



AND THE
Word
 BECAME FLESH
 AND
dwelt
 among us...
 JOHN 1:14

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

Christmas and New Year 2017

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Pastor: Father Bob Poole

Deacons: Louis Seward & Mark Masson

Website: www.stphilips-church.com



St Philips Parish Est 1819



St Clares Mission Est 1849

'A welcoming Catholic community seeking holiness in the Body of Christ'

Sunday Masses: St. Philip: Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 10:30am St. Clare: Sunday 9 am

Weekday Mass: St. Philip: Monday 7pm and St. Clare: Tuesday 7pm What's On Weekly—See Page 2

Fr Bob's Homilies: www.stphilips-church.com (right side of homepage under the 'Donate Now' button)

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Fr Bob Writes:

And Mary said:

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1: 38).

We believe that the conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary took place at the moment she said "Yes" to God. That is why the feast of the Annunciation is placed on March 25th, nine months before Christmas. How old was Mary at the time? We don't really know, but that hasn't stopped people from speculating. The minimum age for marriage under Jewish law is 13 for boys, 12 for girls. The official betrothal (far more binding than our modern era understanding of engagement) could take place a year prior to the full-fledged marriage. The Talmud recommends that a man marry by the age of 18. Therefore, it would not have been unusual for Mary to have been betrothed to Joseph by the age of 15.

Did Mary understand what it would mean to be mother of Jesus? That is the theme of one of my favorite Christian songs: "*Mary did you know?*" Mary did you

know that your baby boy would one day walk on water, that the child you delivered would one day deliver you..?" so run some of the lyrics of the song. Although we believe that Mary was given a special gift to never experience an attraction to things contrary to the will of God (her immaculate conception), that does not mean she received a gift of intellectual understanding regarding her son's full identity and mission. Note how confused she was (Luke 2:49) when twelve-year old Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem and explained himself by saying "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" While this may at first seem to minimize the blessedness of Mary, it actually enhances my appreciation of her dedication to God and the divine will. Her 'Yes' was not based on understanding but on faith. St Augustine is quoted as saying "I believe, in order that I may understand." First faith, then understanding.

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to all our parishioners!!

Pro-Life Place

Pro-Life Masses:

- Saturday Jan. 20, 11 am, Blessed Sacrament Parish,
194 Fourth Ave, Ottawa

-Pro-Life Reps: Anastasia 257-8249 and Nicole 838-2606

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in freedom

Announced Masses—December

Saturday, 4: 30 at St. Philip Parish

Dec 16-In memory of Herbert and Mary Moloughney, by the family

Dec 23-In memory of Pat Flynn by Estelle Flynn

Dec 30-Intentions of Michelle and Michael Lotan

Jan 6-In memory of Nancy Schouten by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

Dec 17-In memory of Leah Cassidy by the Cassidy family

Dec 24-In memory of Red Noden by Lynn and Tom Lane

Dec 31-Intentions of the Melone family by Kay Melone

Jan 7-Intentions of the Melone family by Kay Melone

Mondays- 7pm at St Philips

Dec 18- In memory of Des & Anne Casey

December Sanctuary Lamp: burns Intention of the Melone family

Christmas Masses-St Philips

Dec 24, 4:30 (Church)-In Mem of Tony Drough by Nellie Drough

4:30 (Hall)-for Anne Drohan by Earle & Sheila Payne

9pm-In memory of Simone Proulx by Real and family

Midnight-Intentions of parishioners of St Philips and St Clares

Dec 25, 10:30-Memory of Red Noden by Knight of Columbus

New Years Day: In memory of Red Noden by Knights of Columbus

First Friday Jan 5: Intentions of Michelle and Michael Lotan

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Mass of the 4th weekend of Advent (Sun Dec 24) - Saturday 4:30 (St Philips), Sunday 9am (St Clares) / Sunday 10:30am (St Philips)

Christmas Eve Masses, Sunday December 24: 4:30pm - St Philip Church

4:30 pm - St Philip Hall (Children's Mass)

7 pm - St Clares Mission

9 pm - St Philip Church

Midnight - St Philip Church

Christmas Day, Monday December 25: 10:30am Mass - St Philip Church

Boxing Day, Tuesday December 26: 10:30am Mass for Altar Servers—St Philips—All Welcome!

Weekend Masses, Feast of Holy Family: Saturday December 30, 4:30pm / Sunday December 31: 9am St Clare & 10:30am St Philip

New Year 12-Hour Vigil of Eucharistic Adoration: 7pm Sunday December 31 to 7am January 1, St Philips Church

New Year's Day January 1 Mass (Solemnity of Mary) - 10:30 am St Philips Church

Catechesis Corner

What does the Gospel teach about the mysteries of the birth and infancy of Jesus?

At *Christmas* the glory of heaven is shown forth in the weakness of a baby; the circumcision of Jesus is a sign of his belonging to the Hebrew people and is prefiguration of our Baptism; the *Epiphany* is the manifestation of the Messiah King of Israel to all the nations; at the *presentation in the temple*, Simeon and Anna symbolize all the anticipation of Israel awaiting its encounter with its Savior; the *flight into Egypt* and the massacre of the innocents proclaim that the entire life of Christ will be under the sign of persecution; the *departure from Egypt* recalls the exodus and presents Jesus as the new Moses and the true and definitive liberator.

Further reading: CCC 525-530, 563-564

Parish Life—Regular Activities

ST CLARES: CWL:

Pastoral Council: Next: To be announced

Coffee Sunday: Jan 14 —'Munster Group'

Rosary: Last Sunday of Month: 8:30 am

ST PHILIPS: Adult Ed/RCIA: Speak to Dcn Louis Seward

Adoration o/t Blessed Sacrament: 2-6:45pm Mondays

Apostles Div Mercy: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:45pm, Rectory-Jan 9

Bible Study: Mondays after 7pm Mass, in the Hall

CWL: Wednesday, 7 pm, Hall- Jan 17

Euchre: Every 2nd Wed, 7 pm— Next: Jan 10

First Friday Mass: 6:30pm, Adoration follows. Next: Jan 5

First Saturday Mass: Discontinued in 2018

Knights of Columbus: 2nd Tues of mo, 7:30. Next: Jan 9

Men/Eucharist(Div Mercy): 1st & 3rd Tues, in Church— Jan 2

Pastoral Council: 1st Tues, 7:30pm: Next: Jan 2

Prayer Mtg: Thursdays, 7:30pm Hall.

Rosary: Last weekend of month: Sat (4pm) & Sun (10am)

St Vincent de Paul—3rd Wed of Month—Next: Jan 17

Temporal Affairs Cnc'l: 3rd Tues of mo, 7pm: Next-Jan 16

NEW YEARS VIGIL OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DEC 31ST ... at St Philips from 7pm Sunday December 31 to 7am Monday Jan 1. Please sign up for an hour!

ADORATION: THE BEST TIME YOU WILL SPEND ON EARTH! Consider spending some time with our Lord during our weekly adoration time: Mondays at St Philips from 2pm to 6:45. No sign-up required. All welcome.

OVERCOMING ANGER SEMINAR—SAT. JAN 13
An intensive time of teaching from God's Word, followed by sharing, prayer and ministry in small groups. Video presenter Craig Hill. Early bird registration deadline is Tuesday, December 19th. Early price is \$40/individual and \$75/ married couple). 8:30am-6:30pm. Call 523-1377 or see flyer at entrance of church. Email: edna.dubroy@rogers.com. Register online: www.familyfoundations.ca/seminars.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND –FALL 2018
Information sheets are now available at the entrance... and registration forms also available for those ready to book.

ALPHA STARTING JANUARY 7TH
The Alpha course is a 10-week intro to basic Christian teachings...appropriate for Catholics (our Diocese encourages Catholics to take it!). Our course will be run jointly with St Paul United & St John Anglican, Richmond. Weekly on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm, starting January 7 and running to Sunday April 8. The first night will be in St Philips Hall and location will rotate weekly (schedule will be given on the first night). Alpha is FREE! Evening starts with dinner (nominal fee requested to cover food).

CCO RISE UP CONFERENCE-BOOK TODAY!
...is in Ottawa this year! Register at: www.CCO.ca

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
The office will re-open on Tuesday January 2 at 9am.

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY-INTEREST COURSES IN THEOLOGY - January 8 - April 20, 2018. "In the Beginning": Gen 1-11, Professor Hervé Tremblay, O.P.; Hope and Charity, Professor Didier Caenepeel, O.P.; Baptism and its Confirmation, Professor Jean Doutre, O.P. Info: info@dominicanu.ca; www.dominicanu.ca/interestcourses.

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Office Hours: Tues-Wed-Thurs – 9am to 1:30pm
Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 12 noon
Hall Rentals: Office (613-838-2314)
Parish Schools: St. Philips Catholic School – 613-838-2466
Sacred Heart High School (Stittsville) - 613-831-6643
Baptisms: Third Sunday of the month (1pm); Baptismal preparation required. Contact office 4 weeks in advance.
Marriages: Contact office at least 6 months in advance of desired date
Reconciliation: By appointment – call the office (613-838-2314)
Confirmation/1st Communion – register by October 1. Call 613-838-2314

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

For a list of all reconciliation opportunities throughout the diocese, visit www.catholicottawa.ca (see the live link to 'Advent Penence Schedule' on the home page).

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MASS WITH 'LIFT JESUS HIGHER' STARTING JANUARY 7TH Starting on Sunday January 7th, St Philips will host a REGULAR weekly Mass at 12:30pm for the charismatic community. All are welcome! For those who have previously participated in the 12:30 Mass with Lift Jesus Higher in Vanier, you will know that this Mass will be longer than the usual Masses at St Philips and St Clares—sometimes up to 1.5 hours. All are most welcome to attend.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for: Karl Schubert, Steven Ayotte, Lois Ayotte, Bernie St.John, David Hamilton, Jean Masson, Suzanne Levesque, Glenroy Huff, Joyce Cook, Elizabeth vanGalder, Gerry Gauthier, Kyram Dear, Nicky Devine, Elise King, George Murphy, Dorothy Frenken, Terry Cavanagh, Mavis Lewis, Karen McCarthy, Ray Lalonde, Carl & Doris Calagoure, Carole Sims, Lorraine & Glenn Wannamaker, Danny McCarthy, Nora Steward, Ralph Keef, John McKinnon, Vanessa Melone, Jackie Oman, Amber Williamson, Verna Newton and Francine Landry. May God bless them & their families with peace, joy & strength!

2018 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated Jan. 14, 2018. Theme of Pope Francis' message: "Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integraTing migrants and refugees". [Message](#).

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR 2018 WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Celebrated January 1, 2018. Theme: "Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace". [Link to the Message](#)

CANCELLATIONS TO NOTE OVER THE HOLIDAYS

No Monday Afternoon Adoration Dec 25th or January 1st
No Mass or bible study at St Philips on Mon Dec 25th or Jan 1st
No evening Mass at St Clares Tues. Dec. 26 or Jan. 2nd
No Euchre Wednesday December 27th
No Prayer Meeting Thursday Dec 28.
No 'First Saturday' Masses in 2018
Regular Schedule Resumes Monday January 8, 2018

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

now available [here](http://www.CatholicOttawa.ca) on our website (www.CatholicOttawa.ca).

CHURCH CHUCKLE

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A. It's Christmas, Eve!

A Blessed, Safe and Merry Christmas to All!

Ministries:

St Philip Ministries: Pastoral Council-Janet Seward	838-5864
Temporal Affairs- Patrick McIver	864-8679
Children's Liturgy – Dana Kean	838-3777
Altar Servers&200th Anniversary- Brian McSheffrey	489-3448
Sacristans – Betty Dolan	838-3181
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers-Michelle Lotan	831-9906
CWL – Sheila Hearne	838-2931
Knights of Columbus – Bill Flynn	838-4098
Cemetery – Luc St. Jean	838-2880
St Vincent de Paul - David Vickers	838-2314
Coffee Sunday—Gisele Moore	838-5642
St Clare Ministries: Pastoral Council Kelly McKenna	283-7861
Finance Chair – Ray Burrill	283-0992
Lectors, Altar Servers – Shirley O'Connor	838-2704
Cemetery – Jerome O'Connor	838-2704
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