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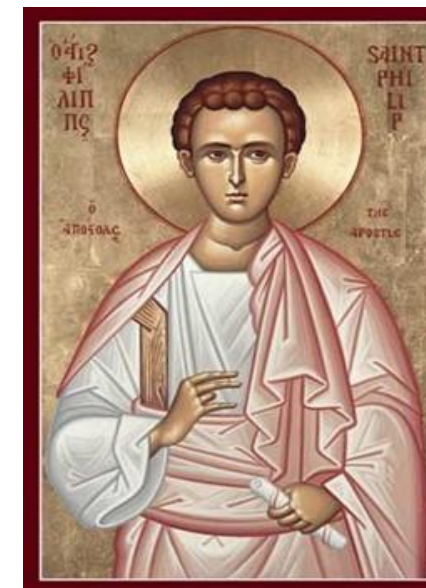
**Religious Community:** CMSSTCJ

**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

**Monday & Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m

**Friday:** Mass at 6:00 p.m followed by  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Confessions:** 15 minutes before each mass or by appointment

### Weekend Masses

**Saturday:** 5:30 p.m. and **Sunday:** 9:30

### 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  
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### Finance Council

Maureen Nkwenti  
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David Burns

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



As we enter autumn, the season of change, we celebrate a time of giving thanks to almighty God for the bounteous gifts we have received. May all of us find the time in our busy schedules to bow our heads before God and recollect the blessings unique to each and every one of us as individuals, families, communities, and Church.

**HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING!**



Next weekend, there will be second collection for World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church that provides emergency aid when disasters strike, care for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday. Envelope will be located at the Entrance to the Church.



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)

<i>MASS Intentions</i>	
<b>Saturday October 11</b>	
5:30pm	
Req. by:	
<b>Sunday October 12</b>	
9:30am	Guidance and Protection for Noururah
Req. by:	Viviane
<b>Monday October 13</b>	
6:00pm	†Filomena Mastracci
Req. by:	Juliet
<b>Tuesday October 14</b>	
6:00pm	†Mario Formosa
Req. by:	
<b>Friday October 17</b>	
**6:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm	
Req. by:	
<b>Saturday October 18</b>	
5:30pm	
Req. by:	
<b>Sunday October 19</b>	
9:30am	Guidance and Protection for Ryan
Req. by:	Viviane

**Cultivating Generous Gratitude**

All of us since our childhood were raised to say thank you when someone has done something good for us. While this is undoubtedly a positive act, it can lead us to developing the mentality that thanksgiving is a mere matter of politeness. The deeper sense of gratitude exemplified by the one leper who returned to thank Jesus in the Gospel surpasses mere kind manners. The Gospel recalls that he "prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him."

The act of returning to Jesus and prostrating himself cost something to the leper, it required his effort, time and humility. We can learn from his example and learn to go out of our way in order to express our profound gratitude to God and our neighbour.

With respect to God, we can set aside time in prayer to intentionally thank the Lord for the abundant gifts He graciously lavishes on us. When thanking our neighbour, perhaps we can include a physical thank you card, a small token of appreciation or express our thanks by spending time with them. Let us ask ourselves this Thanksgiving weekend, how are we moving past mere politeness to sincere acts of gratitude towards God and neighbour. In this way, we can practice generosity even while expressing our gratitude.

**Breathing Space  
Online Caregiver Program**

Breathing Space is an open 6-week support group to learn skills, develop coping strategies, and provide resources in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental environment. This workshop is delivered at **NO COST**.

**Time 2pm-3pm.**

**Dates are listed below:**

**Psychoeducation Topics:**

1. Coping with Illness, Maintaining Independence, & Self Care (Nov. 5)
2. Living a Wholehearted Life While Dealing with Chronic Illness (Nov. 12)
3. Handling Pain & Suffering; Bereavement and Grief (Nov. 19)
4. Maintaining Emotional Balance (Nov. 26)
5. Healthcare Resources & Technology Scams Prevention (Dec. 3)

**ALL SAINTS' EVE**

On Friday, October 31 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, St. Philip the Apostle Parish will host an All Saints' Eve Celebration.

The evening will include games, crafts, and faith-based movies for kids and families. Light refreshments and candies will be provided, and admission is free. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed as a favourite saint or person from the Bible, and to be prepared to explain your costume. We will also have special prizes for the three best costumes.

This will be a joyful, faith-filled alternative to Halloween, and we warmly invite families and parishioners of all ages to join us. Bring your neighbours and friends along to share in the celebration.



**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES** are in your box of envelopes, in the pews and at the back of the Church. The envelopes, with the list of names you wish remembered, will be placed before the altar and remembered at all Masses during November.



**CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE**

Candles of Remembrance for the Faithful Departed are available for purchase for \$20. They will be placed in front of the altar for the month of November. Labels with names will be added. **Ceremony will be on Nov 3.**



**ALL SOULS' DAY MASS AT RESURRECTION**

**CEMETERY**

The Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All-Souls' Day Mass on Saturday, November 8 at 2 p.m. The Mass will be held indoors at Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby. All are welcome!

**Head Count**

Over the next 2 weekends (Oct. 18/19 & Oct. 25/26) all parishes will once again be taking a count of all who are attending Mass. This procedure is to give our Pastoral Centre an idea of the actual number of people attending Mass in order to better facilitate future planning.

**Sunday Offering for:  
October 4/5: \$2,190.00**

Indigenous Collection: **\$145.00**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!



So far we have raised **\$10,505.50** toward our goal of **\$12,500.00**. Please consider donating.

**Reminder to All Parents**

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



**Church Fundraising Dinner**

Join us on **Saturday, November 15th at 6:30 pm** for a special evening in support of **St. Philip the Apostle Parish** and our events, repairs, and outreach.

Enjoy a delicious chicken souvlaki meal catered by the **award-winning Greek Tycoon Restaurant in Whitby**. Ticket admission includes dessert and one glass of wine. There will also be a cash bar available. The evening will feature music and dancing, so come ready to celebrate with our parish family!

**Tickets:** \$40 per adult (ages 12+)

- \$20 for children (ages 6-11)
- Free for children under 5

All proceeds go to support St. Philips. Thank you for your generosity!

**Marriage Prep Course**



St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Brooklin  
April 30, May 1 & May 2, 2026

For more information, please contact the office: 905 655 3286 Ext 1.

Christmas is coming and Fr. Jorge along with some of the volunteers, have discussed doing a Christmas show at the church this year. It would be put on around early to mid-December. This is something that has not been done at our parish in recent years and there will be many things to look at if we move forward. We will need performers, as well as help with behind-the-scenes work, such as help with sound and lighting, costumes, sets and ushers. We will be keeping the show simple, with minimum sets, but we will still need many people to help with performances and technical aspects. We are looking for people of all ages for this project. Adults and children of all talents, or no talent! Perhaps you would like to do something that you are not familiar with. If we do a Christmas show, this needs to be an effort made by us, the parishioners. It will need to be put on by our community, not just by one or two of us, or just by the current volunteers. This is a show by, and for our Parish family and friends. If you are interested in helping, whether performing, or helping in another way, or both, please let us know. There will be a sign-up sheet in our front foyer by the entrance. Please consider signing up and helping us put on a lovely Nativity play this year! We are hoping to get a better idea of interest before Thanksgiving weekend. Please think about signing up over the next couple of weeks. Thank you!

