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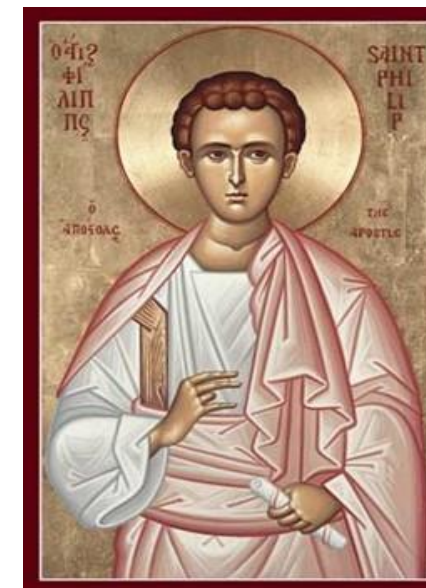
**Religious Community:** CMSSTCJ

**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,  
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### Schools

Msgr. Philip Coffey - 905-723- 4241  
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### Finance Council

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



**The Feast of the Holy Family - (Dec. 29)**

There was a time in the history of the Church when those who chose marriage and family life were considered to be following

Jesus in a less perfect way. The more perfect way was the priesthood and religious life. Now, the family has been described by Pope John Paul II as one of the tabernacles of the presence of Christ in the world. As members of Christian families, we are called to give witness to Gospel values as we go about our business of earning an income, raising children, working in community activities, or enjoying retirement years. Above all we are called to love and respect each member of the family in an unconditional manner.

Father, help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.

**Sunday Offering for December 22:**  
\$1,870.00

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](mailto:stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org)



**ShareLife is grateful for your generous hearts this 2024!**

If you've shared your blessings through ShareLife in 2024, thank you. Because of you, a neighbour is healing, a young mother is finding stability, and someone struggling with hunger now has a meal. Your kindness has transformed lives through ShareLife.

**Reminder to Parents**

We have a Children's Liturgy every Sunday for any child that has not received 1<sup>st</sup> 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)



**New Year's Day:**  
12:30 p.m.

**Please Remember**

For those wishing to donate through the **Pre-Authorized Giving Programme**, forms are available on our website at [www.stphiliptheapostle.com](http://www.stphiliptheapostle.com) or you can find them at the back of the Church.



**Sunday December 29**  
(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

9:30am  
Req. by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday January 1**  
(Nativity of the Lord)

9:30am  
Req. by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday January 3**  
\*\*6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Req. by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday January 5 (Epiphany)**  
9:30am †Domenico Fiorente  
Req. by: \_\_\_\_\_ Stano Family

**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 John 11:26, "Do you believe this?" inspires us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church.

Join Rev. John A. Boissonneau on Sunday, January 19, 2025, 4 p.m. at North City Church (377 Woodbridge Ave. Woodbridge, Ont. L4L 2V7)



**Serra House**

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at: 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
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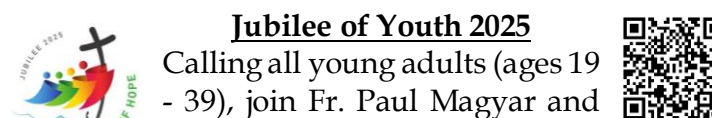
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (Jan. 1)**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus, Christ, whom she had circumcised on the eighth day after his birth according to Levitical Law. Christians see him as the Lord and Son of God.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebration, Bishop Ivan Camilleri 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 2:30 p.m. Sunday February 9, 2025, 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 2:15 p.m.



**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>

**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!

**Coffee Sunday**

Next Sunday January 5, 2025 is Coffee Sunday. All are welcome!  
We are still looking for more volunteers. Please call the office if you are interested.

**Jubilee Year 2025**

During the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis is calling on all the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope. The Jubilee Year began when Pope Francis opened the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24. The doors will remain open until the end of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026.

**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 **January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** More programmed activities for the Jubilee in be in our weekly bulletins. <https://bit.ly/indulgence25>



**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



**Baptism Catechises**

There will be two blocks of baptismal catechises this new year 2025. The first will be on **February 1** 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 Fr. Jorge if you would like to register your child. The registration deadline will be February 1. Our next session will be on **September 13** from 10am-12pm. Please inform your family of these two sessions if they wish to baptize their child.