Mary's soul magnified the Lord and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior".

Excerpt from St. Ambrose's commentary on Luke (Lib. 2, 19.22-23/26-27: CCL 14, 39-42).

Most Reverence Francis Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Please take note of the schedule for St. Philip the Apostle Parish:

Sunday December 17th

9:00 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.

Tuesday, December 19th

2:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, December 22nd

2:00pm to 6:30pm

For additional times, call 905-725-3275 Ext 3.
(Confessions available in English, French, Italian and Spanish)

Reminder to Parents

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



Christmas & New Years' Mass Schedule

Sunday December 24:

9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil:

7:00 p.m.

Monday December 25 (Christmas Day):

9:30 a.m.

Sunday December 31:

9:30 a.m.

Monday January 1 (New Year's Day):

12:30 p.m.

Christmas Food Drive

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING ANY OF 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!

ALSO, IF ANYONE WISHES TO DONATE GIFT CARDS FOR FRESHCO, SUPERSTORE, NO FRILLS, WALMART OR SHOPPERS DRUG MART, PLEASE PLACE THEM IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. THANK YOU!

Please Remember

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



Sunday December 17

9:30am Gioanbaotixita Pham Nhat Minh
(Vocation & Family Peace)

Tuesday December 19

6:00pm Peter Do & Thanh (Blessings)

Friday December 22

6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm †Givse Thanh Tung & Souls in Purgatory

Sunday December 24

9:30am For the Sick of the Thae Tujet Family

Please take a moment out of your day to prayer for peace in Ukraine, Israel, Palestine and anywhere in the world where there is war and unrest.



ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2024 are available at the entrance of the Church. All envelopes are 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 2023

Donations must be received in the Parish Office by December 31st, 2023 to be receipted for the 2023 taxation year. Any donations received after December 31st will be recorded for the 2024 taxation year.

REMINDER!!!!

Please remember to date offertory cheques with the year we are in. Please do not use envelopes from previous years or other people's envelopes as this causes confusion for our records. If you are a visitor to our parish, please only use the pink_visitor envelopes available in the foyer.

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.



Your compassion helps people with disabilities

Thanks to your generosity, we have surpassed our goal of \$9,300. If you still wish to donate, please use a ShareLife envelope or anytime at: www.sharelife.org/donate

Saint of the Week

Saint Peter Canisius (Dec. 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.

