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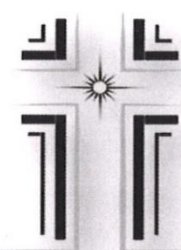
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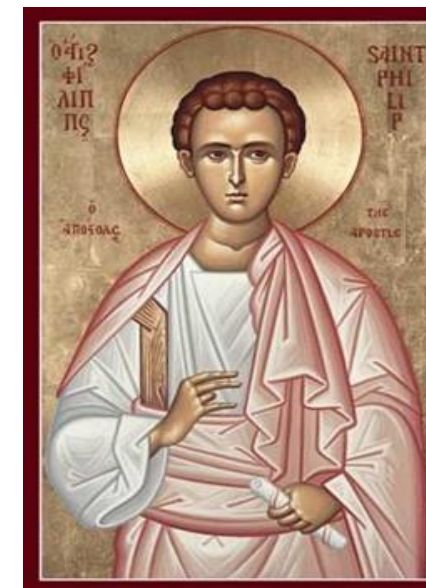
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Office Hours:

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

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Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Service

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Schools

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

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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 9

9:30am Thanksgiving & Blessing

Req. by: Van Trung

Tuesday March 11

6:00pm For the Stone Family

Req. by: Bill & Marilyn Jerome

Friday March 14

**6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30pm For the recovery of Gerald Richard

Req. by: Doris Leger

Sunday March 16

9:30am †Sr. Maria's Parents

Req. by: Sr. Maria

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured.



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

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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 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 29th at 6:45pm. Confirmation will be on Tuesday, June 17th at 6pm, unless otherwise indicated!

A Time to Prepare

As we begin Lent, it is good to pray, asking God how does he want us to enter into his holy season. If our Lent in the past has been focused more on giving up, has it been the giving up of some habitual sin in our lives? If our Lent has been more centered around doing more, has it been in loving more intentionally? After Lent we should [ideally] see some significant change in our spiritual lives. Lent is not a forty-day exercise without results. It is our annual pilgrimage to the celebration of our redemption by Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. But after His death on Good Friday, there is His resurrection on Easter Sunday. He died for our sins and rose to new life. Our Lenten journey is to lead to the same mystery in our own lives. Something is to die, so new life can become a reality of our lives now.



Guest Speaker

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

Your Love is a Guiding Light During Lent

Maria, a 64-year-old new comer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

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

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.



Fundraising Breakfast

Thank you to all those who came out to the Fundraising Breakfast. It was greatly appreciated! Thank you also to those who helped in any way. Profit of \$356.50.

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

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.

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



Baptism Catechises

Registration is now closed!
 Our next session will be on **September 13 from 10am-12pm.**

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

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.

16th 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!

Saint of the Week

Saint John of God (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.



Saint Frances of Rome (March 9th):

Frances was born in 1384 in Rome. She was happily married and had three children. The death in infancy of two of her children taught Frances compassion for others. She took food to the poor, and visited the sick and the needy in their homes to care for them.



She gathered other women, mainly widows and young women who lived a life of prayer and cared for others, and founded a community of Benedictine oblates. When her husband died, Frances joined their community. She died in 1440 and was declared a saint in 1607. She is a patroness of widows.