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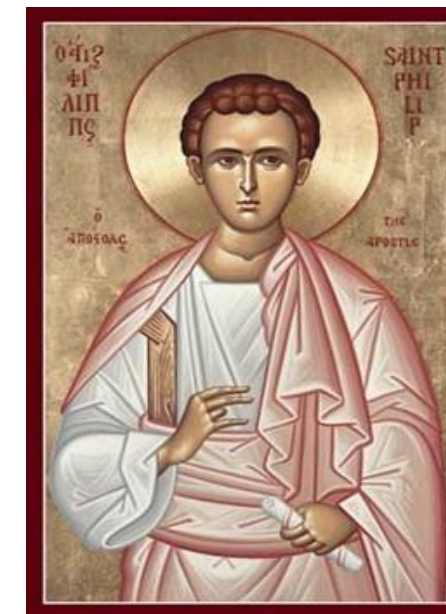
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Mass Times

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

Stations of the Cross during Lent



There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00pm. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday February 25

9:30am †Nancy McMaster
Req. by: Shirley Khalil

Tuesday February 27

**6:00pm Adoration
6:30pm †Ryan & Jordan Haber
Req. by:

Friday March 1

**6:00pm Stations of the Cross
6:30pm Healing of the Lan Do Family
Req. by:

Sunday March 3

9:30am Craigen Family (In Thanksgiving)
Req. by:

Conquering all through the Love of Christ

Following Christ is hard. This is a simple reality that anyone who has sought to be a disciple has quickly learned. In a culture that is increasingly secular, living out the Gospel can lead to many trials. Even as stewards we can often face many difficulties and sufferings from striving to offer all of our gifts to God. These sufferings could come from setbacks or failures in ministry or mocking and persecutions from our peers.

All of these things can cause us to lose hope and tempt us to stop fighting for Christ. This is where St. Paul's beautiful letter to the Romans can help bring us tremendous consolation. St. Paul boldly proclaims, "If God is for us, who is against us?" He encourages us to place all our hope in God despite the challenges we face. He goes on to say "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

This is the lifeline that we must firmly hold onto if we wish to keep our head above water in the midst of an ocean of suffering. To know that we will always remain in the love of Christ is to know that Christ will bring us through any problem we face. When our life of stewardship becomes difficult, let us take a moment to simply pray: "I love you Jesus, help me to be more aware of your love for me."

Sunday Offering for February 18:

\$1,225.00

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!



Hallow Pray 40

St. Philip the Apostle Parish has partnered with Hallow to encourage all parishioners to surrender and trust in the Lord in a new, deeper way throughout Lent. Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us strengthen our relationship with God through a habit of daily prayer.

This Lent, as a part of the Hallow Pray40 Challenge, we'll walk through the life-changing, spiritual classic He Leadeth Me, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter, a Jesuit priest and missionary, was imprisoned for over twenty years in the Soviet Union, first in solitary confinement and then in a Siberian worker camp. Amidst some of the most brutal conditions imaginable, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. Inspired by Fr. Walter's writing, we'll spend time each day prayerfully seeking a refreshed humility and hope in Christ, who laid down His life for us, as we journey through Lent.

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes 1,000 prayer sessions available for free, and over 10,000 audio-guided sessions in an upgraded premium subscription. Hallow is designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer, and includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Register today by scanning the QR code here and selecting "Sign up via email" for a 3-month free trial of the full version of Hallow (first time users only) to get started.

Section Two: The Spirituality of Deep of Stewardship

Cardinal Thomas Collins' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship is organized into four sections, with the first being The Meaning of Stewardship in the Christian Life. This section explores the reality that we are invited by God to be good stewards of His gifts. "If we truly have the spirit of stewardship, we will not let God's gifts go to waste, and we will not selfishly cling to them, but use them graciously to serve others, and in doing so give glory to God." To read the full pastoral letter please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/stewardship

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

All Income Tax Receipts have been mailed out from the Archdiocese. If you have not received yours. Please contact the parish office.

Coffee Sunday

NEXT Sunday is Coffee Sunday. Please join us! We are still looking for more volunteers. Please call the office if you are interested.



Show your love through ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday if March 17. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is **\$12,500.00**.

Through your kindness, over 40 Catholic organizations and social agencies can help marginalized members of our community. No one is turned away due to inability to pay. This is all possible through your support.

Please give at the parish by using a ShareLife envelope, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

St. Gertrude's Parish Lenten Retreat with Fr. Paul Burchat

Feb. 26th - 28th, Monday, Tues. & Wed. Nights

We welcome Fr. Paul Burchat of Madonna House for our Lenten parish mission. This will take place on the Mon. Tues. Wed. evenings Feb. 26-28th starting each night at 7:30pm. The topics for the 3 nights will be: 1) Sin and Conversion, 2) The Prodigal Son, 3) Spiritual Warfare.

Breathing Space - An Online Caregiver Program

Breathing Space is an open 6-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide you support and resources in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental environment.

Time: Wednesdays from 2pm - 3pm

Psychoeducation Topics:

- Healthcare Resources and System Navigation (Feb 28, 2024)
- Coping with Illness, Maintaining Independence, and Self Care (Mar 6, 2024)
- Handling Pain and Suffering; Bereavement and Grief (Mar 13, 2024)

For further information and to register, please contact Corina Sumaway Email: csumaway@cfstoronto.com Phone: 416-921-1163 ext. 2230.

LENTEN RETREAT

Facilitated by the Centre Team

WHEN: Saturday March 9, 2024

TIME: REGISTRATION IS AT 8:30am

COST: \$45.00 which includes lunch

CONTACT: Jean: 905-278-5524 or Email: office@qoa.ca

Your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul 2023 Review



You had a very successful year in serving our Neighbours in Need. Thanks to God's grace and your determination we were able to provide occasional help to families who experienced unexpected expenses that caused them food insecurity. Your prayers and sharing your time, your wealth and your talents made all the difference. You were able to serve 415 families including 670 adults and 411 children. 1695 deliveries of food and a food voucher were made. That is an average of 4 deliveries to each family during the year. \$57,855 in food vouchers was distributed. That is an average of \$139 per family for the year. 70,000 lbs of food, diapers and hygiene products were distributed. That is an average of 165lbs of food per family for the year. Clothing and furniture were provided on request. You were there when they needed you.

Throughout the year we received financial help, and food drives from the Knights of Columbus, the Durham Catholic District School Board and its schools, Holy Cross Parish, St. Philip The Apostle Parish, St Gertrude's Parish, CWL, The Daughters of Isabella, Holy Family Conference, St. Joseph The Worker Conference, and Durham Region Feed the Need. Marygrove Camp for girls and Camp Ozanam for boys was enjoyed by many young children. The recruiting program this year brought in many new volunteers. Your Christmas hamper program brought joy and happiness to 175 families.

Thank you, Mike Crosby

Come & See - Discernment Weekend Retreat

March 15-17, 2024 at St. Augustine's Seminary
Friday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. until
Sunday, March 17 at 2 p.m.

To register www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.
For more information, vocations@archtoronto.org

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Location: The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station)

Registration: 8am **Start Time:** 9am-4pm

Opening Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Collins.

For more information call 1-416-907-1042.

Register at www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

Baptism Catechises

Our next session will be on **September 7 & 14 from 10am-12pm**. Please inform your family of this next session.

