

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario



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February 4-18, 2024—5-7th Sundays Ord. Time

Pastor: Father Bob Poole

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

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)

Register as a Parishioner: Fill out the form found at the church entrance and drop in collection basket.

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Fr Bob writes:

Popular logic in Old Testament times was that people who observed God's commandments prospered and sinners suffered. So, after the righteous Job lost nearly everything and was in physical anguish, three of his best friends came to encourage him to confess and repent of whatever he had done so God could restore him to health and prosperity.

How many of the people who came to Jesus, including those who came to Peter's house on the evening recounted in our gospel reading this Sunday, wondered for what sins God was punishing them with

Sickness and suffering? How many Catholics still believe that their sufferings are a result of God punishing them for their sins? The apostles even put credence in the sin-suffering logic, asking Jesus with reference to a blind man: "Who was it who sinned, him or his parents, that he was born blind?". Jesus gave no credence to their way of thinking, responding: "Neither, it is so the works of God might be made visible through him." (John 9: 2-3). The apostles should have read the book of Job more clearly. So should we.

Preliminary Schedule for Lent / Holy Week (watch for updates to come soon)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT (at St Philips)

Fridays 7pm on February 16 & 23

Friday March 1st at 6:30pm (followed by 'First Friday' Mass at 7pm and then a holy hour of adoration from 7:30-8:30pm).

Fridays March 8, 15 and 22 at 7pm

Palm Sunday (March 23-24) - Regular weekend Masses

Tuesday March 26 - Chrism Mass (downtown)—More details soon

Holy Thursday (Mar 28) - Mass of the Lord's Supper—More details soon

Good Friday (Mar 29) - **10am**—Way of the Cross (no walk) at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Richmond
- **3pm**—Passion of the Lord—More details soon

Holy Saturday (Mar 30) - Easter Vigil, St Philip—More details soon

Easter Sunday (April 1) - **9am**-Mass St Clare, **10:30am**– Mass St Philip, **12:30**–Mass, Lift Jesus Higher



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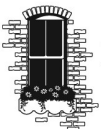


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St. Philip Parish Financial Report 2023

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Temporal Affairs Council (TAC), I am pleased to present the parish's financial report for the year ended December 31, 2023, and our budget for 2024. While I have decided to highlight only a few important items below, I encourage you to review the attached financial statements for more details.

Overall, ordinary revenues for 2023 were steady at approximately \$160,000 compared to \$158,000 in 2022 while our operating costs declined. This decline in costs was mainly due to reduced payroll expense as I was on sick leave for several months this year.

While I believe the parish remains in good financial standing as we have a sufficient cash balance to cover operating costs; the upcoming year will be financially challenging for the parish as payroll costs return to normal and due to inflationary pressure.

In response to rising costs, the TAC and I have done our best to make cuts wherever possible which are reflected in the 2024 budget however we still require a 7.5% increase in revenue to balance the budget. I ask you to consider these rising costs as you plan your 2024 donations to the parish.

We will provide regular financial updates throughout the year to ensure you are informed. Should you have questions concerning the contents of this report and the financial statements below, or any other matters, please do not hesitate to see me.

Fr. Bob Poole, Pastor
St. Philip Parish

23 January 2024

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St. Philip Parish Statement of Financial Position year ended December 31

	2023	2022
Assets		
General Operating Bank Account	\$ 16,211	\$ 19,717
Mass Bank Account	107	240
Accounts Receivable	4,215	2,659
Restricted Bank Accounts	46,826	36,476
Restricted Investments (Diocesan Fund)	47,652	46,027
Total Assets	\$ 115,011	\$ 105,120
Liabilities, Restricted Funds & Accumulated Surplus		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Deferrals	\$ 264	\$ 637
	\$ 264	\$ 637
Restricted Funds		
Operating Cash Reserve	4,721	3,095
Restoration Fund	73,420	69,733
200th Anniversary Fund	942	942
Peru Mission Fund	9,337	8,733
	88,420	82,504
Accumulated Surplus from Ordinary Operations		
Opening Accumulated Surplus from Ordinary Operations	21,979	44,063
Surplus (Deficit) from Ordinary Operations	4,348	(22,084)
	26,327	21,979
Total Liabilities, Restricted Funds & Accumulated Surplus	\$ 115,011	\$ 105,120

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St. Philip Parish Statement of Operations year ended December 31

	2023	2022	Budget 2024
ORDINARY OPERATIONS:			
Ordinary Revenue:			
Collections	\$ 111,293	\$ 104,087	\$ 115,000
St. Clare's Portion of Shared Expenses	26,000	19,200	28,000
Hall Rent and Bar Revenues	9,240	11,662	10,000
Other Revenues and Government Assistance	-	11,861	-
Pastoral Activities (weddings, funerals, masses, etc.)	1,771	3,410	3,000
Donations from Parochial Organizations	1,382	3,506	5,000
Donations (Easter, Christmas)	3,727	2,695	4,000
Bulletin Revenues	6,565	1,800	7,000
Total Ordinary Revenues:	\$ 159,978	\$ 158,221	\$ 172,000
Ordinary Expenses:			
Payroll Expenses	\$ 71,046	\$ 89,971	\$ 93,500
Pastoral Expenses (Altar Supplies, etc.)	5,718	9,962	5,500
Office Expenses	11,001	12,770	10,000
Utilities, taxes, and insurance	25,930	22,904	27,000
Diocesan Tax	13,451	20,110	16,000
Repairs and Maintenance	28,484	24,588	20,000
Total Ordinary Expenses:	\$ 155,630	\$ 180,305	\$ 172,000
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	\$ 4,348	\$ (22,084)	\$ -
EXTRAORDINARY OPERATIONS:			
Extraordinary Revenues:			
Collections for Restoration and Major Projects	\$ 8,364	\$ 7,785	\$ 9,000
Peru Mission and Parochial Donations	1,605	-	2,000
Interest Earned on Restricted Funds	1,625	1,570	1,600
Total Extraordinary Revenues	\$ 11,594	\$ 9,355	\$ 12,600
Extraordinary Expenses:			
Major Repairs, Projects and Asset Purchases	4,677	5,448	10,985
Peru Mission Charitable Donations	1,000	-	1,000
Diocesan Taxes on Restoration Donations	549	640	600
Bank charges	-	13	15
Total Extraordinary Expenses	\$ 6,226	\$ 6,101	\$ 12,600
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM EXTRAORDINARY OPERATIONS	\$ 5,368	\$ 3,255	\$ -
Total Revenue from All Sources	\$ 171,572	\$ 167,576	\$ 184,600
Total Expenses from All Sources	161,856	186,405	184,600
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 9,716	\$ (18,829)	\$ -

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 New Year

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

Euchre: Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: Feb 7, 21 and Mar 6

First Friday Mass: Feb 2 & Mar 1. 6:30pm. Adoration follows.

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

Ladies Auxiliary: Wed Feb 28 & Mar 13, 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 (Rectory)

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

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JAN /FEB

For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Announced Masses—February

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

Feb 10—In memory of Thomas Lane by Lynn & Tom Lane

Feb 17—In memory of Jacques Gregoire by Rosemary Logan

Feb 24—In memory of Elsie & Michael Charron by Rosemary Logan

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

Feb 4—In memory of Jayden Dowdall by Neil & Irma Clark

Feb 11—In memory of Karen Sirosky by Colleen and Bob Moore

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

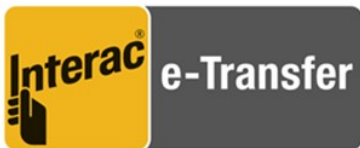
Feb 11—For members of the Ladies Auxiliary and their families

Catechism Corner

What is chaste love? Why should a Christian live a chaste life?

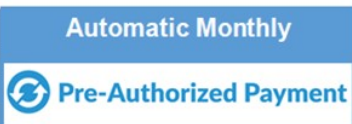
A chaste love is a love that defends itself against all the internal and external forces that might destroy it. That person is chaste who has consciously accepted his sexuality and integrated it well into his personality. Chastity and continence are not the same thing. Someone who has an active sex life in marriage must be chaste, too. A person acts chastely when his bodily activity is the expression of dependable, faithful love. Chastity must not be confused with prudishness. A person who lives chastely is not the plaything of his lusts but, rather, lives his sexuality deliberately, motivated by love, and as an expression of that love. Unchaste behavior weakens love and obscures its meaning. The Catholic Church advocates a holistic ecological approach to sexuality. This includes sexual pleasure, which is something good and beautiful; personal love; and fruitfulness, which means openness to having children. It is the understanding of the Catholic Church that these three aspects of sexuality belong together. Now if a man has one woman for sexual pleasure, a second to whom he writes love poetry, and a third with whom to have children, then he is exploiting all three and really loves none of them. (YOUCAT questions 403-404) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2337-2338) and other references [here](#).

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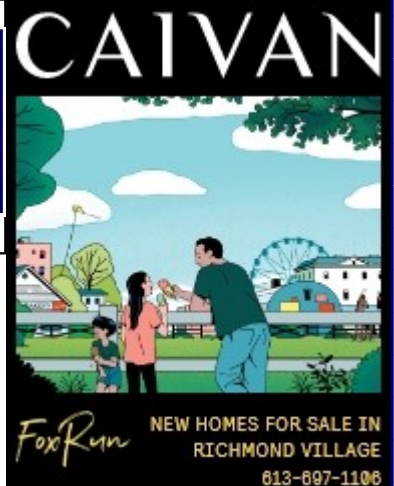
Why is it important to support the parishes financially?

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

ST PHILIP FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report is included in the online version of this bulletin (pages 3,4 and 5). The report is also posted to the parish website (www.stphilips-church.com). Print copies were available at the entrance to St Philips church starting on the weekend of January 27-27, 2024.

2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are ready for pick up at the entrances of both St Philips and St Clares. Should you wish to have your tax receipt emailed to you, email the office **by April 1st** and you will receive your receipt by email by April 15, 2024. To help us in this large undertaking, kindly send as follows:

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Tickets are now available from Peter Moore (613-762-5060) or John Evans (613-558-9620). This Raffle is a major fundraiser in our parish community with all proceeds donated to the Richmond Food Bank (50%) and our two churches (St. Philip and St. Clare - 50% shared).

MONDAYS & TUESDAY EVENING 7PM MASSES

... have resumed. All welcome!

BIBLE STUDY—MONDAYS AFTER 7pm MASS

In person of by ZOOM. Contact Fr Bob to have the ZOOM link sent to you.

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES CONTINUES

Watch at www.stphilips-church.com, or go to https://www.youtube.com/@stphilipparish_stclaremission/streams or click [this link](#). Many thanks to our faithful volunteers!

OFFICE HOLIDAYS / FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

The office will be closed for holidays the first two weeks of February, and will be open virtually the last two weeks of February. Email us at: welcomhome1819@gmail.com or phone 613-838-2314.

VIDEOGRAPHY / PHOTOGRAPHY

A volunteer has generously offered to do videography and photography for Baptisms, Weddings, Receptions, Funerals etc. Those who use this service are asked to make a freewill donation to St Philip Parish. Contact Stan Pioro: Phone/Text: 613-277-0513 or email: stanpioro@gmail.com

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Fridays 7-8pm or by appointment – contact the office (838-2314)

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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

ASH WEDNESDAY—MASS AT 7PM

Lent will begin this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14. Mass will be held at St Philips at 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT – every Fri-

day evening during Lent. Please note the times as follows:

February 16 & 23 at 7pm. Friday March 1st at 6:30pm

(followed by ‘First Friday’ Mass at 7pm and then a holy hour of adoration from 7:30-8:30pm). March 8, 15 and 22 at 7pm.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

Join us on Friday Feb 2nd for ‘First Friday’ Mass at 6:30pm in St Philip Church. A holy hour of adoration follows from 7-8pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. Note time change for March 1st: Mass is at 7pm followed by a holy hour of adoration from 7:30-8:30pm (note that on March 1st, the Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30pm)

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Jean Robert Séguin, Gerry vanGall, Fr Bob Poole, Cecilia, Rosie, 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, Michael Lawless, Suzanne Denis, Joyce Cook, Elizabeth vanGalder, Karen McCarthy, Doris Calagoure, Lorraine Wannamaker, 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.

UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS

Feb 7, 21 and March 6 & 20- 7pm in the parish hall.

HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM YOVILLE CTR

Youville Staff have sent a card with photos to St. Philips and St. Clare's parishioners for generously sending gifts and Christmas good wishes. Well done everyone!

ADORATION AT ST PHILIPS

Come, spend a few minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We have adoration on Mondays (2pm—6:45pm) and Thursdays 2pm—6pm



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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	

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Finance Chair – Anastasia Bowles	257-8249
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Cemetery – Jerome O'Connor	838-2704
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