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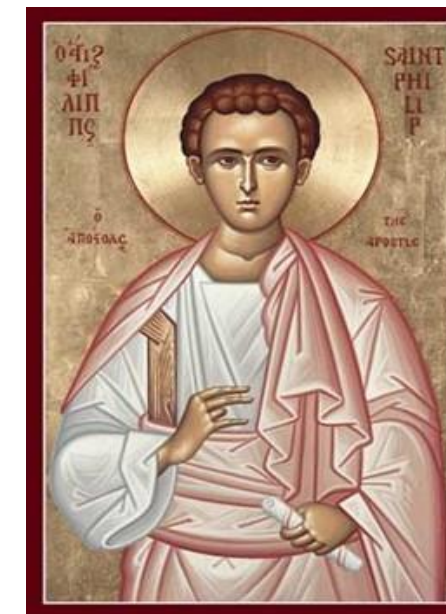
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Mass Times

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



Thank you to all who helped in anyway with 1st Communion which took place here at St. Philip's last weekend.

Mass Intentions

Sunday April 14
9:30am

Tuesday April 16
6:00pm
Req. by:

Friday April 19
**11:00am
Req. by:

Sunday April 21
9:30am
Req. by:

Mass Intentions

A reminder that we are taking bookings for Mass Intentions for 2024. Please come to the office or call the office during office hours and book a Mass to be said for your own particular intentions.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Prep Meetings

The 3rd Confirmation Prep Meeting will be Friday May 3rd at 7:00pm.

Confirmation will take place on:
Sunday June 2, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Baptism Catechises

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



Reminder to All Parents

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

Sunday Offering for April 7:
\$1,450.00

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

Befriending God

One of the most wholesome and life-giving relationships we can enjoy in this life is that of friendships. The book of Sirach says that "faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one has found a treasure." Of course, the greatest friendship that we can have is our friendship with God. However, many people find it difficult to see God, the creator of the universe, as a friend. This is why Jesus became incarnate as a man, so that He could reveal God to us in a way that we could more fully grasp.

The Catechism teaches that "Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother" (CCC 469). Since we know what it is like to befriend other humans, we can extend this same means of friendship to Jesus. However, this friendship doesn't remain like all of our other friendships. Rather, since Jesus is also fully God, our friendship with Him also implies that we are friends with God.

This beautiful reality of Jesus being both God and man is visible in the Gospel today. Jesus appears to the disciples in His glorious new risen body, yet like all humans, he took a piece of fish and ate it. While this is a small example, it points to the reality of Jesus' identity. As stewards, our friendship with God is the most important relationship we need to foster. Let us take some time each day in prayer to converse with Jesus as we would a close friend and by doing so, enjoy friendship with God.

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!

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.

Life-Giving Wounds: A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. The next retreat will be from Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 28 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough). Must be 18 or older to attend. Cost: \$290 per person (\$190 for students), which includes meals, lodging and retreat material. If cost is of concern, please contact: lgwtoronto@proton.me; limited subsidies are available. For university/college students, contact your campus minister for more information. Space is limited. To register, email lgwtoronto@proton.me.



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

ShareLife

Through ShareLife, you help refugees find safety and freedom

Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom, but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community.

So far, we have raised **\$4,900.00** towards our goal of **\$12,500.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at www.sharelife.org/donate.

SPRING FLING CARD PARTY
St. Mary of the People Hall,
532 Stevenson Rd. N., Oshawa

Monday, May 13 at 7 o'clock. Doors open at 6:15. Progressive Euchre (optional), 50-50 draw, prizes & a light lunch. Tickets: \$10.00. Call Elsa at 905-728-2077 or purchase tickets at the door. Hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Women's League.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

APRIL 14-20, 2024



This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their unique gifts that weave our community together, following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us. This year's theme, "Every Moment Matters" recognizes and celebrates every volunteer and each of the contributions they make at any moment. This is reflected in Galatians 6:10: "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel.

Saint of the Week

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
(April 17):

The first North American indigenous woman to be canonized, Kateri is often called the Lily of the Mohawks.



Tekakwitha was born in 1656, on the southern banks of the Mohawk River at Osserneon (Auriesville, NY). Her mother was a Christian Algonquin from Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, and her father was a non-Christian Mohawk Turtle chief. When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic killed her parents and her brother, and left her seriously impaired eyesight and a disfigured face.

Inspired by Jesuit missionaries from an early age, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and assumed the name Kateri, likely in honour of Saint Catherine of Siena. The following year, due to persecution in her community, Kateri escaped to Kahnawake on the Saint Lawrence River opposite Tiohtiaka (Montreal). She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist and a deep concern for others. She died on April 17, 1680 and was canonized in 2012. Kateri is a patron saint of ecology, those who have lost their parents, and World Youth Day.

Have a good day a great week and remember to give yourself the gift of time!