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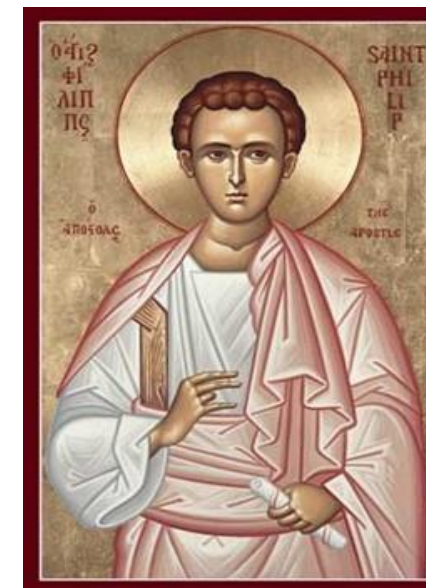
Religious Community: CMSSTCJ

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 9am to 12pm

Church Open for Prayer:

Mon-Fri 9am to 12pm and from 1pm to 5pm



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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

905-431-1796

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Service

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

Finance Council

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we light again the candle of hope, love, joy and the last PURPLE candle, the candle of peace. Christ is the Prince of Peace, come to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible. Only with an intense desire for His coming can we begin to merit His spiritual gifts. The Catholic Liturgy reminds us during these four weeks, of the time during which the world was without Jesus. To this we implore Him to hasten His coming.

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

Sunday Offering for December 15:
\$1,290.00

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!



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



Warming hearts with you support for ShareLife

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

As we shelter from the winter storm, we're thankful for your ShareLife support, keeping many off cold streets and igniting hope for a brighter future. Wishing you a warm and safe Christmas season, and thanking you for your enduring compassion that extends the same to others.

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.



Christmas Eve Vigil:

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:

9:30 a.m.

New Year's Day:

12:30 p.m.

Please Remember

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



Christmas Gift Card Drive

Attention Parishioners: Please consider donating gift cards of any value redeemable at various local stores such as Walmart, Superstore, Giant Tiger etc. Please consider these stores so people can either get food or clothing. Please place your donation in the collection basket. Thank you for your support!

Reminder to Parents

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



Reminder to All Parishioners

St. Philip the Apostle Parish has Instagram and a Facebook Accounts.

Please visit and follow us:
Instagram: [stphilipshawa](https://www.instagram.com/stphilipshawa)
Facebook: [@stphilipshawa](https://www.facebook.com/stphilipshawa)



Spiritus Ministry - Young Adult Ministry

Serving those ages 19-39 in the Archdiocese of Toronto, Spiritus Ministry hosts monthly ministry nights centered on prayer, theology, social issues, fellowship, and catechesis. Our young adult ministry also has a focus on community building including social activities and outreach initiatives. Please email youth@archtoronto.org to find out more about Spiritus Ministry and other young adult initiatives.



Sunday December 22

9:30am

Req. by:

Tuesday December 24 (Christmas Eve)

7:00pm

Req. by:

Wednesday December 25 (Christmas Day)

9:30am

Req. by:

Friday December 27

****6:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Req. by:

Sunday December 29

(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

9:30am

Req. by:

Friars Student Writing Contest until Jan. 13, 2025

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo>. Entries are to be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Email: ecumenical@archtoronto.org with any questions, or for more information.

Journey through Advent

This Advent season, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) presents an online weekly video series titled "Journey through Advent."

"Journey through Advent" will be released weekly and will be available at: www.archtoronto.org.



Jubilee Year 2025

During the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis is calling on all the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope. The Jubilee Year begins when Pope Francis opens the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. The doors will remain open until the end of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026. During the Jubilee, millions of pilgrims are expected to travel to Rome to walk through the Holy Doors and participate in Jubilee events.



Archbishop Francis Leo has chosen St. Gregory's to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. In honor of St. Gregory's being chosen Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here to celebrate Mass on February 27th at 7:00 p.m. More programmed activities for the Jubilee in be in our weekly bulletins. <https://bit.ly/indulgence25>



Jubilee of Youth 2025

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time!



Please fill out the form in the link below to receive updates about our information session and registration.

Event Details:

Date: July 23 – Aug. 5, 2025, in Rome, Italy

Interest Form: <https://bit.ly/YA25Jubilee>

Baptism Catechises

Please email Fr. Jorge if you would like to register your child for the next class. Once the catechesis is completed, you can choose which Saturday at 11am you would like to baptize your child.

Envelopes

Envelopes for 2025 are now available to be picked up at the entrance. This year, we ask you to pick up a blank box of envelopes and add your name and address to the first few envelopes.

Donations for 2024

Donations must be received in the Parish Office by December 20th, 2024 to be receipted for the 2024 taxation year. Any donations received after December 20th will be recorded for the 2025 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. Thank you!