

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

Dec 3, 2023—First Sunday of Advent

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Deacon Louis Seward

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Sunday Masses: St Philip: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 10:30am & 12:30 (Charismatic Mass) St Clare: Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: Resume in the Fall

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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The First Week of Advent

“Let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.” (Psalm 98:8-9)



Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Waiting

We light an **advent candle** today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. The joy and anticipation of this season is captured beautifully in the antiphons of hope from the monastic liturgies:

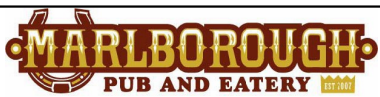
See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile

The Lord will come soon, will not delay.

The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming.

From EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/reflections/advent/first-sunday-of-advent-22624>



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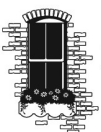
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

ST CLARES:

Pastoral Council—3rd Tuesday of month after 7pm Mass

Coffee Sunday—2nd Sunday of month.

CWL—every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm

ST PHILIPS:

Adult Ed/RCIA: Dcn Louis—444-1228

Adoration o/t Blessed Sacrament: Mondays, 2-6:45pm and Thursdays, 3-6:45pm

Apostles Div Mercy: 2nd & 3rd Tues, 7:45pm. For location, Contact Janet (44401228)

Bible Study: Resumes in the Fall

Coffee Sunday: Sundays weekly after 10:30am Mass, Hall

Euchre: Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: Nov 1, 15, 29

First Friday Mass: November 3

Knights of Columbus—2nd Tues of mo-7:30 in Hall

Ladies Auxiliary: Wednesday Nov 8, 7 pm in Hall

Pastoral Council: 1st Tues of month, 8pm, Hall

Prayer Meeting—Every Thurs, 7:30pm, St Philips Hall

Rosary: St Philips, 4:10pm (before 4:30pm Saturday mass) & 10:10 (before 10:30am Sunday Mass)

St Vincent de Paul—3rd Wednesday of the Month (Rectorry)

Temporal Affairs Cnc'l: 4th Tues of the month, 7pm, Hall

Announced Masses—November

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

Dec 2—In memory of Diane Mackey by David & Elizabeth Vickers

Dec 9—For blessings on those who are lonely at Christmas by the LA

Dec 16—Mem of Robert & Lily Bradshaw by David & Elizabeth Vickers

Dec 23—Mem of Len & Marjory Vickers by David & Elizabeth Vickers

Dec 30—Mem of Diane MacKey & Anne Reilley by Rosemary Logan

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

Dec 3—In memory of Tom Cavanagh by Kay Cavanagh

Dec 17—In memory of Bernie St John by Georgette & family

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

Dec 3—In mem of Frances Hughes by Catherine Misseau

Dec 10—In mem of Frances Hughes by Catherine Misseau

Dec 17—In mem of Michael Evans by John & Birgit Evans

Dec 31—In mem of Frances Hughes by Desmond Kavanagh

Mondays 7 pm at St. Philip Parish/Tuesdays 7pm at St Clares

Dec 5, 11, 19—In Memory of Fr Michael Gillissie and deceased members of the Gillissie family

Christmas Masses

Dec 24, 4:30—IMO Fr Michael Gillissie & Deceased family members

Dec 24, 7pm—IMO Marion Dowdall & wellness of O'Connor family

Dec 24, 9pm—In memory of Stewart Logan by Rosemary Logan

Midnight—In memory of David Hamilton by Reta Hamilton

Dec 25—For the intentions of parishioners

Catechism Corner

How do Christians assist someone who is dying? Christians do not leave a dying person alone. They help him so that he can die in faith-filled trust, in dignity and peace. They pray with him and take care that the sacraments are administered to him at the right time.

How do Christians treat the corpse of someone who has died?

Christians treat the corpse of a dead person respectfully and lovingly, realizing that God has called him to the resurrection of the dead. It is a traditional part of Christian funeral customs for the remains of a dead person to be buried in a dignified manner in the earth and for the grave to be decorated and tended. Today the Church also accepts other funeral arrangements (for instance, cremation), as long as they are not interpreted in a way contrary to the belief in the resurrection of the dead. (YOUCAT questions 392-394) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2297 -2301) and other references [here](#)

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

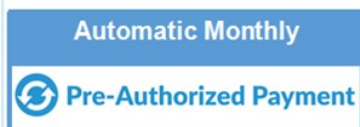


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Please ensure you include your full name and mailing address, and your parish 'Donation Box Number' (if you have one). You will receive a tax receipts from the parish in February next year.



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Donate by Cash of Cheque—donations in numbered envelopes (or in an envelope with your name & address) can be dropped in the collection plate. OR cheques can be mailed to the office.

Why is it important to support the parishes financially?

Just like any other charity or non-profit organization, it costs money to keep St. Philip Parish and St. Clare Mission afloat. For example, the annual operating expenditure budget of St. Philip Parish is approximately \$155,000, which goes towards paying for the following items:

- Paying for the parish priest, the parish office administrator, replacement priests to say Mass and the parish bookkeeper;
- Diocesan tax on parish revenues (donations);
- Utilities (heat, hydro, water, sewer, utilities, etc.)
- Repairs and maintenance on St. Philip Church, the Parish Hall, and other buildings and grounds;
- Office expenses; and,
- Pastoral expenses.


In addition, St. Philip Parish also spends about \$10,000-\$20,000 per year on major projects and renovations to replace and/or renovate the parish buildings and other items within the parish.

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Parish News

NO EVENING MASSES MONDAYS OR TUESDAYS in December. We will resume again in the new year.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN THE NEW YEAR

Details will be announced at a future time.

MARKETPLACE OF OPPORTUNITY: SUN DEC 3

Are you feeling called to volunteer your talents to the service of the parish? The parish needs volunteers in a variety of ministries. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3rd! After the 10:30 Mass, we will be having a 'Marketplace of Opportunity' in the parish hall. Come find out more about the many volunteer ministries we have here at the parish. All ministries will be represented to field your questions.

YOUVILLE CHRISTMAS ANGELS FOR KIDS

The Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring the Youville Christmas Angels for Kids. The need is even greater this year for unwrapped gifts for kids, baby cloths and diapers. Pick an angel along the outer church aisle, information about the child will written on the back of angel, we will then take your name, phone number and the number written on the angel. Gifts are to be unwrapped and placed in a gift bag, be sure to put angel inside the bag. Please return by December 9th. Thank you for your generosity.

2024 NUMBERED DONATION BOXES

You can pick up your 2024 box at the entry of the church. Please start using these in January. Your number is the same as last year. If any of your personal information has changed, please call or emails the office so we can correct it for your tax receipt.

LIVE-STREAMING MASSES CONTINUES

Watch at www.stphilips-church.com or click [this link](#)

MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY DEC 1

Christmas Special with our special co-host Aux. Bishop Yvan Mathieu of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. Info: mike.budge@bell.net By ZOOM: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81526725320?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81526725320?pwd=YzBSdmsxSW1WRFRMrSlJrQnl3Q3J6QT09) Meeting ID: 815 2672 5320. Passcode: 795056

NEEDED: COLLECTION COUNTERS

Have you ever considered helping with the weekend collection counting? We have 5 teams who help with the task once a month. Training will be provided. Contact the office, or speak to Bill Flynn.

ADORATION AT ST PHILIPS

All welcome: Mondays from 2-7pm (Mass follows) & Thursdays from 3-7pm

CHRISTMAS FUN

St Theresa Parish bus to Montreal for the Great Christmas Festival. Departs 9:30 on Friday December the 8th by coach to Montreal \$40. 613-230-4552

ST ANDREWS RICHMOND—CHILI SUPPER DEC 8

5pm. Carol singing at 6:30pm. Freewill donation

UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS

Dec 13, 27 and Jan 10 at 7pm in the parish hall.

Parish Directory :

Pastor: Fr. Bob Poole - 613-838-2314

Deacon: Den Louis Seward- 444-1228

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Office Hours: Virtual Tues & Thurs – 9am-1:30pm. Wed: In Person 9-1

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays 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 (3pm); Baptismal preparation required. Contact office 8 weeks in advance.

Marriages: Contact office at least 6 months in advance of desired date

Reconciliation: First Fridays 7-8pm; OR

By appointment – call the office (613-838-2314)

Confirmation/1st Communion – Next Enrollment is September 2024

Sacrament o/t Sick-on request,&after every Mass on last wkend of month

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

The Ladies Auxiliary will be raffling several Christmas Gift Baskets, full of goodies for all. First prize is value \$600. Tickets can be bought at the back of church after each mass add or by contacting Mary roosenmb@xplornet.ca. Tickets: \$0.99 each or 6/\$5.00. The draw will take place Dec 17th at the Knights of Columbus luncheon with Santa.

ADVENT HYMN SING DECEMBER 8, 7PM

Due to an overwhelming request from those who participated last June, we are having an "Advent Hymn Sing" on December 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in St Philips church. If you have a favorite hymn of praise, worship, Advent or Christmas that you would like included (only one please), contact Nicole, at 838-2606 or nicola.7@hotmail.com. Refreshments will be served in the hall after the singing.

ST PHILIP CEMETERY

The cemetery is now closed for burials. It will reopen, weather and grounds permitting, next June.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Gerry vanGall, Fr Bob Poole, Cecilia, Rosie, Georgette Jubinville, Mavis Lewis, Sheldon Seward, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, Melissa Doyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Krista Van Gaal, Elizabeth Vickers, Heather Murphy, MJ Wilson, Tracy Haddad, Samson Purdy, Ray Lalonde, Theresa Slattery, Alfie Kavanagh, Robert Braund, John Pybus, Michael Lawless, Suzanne Denis, Joyce Cook, Elizabeth van-Galder, Karen McCarthy, Doris Calagoure, Lorraine Wanamaker, Amber Williamson, healthcare workers, those affected by COVID, those who are isolated and all who mourn. God bless them & families with peace, joy, strength. St Joseph, Hope of the Sick, Patron of the Dying, intercede for us.

CHRISTMAS CAKES AND TREATS IN SUPPORT OF COALITION LIFE CAMPAIGN The cakes and treats from the Monks of l'Abbay Val Notre Dame will be on sale after all weekend Masses from November 26th to December 17th. As you have so generously done in the past, please support us again this year.



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| Sacristans – Betty Dolan | 838-3181 |
| Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers– Christina Murdock | 324-3287 |
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| Knights of Columbus – John Evans | jte65@outlook.com |
| Cemetery – Brian Goss | 838-4269 |
| St Vincent de Paul - David Vickers | 838-2314 |
| Coffee Sunday—Veronica Gervais | 791-2723 |
| Live-Stream—Patrick McIver | |

St Clare Ministries:

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| Cemetery – Jerome O'Connor | 838-2704 |
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