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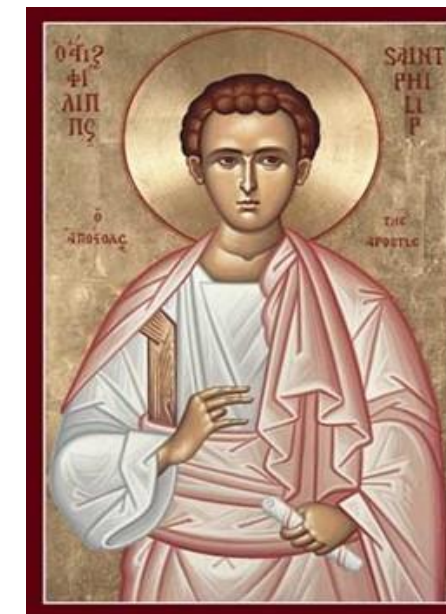
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Mass Times

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
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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



Today is Palm Sunday. It celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem for the Jewish festival of Passover. Great crowds of people lined the streets waving palm branches to welcome Him. Shortly thereafter these same people were to desert Him and shout for His death.

ShareLife

Welcome Jesus into your hearts by sharing your blessings today

Today is Palm Sunday, a time in our Lenten journey when we are reminded of the importance of welcoming Jesus in our hearts. In the spirit of His teachings and example, let us extend our hands to those who need our help the most.

So far, we have raised \$3,230.00 towards our goal of \$12,500.00. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at:

www.sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel by opening your hearts and sharing your blessings.



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

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offers religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholic around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Palm Sunday is a Time for Reflection Before Holy Week

St. Bernard of Clairvaux offered a homily about the significance of Palm Sunday and the account of Christ's entry in Jerusalem:

"How different the cries, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him,' and then, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna, in the highest!' How different the cries that now are calling him 'King of Israel' and then in a few days' time will be saying, 'We have no king but Caesar!' What a contrast between the green the green branches and the cross, between the flowers and the thorns! Before they were offering their own clothes for him to walk upon, and so soon afterwards they were stripping him of his, and casting lots upon them."

Radical Humility

As we enter Holy Week we are faced with the great paradox of the cross. The crucifixion from a mere human standpoint was an utter and humiliating defeat for Jesus. How could God let Himself be killed by His own creatures? The only way we can recognize the sublime beauty and victory of the cross is if we view it through a Divine lens.

The Jews resisted accepting the necessity of the crucifixion because they expected Him to be a wondrous king that would set them free from the political rule of the Romans. Jesus on the other hand comes as a poor and lowly carpenter sent to set them free not from political tyranny, but from the tyranny of sin. To do this, he "humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). Jesus hid all of His Divine majesty with His humanity and allowed Himself to die for love of us. It was because of this humility that "God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9).

As stewards, we may sometimes forget the truth found in the paradox of the cross. It is not our own strength or achievements that make us great but it is rather our humility and obedience to God. The Lord can bring about tremendous good out of our willingness to humbly serve Him wherever He places us. As we enter Holy Week, let us take some time to meditate on the radical humility of Christ crucified and seek to imitate Him in our own lives as stewards.

Mass Intentions

A reminder that we are taking bookings for Mass Intentions for 2023. Please come to the office or call the office during office hours and book a Mass to be said for your own particular intentions.



Palm Sunday March 24

9:30am For All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday March 26

**6:00pm Adoration

6:30pm Tony Ferrera

Req. by: Canitida

Holy Thursday March 28

6:00pm

Friday March 29

5:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil Saturday (March 30)

6:00pm

Easter Sunday (March 31)

9:30am (1) Stella Craigen (In Thanksgiving)
(2) All Souls in Purgatory
(3) Conversion of Do Than

Reminder to All Parents

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



Confirmation Prep Meetings

The next Confirmation Prep Meeting is on Friday April 5th at 7:00pm.

Baptism Catechises

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



First Holy Communion

On Sunday April 17th at 12:30 p.m. we will be celebrating First Holy Communion with the students and families of Msgr. Philip Coffey and neighbouring Schools. We look forward as a Parish community to this uniquely special event in the life of members of our Parish.

Sunday Offering for March 17:

\$1,240.00

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

Parish Photo Directory

We will be holding additional photography sessions for our parish directory on Thursday April 4, Friday April 5, and Saturday April 6. Session times are 2:30pm-8:30pm on Thursday and Friday, and 9:00am-3:00pm on Saturday. If you did not get your photo taken in November, please contact the parish office via email or phone to let us know that you intend to book an appointment, and our coordinator will get back to you.



Participation is free, and every family photographed will receive a free directory. You will have the option of purchasing photographs for yourselves at rates that are under current professional studio rates.

As our numbers continue to grow, we strongly encourage you to participate in this directory so that we can get to know each other and build up our parish community.



MINISTRY OF MATURING ADULTS 60 +

Immaculate Conception Parish 1710 Scugog St Port Perry

April 18 - End of Life Issues - Moira McQueen from Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute U of T

9:30 coffee / 10:00 session / concludes with free luncheon. Registration is not required. You are most welcome.

St. Philip the Apostle

SPRING Food Drive

Please remember our Food Drive is ongoing throughout the year. Please place all donations at the Altar. Thank you in advance!

DAY OF REFLECTION

Monday, March 25, 2024: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering
Topic: "Walk Beside Me"

Facilitator: Fr. Henk van Meijel, S.J.

A suggested offering of \$65 per person. Includes break, lunch and mass along with the program.

REGISTER: <http://manresa-canada.ca>

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