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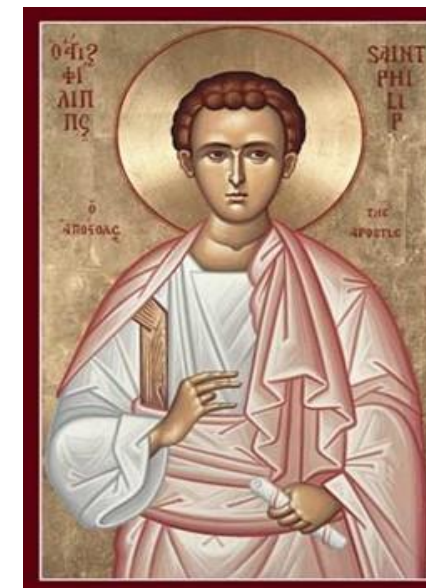
Religious Community: CMSSTCJ

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



Ash Wednesday

March 5th, 2025
MASS TIME: 6:00pm
Reminder!!

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fast & Abstinence.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday (begin March 7th) at 6:00pm. All are welcome!



All About Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting is the limitation of food and drink, typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. (But remember to drink enough fluids!). We fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We fast because it helps us to pray better. An empty stomach can lead to more attentive prayer. Catholics aged 18-59 are bound to fast. Those with impaired health should not fast in any way.

Abstinence is avoiding certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat or other desirable foods. Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat every Friday throughout the year (except solemn feast days). Instead of abstaining, you may substitute special acts of charity or piety on Fridays. We abstain on Fridays because it's the day of Christ's saving death on the Cross; we abstain to share in His work of saving the world. Catholics aged 14 and older are obliged to abstain. <https://bit.ly/3OnYuqy>

Sunday Offerings for:

February 23: \$2,320.00

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

MASS Intentions

Sunday March 2

9:30am (1) Blessing & Thanksgiving
 Req. by: Van Trung

(2) †Vera Abela
 Req. by: Family

Tuesday March 4

6:00pm Blessing & Thanksgiving
 Req. by: Ward Family

Friday March 7

****6:00pm** Stations of the Cross
 †Sr. Maria's Parents

Req. by: Sr. Maria

Sunday March 9

9:30am Blessing & Thanksgiving
 Req. by: Van Trung

Mass Intentions

A reminder that we are taking bookings for Mass Intentions for 2025. 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 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

If you have a child who is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, There Will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, March 4th after the 6pm Mass. Confirmation Prep will start on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:45pm. Confirmation will be on Tuesday, June 17th at 6pm, unless otherwise indicated!



Baptism Catechises

Registration in now closed!

Our next session will be on **September 13 from 10am-12pm.**



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



Serra House

"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at: 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

Holy Family Parish, Whitby

Friday, March 21st - 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Saturday, March 22nd - 9:00am to 5:00pm. For more information and to register, please call the office at 905 665 6470 ext. 201 or email: holyfamilywh@archtoronto.org

St. John the Evangelist, Whitby

Monday Evenings 7pm-9pm, April 7 to May 12. \$300 per couple. Call 905-668-3676 to register.

St. Leo the Great Parish, Brooklin

May 1, 2 & 3 from 6pm to 8:30pm. For more information, please call: 905-655-3286

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.

St. Philip's Pancake Breakfast

Join us **after Mass TODAY** for a Pancake Breakfast, hosted in partnership with the Knights of Columbus, to celebrate the beginning of Lent. Enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes, sausages, fresh fruit, and coffee! **Pricing:**

- Adults and kids 13+: \$10
- Kids 5-12 years: \$5
- Kids under 5: Free

After covering costs, all proceeds will benefit the Church. We look forward to seeing you there!



Guest Speaker

Next Sunday March 9th, we will welcome a guest speak from Catholic Family Services of Durham/Rose of Durham.

Announcing the 2025 ShareLife Campaign

As we approach our first ShareLife Sunday collection on March 30th, it is essential that we come together in compassion to meet our Parish Campaign goal, addressing the growing needs in our communities. By reaching this goal, our agencies will continue to:

- offer walk-in counselling to those facing mental health issues
- help victims of domestic violence
- ensure isolated seniors are not forgotten
- distribute food to families in our community
- form priests and deacon who will minister in our parishes.

Your support of ShareLife makes these programs possible, among many others. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at sharelife.org/donate

Collection Dates for ShareLife:

March 30th, May 4th & June 8th

Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat
March 14-16, 2025 at St. Augustine's Seminary
Friday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. until
Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

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

Natural Family Planning

Breastfeeding? Manage your returning fertility confidently with the Billings Ovulation Method™. Interpret your pattern of infertility and return fertility after you have had a baby and while you are breastfeeding. Attend the initial presentation online. To register or ask questions go to: <https://www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca/>

Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest 2024 (Runs until April 15, 2025)

Theme: "Faith as a Pathway from Division to Unity." Students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate. Students are encouraged to make a three-minute video encapsulating the theme. Register on the website and submit their entries by filling in the details on the submission form at: <https://bit.ly/DFVCSsubmission>
 CONTACT: interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

SPRING AHEAD NEXT WEEKEND!

It is once again time to wind your clocks ahead!
 It is also a great time to change the batteries in smoke detectors!



Saints of the Week

Saint Casimir (March 4):

Casimir was born in Poland in 1458, the son of Casimir IV, king of Poland. Involved in government affairs, he was renowned for his sense of justice and his care for the poor. He died of tuberculosis when he was 26 and was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania. Casimir is the patron saint of Lithuania and one of the patrons of Poland.

Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity (March 7):

Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, a slave, were killed for their faith on March 7th, 203, in Carthage. Perpetua's diary and accounts by eyewitnesses provide a vivid picture of the martyrs' experiences.

During the persecution of Christians by Emperor Severus, several catechumens were arrested, among them Perpetua with her infant son and the pregnant Felicity. They were baptized while under arrest.

After being flogged, the Christians were led to the amphitheatre, exposed to the wild beasts and beheaded.

Saint Frances of Rome (March 8):

John was born in Portugal on March 8, 1495. He worked as a soldier of fortune, an overseer of slaves, a shepherd, a crusader, a bodyguard, and a peddler. Wracked by guilt over his wasted life, he sought the counsel of John of Avila, who helped him dedicate himself to the care of the sick and the poor. Others joined him and they became known as the Order of Brother Hospitallers or Brothers of St. John of God. John died on his birthday in 1550 and was canonized in 1690. He is a patron of hospitals and the sick.