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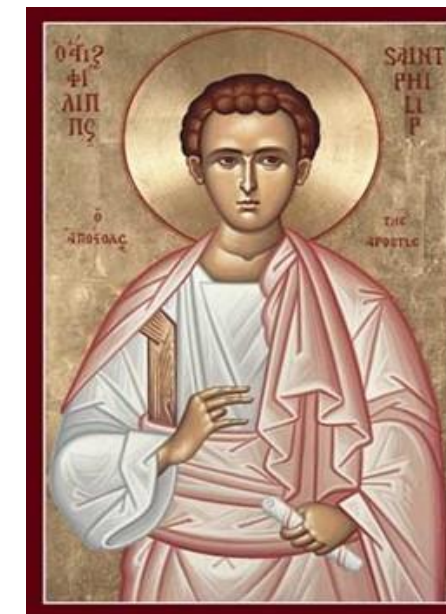
# St. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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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

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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](http://www.dcdsb.ca)

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



The Epiphany of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical peak of the Advent-Christmas season.



Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord is the name of the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the Baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorated the coming of the magi, The Baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord came to be celebrated as a separate feast from the Epiphany.

The Baptism of the Lord is observed as a distinct feast in the Roman Catholic Church and in churches of the Anglican Communion.

In most parts of the Roman Catholic Church, the feast is observed on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the day after the Baptism of the Lord marks the start of the first period of ordinary time.

*Mass Intentions*

**Sunday January 7 (Epiphany)**  
**9:30am** Sr. Maria & Family (In Thanksgiving)

**Tuesday January 9**  
**6:00pm** Judy Coppings (In Thanksgiving)

**Friday January 12**  
**\*\*6:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**6:30pm** Parish Intentions

**Sunday January 14**  
**9:30am** †Cecil & Doris McCullough

Coffee Sunday

THIS Sunday January 7, 2024 is Coffee Sunday. All are welcome!

We are still looking for more volunteers. Please call the office if you are interested.



Sacrament of Confirmation

If you have a child who is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, registration is now open. We ask that all candidates attend Sunday morning Mass at 9:30am. Please drop off your Confirmation registration form with a copy of your baptismal certificate on Sunday or send them to [pastor.stphilip@archtoronto.org](mailto:pastor.stphilip@archtoronto.org). There will be a registration/information session on Friday February 2, 2024 at 7pm to meet with parents and children. Deadline for registration is Friday February 9, 2024.

"Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

Baptism Catechises

There will be two blocks of baptismal catechises this new year 2024. The first will be on **February 3 & 10** from **10am-12pm**. Parents and godparents must attend all meetings, the 2 catechises. If they are out of town, they must show proof of having received baptismal preparation at their local parish. Please email me if you would like to register your child. Once made the catechesis, you can choose which Saturday at 11am you would like to baptize your child. The registration deadline will be February 3. Our next session will be on **September 7 & 14** from **10am-12pm**. The same applies for this other block of catechesis. Please inform your family of these two sessions and tell them that if they wish to baptize their child to choose either to come in February or in September.



*Marriage Sunday*

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebration, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at **3:00 p.m. Sunday February 11, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via live stream Mass: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m.

Archdiocese of Toronto to fund eight reconciliation projects

The Archdiocese of Toronto is allotting more than \$2.7 million to fund eight projects to support the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation with Canada's First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. This \$2.7 million represents 45 per cent of the archdiocese's \$6-million commitment, which it made in February 2022, towards the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) established by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) in September 2021. Archbishop Francis Leo said the archdiocese is answering Pope Francis' call to action during his 2022 reconciliatory sojourn to Canada.



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

*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.*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's message of Luke 10:27, "**You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself**" inspires us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church.

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. Join him on Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2)

Offerings over Christmas:

- December 24: **\$2,635.00**
- December 25: **\$3,250.00**
- December 31: **\$1,245.00**
- January 1: **\$805.00**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

**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.

Saint Andre Bessette (January 7):

Known to millions simply as Brother Andre, Alfred Bessette was born in St. Gregoire, Quebec, in 1845. Orphaned at the age of 12, he was unschooled, small and sickly. In 1870, he joined the congregation of Holy Cross. For the next 40 years, he was a porter at the College Notre-Dame in Montreal, where he excelled at hospitality. In the course of his duties, he welcomed the sick and afflicted and prayed with them through the intercession of Saint Joseph. He gained a reputation throughout the city and was credited with extraordinary favours and healings.

Possessed with a deep love for St. Joseph, Brother Andre erected a statue of the saint on the mountain across from the college. Then, assisted by lay friends in 1904, he built a wooden chapel on the mountain. Over the years, the chapel grew into a basilica. Today, Saint Joseph's Oratory welcomes more than two million visitors each year. Its founder lived to be 91, was declared blessed in 1982, and canonized on October 17, 2010. Saint Andre Bessette is the patron of family caregivers in Canada.