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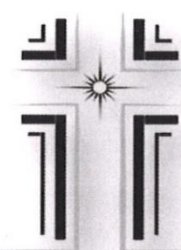
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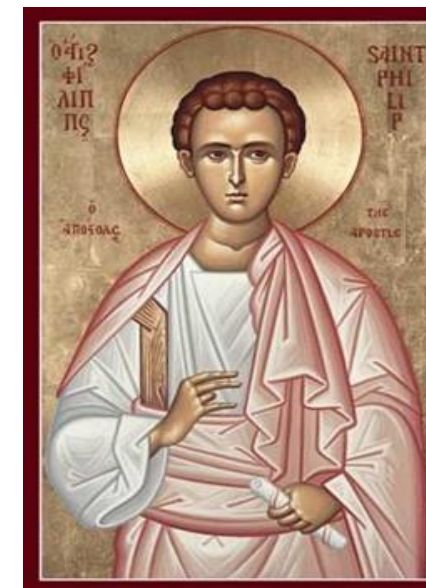
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Office Hours:

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

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 30

9:30am Blessing & Thanksgiving

Req. by: Van Trung

Tuesday April 1

6:00pm Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving to James & Kathleen Ward

Req. by:

Friday April 4

**6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30pm †Sr. Maria's Parents

Req. by: Sr. Maria

Sunday April 6

9:30am (1) Blessing & Thanksgiving

Req. by: Van Trung

(2) †Michael Salama

Req. by: Shirley

Sunday Offerings for:

March 23: \$1,410.00

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: stphiliptheapostles@archtoronto.org



Serra House

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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



CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS

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

Approaching the Mercy of God

This Sunday we are invited to reflect on the beautiful parable of the prodigal son. This parable offers us an insight into the unfathomable depths of God's mercy. We are also given an example of the prodigal son to imitate. He teaches us that whenever we fall, we too need to recognize our sin, get up and approach our merciful and loving Father.

However, we may at times find it difficult to accept just how generously God bestows His mercy on those who seek Him. We may have the notion that God is out to punish those who commit sin. However, there is one particularly beautiful line in the parable this Sunday that can help us ease those fears. It says that "while [the son] was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him."

The beauty in this passage is that the father saw the son "while he was still far off." This means that he must've spent time each day looking out at the horizon, eagerly and lovingly waiting for his son to return. Not only does he see him, he then runs and embraces his son even though he was dirty and smelled like pigs. As stewards, we shouldn't fear approaching God for His mercy and forgiveness for He longs to grant it to us. Across the Archdiocese, every parish will host a Lenten Day of Reconciliation in which many priests will be available for the sacrament of Confession. Let us take advantage of this beautiful opportunity for healing and prepare ourselves for the Risen Lord at Easter.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

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



Baptism Catechises

Registration is now closed!

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

Lenten Confessions

In preparation for Easter, and especially for worthy reception of the Eucharist, Fr. Jorge will hear confessions on:

Sunday March 30th - 9:00 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.

Tuesday April 1st - 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday April 4th - 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

15 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Confession Resources:

(www.archtoronto.org/confessions)

Coffee Sunday

Next weekend is Coffee Sunday. Anyone who would like to donate any baked goods, are more than welcome.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way.

As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments. Nick's life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd.

"By the grace of God, I am still alive," he proclaims. "I'd love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I'd never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober." Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving – he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise.

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

Collection Dates for ShareLife:

March 30th, May 4th & June 8th



11th Annual Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Gala Honouring Our Distinguished Catholic Alumni

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Tosca Banquet Hall, 800 Champlain Ave. Oshawa
Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. | Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

For Tickets:

<https://www.durhamcatholicfoundation.ca/en/news-and-events/foundation-gala.aspx>

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.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp 2025

The Totus Tuus (meaning Totally Yours) summer camp will be taking place at L'Assomption for both St. Philip's and L'Assomption Parishes from **August 10th to August 15th** for students in grades 1-12.



Registration Fee: Gr. 7-12: \$75; Gr. 1-6: \$125 (Discount for siblings: 50%). Deadline to Register is to be announced. Registration Forms can be found on our website.

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/>

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/DFVCSUBMISSION>
CONTACT: interreligious@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

Please Remember

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

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!

Reminder to All Parents

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

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