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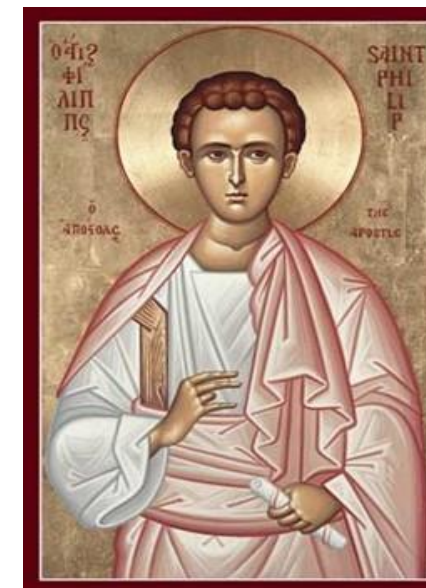
**Religious Community:** CMSSTCJ

**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  
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



Stations of the Cross during Lent

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:00pm. All are welcome!



**MASS Intentions**

**Sunday March 16**

9:30am †Sr. Maria's Parents

Req. by: Sr. Maria

**Tuesday March 18**

**THIS TUESDAY THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OR MASS HERE AT ST. PHILIP'S**

6:30pm Pilgrimage to St. Gregory's for Mass

**Friday March 21**

\*\*6:00pm Stations of the Cross

6:30pm

Req. by:

**Sunday March 23**

9:30am Thanksgiving & Blessing

Req. by: Van Trung



Serra House

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. 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](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

Website: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



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

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**



If you have a child who is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please speak to Fr. Jorge.

**CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS**

Confirmation Prep will start on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm. Confirmation will be on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, unless otherwise indicated!

**Archdiocesan Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Pope Francis, the Bishops of Ontario and of all of Canada have asked that a Day of Prayer and Reflection for Victims and Survivors of Sex Abuse be observed for healing and to raise awareness. Here in the Archdiocese of Toronto the Second Sunday of Lent was chosen as an appropriate day and time to honour the wishes of the Holy Father, to express our remorse as a community, to pray for healing and assure safety in our parish communities.

Part of our Lenten journey is a time of preparation for Easter when we will renew our Baptismal promises—to reject Satan and embrace God, His Holiness, and His community. With the need to address our sinfulness with humility, many of us consider performing penitential acts, and engaging in the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These serve as a remedy or means of realigning and nurturing our relationships with God and our neighbour.

Often, our penitential practices during Lent can be somewhat individualized; we concentrate on what we are doing or not doing and ask God for forgiveness. Our hope is to strengthen our personal relationship with God and our neighbour and overcome all that keeps us from loving more fully. But we are part of a larger community, we are part of the Catholic Church, and we need to recognize our need to not only approach God as a community of praise, worship and sacrifice, but also as a community afflicted by division and sorrow and in need of healing and forgiveness. While the Eucharist is always principally an act of worship, praise and sacrifice, today in a special way we embody a communal penitential expression of sorrow, mourning, and humility for the sins of abuse.

As a community of faith, we gathered and began our Lenten observance on Ash Wednesday. We acknowledged the fragility of human life and human weakness, and our need for repentance and conversion. The Gospel read on Ash Wednesday reminded us of the need to engage in acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (cf. Mt. 6:1-6,16-18) as acts pleasing to God.

**Natural Family Planning**

Trying to achieve pregnancy? The Billings Ovulation Method™ helps you to understand your unique patterns of fertility & infertility so you can have the best possible chance of conceiving. The initial presentation is held online. To register or ask questions go to: <https://www.naturalfamilyplanning.ca/>

**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.



**You extend the hands of Christ to those in need**

ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Our Parish goal for this year's campaign is \$12,500.00.

Through your support to ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at <https://sharelife.org/donate/>

**Collection Dates for ShareLife:**

March 30<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> & June 8<sup>th</sup>



**Baptism Catechises**

Registration is now closed!

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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES**

**Holy Family Parish, Whitby**

Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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](mailto: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 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.

**The Pope's Intentions for the month of March**

For families in crisis Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

**Saturday March 22, 2025 from 9am to 4pm**

Old Mill (includes a light lunch). Closing Mass will be celebrated by: Most Rev. Robert Kasun CSB. Please call Dorothy Pilarski at: 416-907-1042. Register at: <https://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

**Save the Date: A Day with Mary**

On Saturday, May 31, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new archdiocesan event called "A Day with Mary" will be taking place at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address. There will be music and fellowship and we hope you will consider joining the Cardinal and so many others. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

**Dominican Friars Youth Interfaith Video Contest (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/DFVCSUBMISSION>

CONTACT: [interreligious@archtoronto.org](mailto:interreligious@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

**Saint of the Week**

**Saint Patrick (March 17):**

Although legends abound concerning the life and work of Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, he tells us himself in his Confession. At 16 was carried off from Wales in a pirate raid and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was made Swineherd, living in solitude on a mountain, where a life of prayer and asceticism marked him forever.

After serving his master for six years, Patrick heard an inner voice tell him that he would return to his homeland, and he escaped. Landing in Gaul (Western Europe), Patrick had many adventures before reaching his parents in Britain. Later, he returned to Gaul to study for the priesthood, eventually become bishop.

When the missionary to Ireland, Saint Palladius, died, Patrick took his place. By the time of his death in 492, he could see the fruits of his work: a native clergy was in place, Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland, and churches and monasteries had been established.

He is a patron of Ireland and Nigeria, of engineers, of several Canadian dioceses, and of those who fear snakes.