

# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario



ST. PHILIP PARISH  
Pray - Love - Celebrate

January 28, 2024—4th Sunday Ordinary Time

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St Clares Mission Est 1849

## '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](http://www.stphilips-church.com) (right side of homepage under the 'Donate Now' button)

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### *Fr Bob writes:*

In our second reading this Sunday, to the Christian community in the city of Corinth, St Paul speaks of the anxieties connected with various states of life and the necessity of adhering wholly to the Lord. Christians are called to be free of distracting anxieties, especially, for Paul, in view of the impending return of the Lord. Human concerns tend to obscure spiritual vision in every state of life. Even those who are single in God's interest tend to become preoccupied with features of their spiritual life.

Daily concerns and marital responsibilities place a strain on those who are married. Elsewhere Paul speaks of his preference for the celibate life. Neither state of life is given preference here. The single state may well offer less stress-

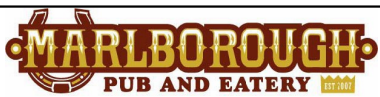
filled concerns, but it is quite possible that in Corinth, it had spawned a form of elitist asceticism. Paul shows no indication of being dogmatic in his counsel nor does he indicate a plan of action for his audience.

Time is running out. What is paramount is a Christ-centred life. Paul gives the same advice to the married and unmarried and, interestingly enough, to women and men equally. He wants the Corinthians to be able to prepare in the best manner possible for Christ's return; thus he wants them to have less care. This state is achieved more readily in one who can devote himself entirely or almost entirely to the things which pertain directly to God.

### **Next Weekend: Men's Cursillo Weekend**

The Ottawa Cursillo Movement is holding a Men's Weekend from February 1-4 at Centre de L'Amour in Plantagenet. The weekend is called a Cursillo. Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "little" or "short" course. The Cursillo begins on Thursday evening with a short introduction and orientation and then the retreat phase begins. The weekend also includes a daily celebration of the Mass and times of prayer. A good part of each day is spent listening to talks given by a priest and Catholic lay men followed by group discussion. There are three meals provided each day. The weekend ends late Sunday afternoon. No one is too well informed or too spiritual to make a Cursillo. Cursillo could be for you. The Cursillo Movement is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Catholic Church. Its aim is to concentrate closely on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Cursillo gives those who attend it a living understanding of basic Christian truths and the desire to serve the Church. If you feel such a weekend may be good for you, please contact Sylva or John Sheridan: [sylva.sheridan@gmail.com](mailto:sylva.sheridan@gmail.com) or [johnvsheridan@gmail.com](mailto:johnvsheridan@gmail.com) or visit the website at: <https://ottawacursillo.ca/>.





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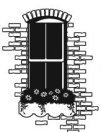
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## Parish Life—Regular Activities

### 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Jan 10 & 24

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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**—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month (Rectory)

**Temporal Affairs Cnc'l:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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—Jan & Feb

### 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

Jan 28—In memory of David Hamilton requested by Reta Hamilton

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

### Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

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

## Catechism Corner

**Is there a priority of one sex over the other?** No. God endowed men and women with identical dignity as persons. Both men and women are human beings created in God's image and children of God redeemed by Jesus Christ. It is just as unchristian as it is inhumane to discriminate unjustly against someone because he is male or female. Equal dignity and equal rights, nevertheless, do not mean uniformity. The sort of egalitarianism that ignores the specific character of a man or a woman contradicts God's plan of creation.

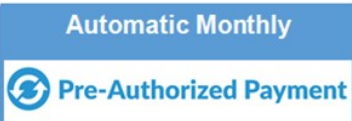
**What is love?** Love is the free self-giving of the heart. To have a heart full of love means to be so pleased with something that one emerges from oneself and devotes oneself to it. A musician can devote himself to a masterpiece. A kindergarten teacher can be there wholeheartedly for her charges. In every friendship there is love. The most beautiful form of love on earth, however, is the love between man and woman, in which two people give themselves to each other forever. All human love is an image of divine love, in which all love is at home. Love is the inmost being of the Triune God. In God there is continual exchange and perpetual self-giving. Through the overflowing of divine love, we participate in the eternal love of God. The more a person loves, the more he resembles God. Love should influence the whole life of a person, but it is realized with particular depth and symbolism when man and woman love one another in marriage and become "one flesh" (Gen 2:24). (YOUCAT questions 401-402) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2346) 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:

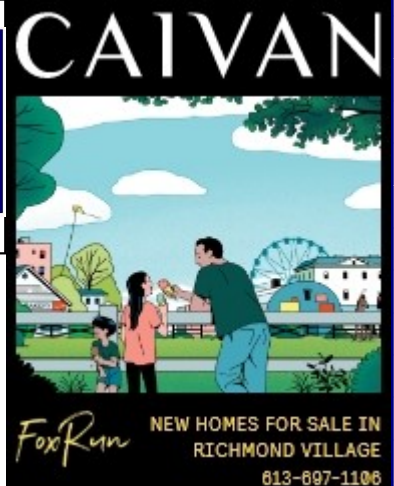
- Paying for the parish priest, the parish office administrator, replacement priests to say Mass and the parish bookkeeper;
- Diocesan tax on parish revenues (donations);
- Utilities (heat, hydro, water, sewer, utilities, etc.)
- Repairs and maintenance on St. Philip Church, the Parish Hall, and other 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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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY RAFFLE

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 RESUMES MONDAY JANUARY 22

after 7pm Mass. In person or by ZOOM. Call the office to have the ZOOM link sent to you.

## LIVE-STREAMING MASSES CONTINUES

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

## HEART OF WORSHIP

Heart of Worship Adoration Evening – Tuesday, January 30th at Holy Redeemer Parish (44 Rothesay Dr.) @7:00pm - 8:30pm – Spiritual talk by Ian Anderson– Praise and Worship music – Confessions – Silent prayer time – Fellowship – Livestream link: [www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata](http://www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata)

## 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](mailto:welcomhome1819@gmail.com) or phone 613-838-2314.

## VIDEOGRAPHY / PHOTOGRAPHY

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a longstanding organization dedicated to strengthening Christians under persecution. Over the past three decades, the Open Doors' World Watch List (<https://www.opendoorscanada.org/worldwatchlist/>) has become a critical, credible resource that illustrates the reality of Christians enduring extreme persecution worldwide. The World Watch List is your source for current information and prayer points about the 50 countries where faith costs the most.

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# Parish Directory :

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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/1<sup>st</sup> Communion** – Next Enrollment is September 2024

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

## FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

Join us on Friday Feb 2nd and Friday March 1st 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.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for 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.

## ROAD CLOSURES SUNDAY JANUARY 28

...due to the Richmond Road Races. More info by contacting Alistair at 613-234-2221 or [questions@runottawa.ca](mailto:questions@runottawa.ca).

## UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS

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

## PUT YOUR PRAYERS IN THE PRAYER BOX

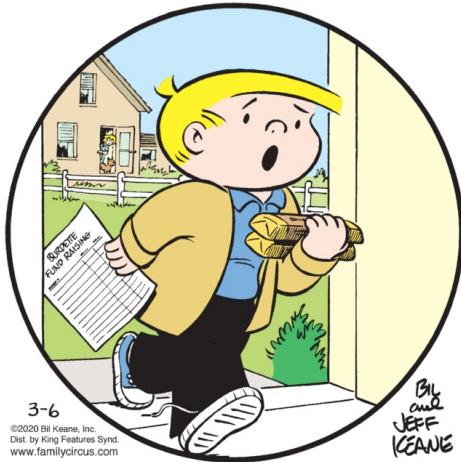
Beginning this Sunday, we are re-starting our practice of placing prayers in the prayer box. The gifts and prayer box at the back of the church will be brought forward at Offertory. All written prayer requests will be disposed of in a confidential manner.

## HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM YOUVILLE CENTRE

Youville Staff have sent card with photos to St. Philips and St. Clare's parishioners for generously sending gifts and Christmas good wishes. If you would like to view the card, please be in touch with Julie Brown at 613-805-5351. There was a greater need this year, and they were touched that we were able to send gifts for all. Well done everyone!

## ASH WEDNESDAY—MASS AT 7PM

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



"How am I s'posed to love my neighbor when she didn't even order any of my candy bars?"

# Ministries:

## St Philip Ministries:

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Ladies Auxiliary – Sharon Crossan	790-7720
Knights of Columbus – John Evans	<a href="mailto:jte65@outlook.com">jte65@outlook.com</a>
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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