

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario



March 24, 2024—Palm Sunday
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Sunday Masses: St Philip: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 10:30am & 12:30 (Charismatic Mass) St Clare: Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: Mondays 7pm (St Philip) & Tuesdays 7pm (St Clares) What's On Weekly—See Page 2

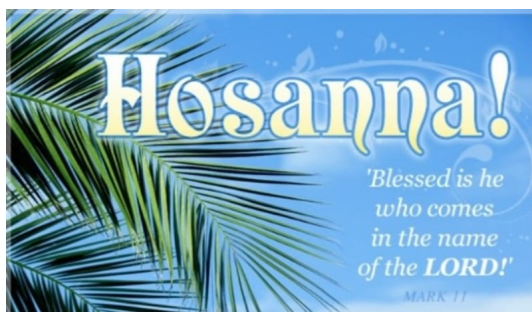
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Fr Bob writes:

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday, because in our Mass this day, we imitate the journey Jesus made into Jerusalem to begin his Passion. Like those who follow him, we use palm branches to show our honoring of him as our king. Then there is a dramatic switch of mood as we enter into the story of Jesus' death and burial. So this Sunday is also called Passion Sunday. On each of the three years of readings, the second reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians is read. Because of its rhythmic character and distinct vocabulary, biblical commentators generally agree that it is an early Christian hymn which Paul has inserted here. If such be the case, in analyzing its content, it must be remembered that it is poetry and not a narrow theological treatise. The hymn raises many theological questions, not all of which admit to an easy response because of the genre that is here employed.



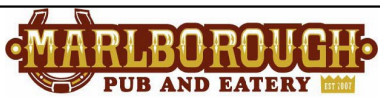
But, for all that, the text presents us with a beautiful statement of the double nature of Jesus as both God and man. The Second Person of the Trinity, while retaining his divine nature, we are told, "emptied himself" of the marvellous qualities and abilities attached to that divine nature (all-knowing, omnipresent, all-powerful, etc) and took on our human nature, as we hear in Eucharistic Prayer IV, "a man like us in all things but sin". In this total self-giving, Jesus both expresses the depth of God's love for us and calls us to glory with him by a similar detachment of self out of love for God and others.

Lenten Reflections

We sometimes think of this season as a miserable one, full of fasting and inconvenience. After all, one of the most famous Lenten images is a barren desert.

But Lent isn't meant to be a time of exile or dryness. Rather, it's an opportunity for us to flee from the distractions of regular life into Jesus' arms. When we are with him, we know we will find refreshment. The Lord has an oasis waiting in this Lenten desert for you. He wants to grow closer to you and bring new freshness to your faith. He can strengthen you in areas you are struggling. All he asks for is your 'yes' to trust in him and follow where he leads.

One way to continue that Lenten journey is through brief Sunday reflections from our bishops. Stay tuned to the Diocese [News page](#) and social media or click the icons to read the first two Sunday reflections.
First Sunday of Lent: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/1st-sunday-of-lent-archbishop-damphousse/>
Second Sunday of Lent: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/2nd-sunday-of-lent-bishop-mathieu/>
Third Sunday of Lent: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/3rd-sunday-of-lent-archbishop-damphousse/>
Fourth Sunday of Lent: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/4th-sunday-of-lent-bishop-mathieu/>
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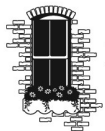
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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: After 7pm Mass on Mondays

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

Euchre: Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: Mar 20, April 3

First Friday Mass: April 5– 7pm. Adoration follows.

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

Ladies Auxiliary: Wed April 10, 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

Announced Masses—March

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

Mar 16—For members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and their families

Mar 23—In memory of Doris Calagoure, by Lynn & Tom Lane

Mar 30—In memory of Michael Charron by Rosemary Logan

April 6—In memory of Patricia Donihee by Mary & Ernie Beaudette

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

March 17—In memory of Shawn Moore by Colleen and Bob Moore

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

Mar 17—Repose of the Soul of Raj Dilawry by the Eckert/Lane family

Mar 31—For Living & Deceased members of the Lotan & Bergeron families by Michelle and Michael Lotan

April 7—In mem of Simone Naipaul-Dear and Kyram Dear by Cynthia Green

Monday, 7pm at St. Philip Parish

Mar 18—In memory of Emilie Braund and in celebration of the birthday of Elizabeth Whinn by Rosemary Logan

April 8—In Celebration of Michael Lotan's birthday by Michelle Lotan AND For members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and their families

Catechism Corner

What is theft, and what falls under the Seventh Commandment?

Theft is the unlawful appropriation of goods belonging to another. Appropriating someone else's goods unjustly is a sin against the Seventh Commandment even if the act cannot be indicted under civil law. What is unjust in God's sight is unjust. The Seventh Commandment, of course, applies not only to stealing, but also to the unfair withholding of a just wage, the keeping of found items that one could give back, and defrauding in general. The Seventh Commandment also pertains to the following: setting employees to work in inhumane conditions, not abiding by contracts into which one has entered, wasting profits without any consideration for social obligations, artificially driving prices up or down, endangering the jobs of colleagues for whom one is responsible, bribery and corruption, misleading dependent coworkers into illegal actions, doing shoddy work or demanding inappropriate remuneration, wasting or negligently managing public property, counterfeiting or falsifying accounting records, or tax evasion. (YOUCAT questions 428-429) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2408 -2409) and other references [here](#).

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Fridays 7-8pm or by appointment – contact the office (838-2314). Also... Wed March 20 evening of Reconciliations (see the top news item above).

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYED NIGHTLY ... from Good Friday (Mar 29th) until Saturday April 6th (incl). 7pm all nights except Friday April 5th (6:30pm) due to 'First Friday' Mass. Divine Mercy Sunday: While our parish will not be having a special celebration, join Holy Redeemer Parish April 7 from 2—4pm. There will be Sacrament of Reconciliation, sung Chaplet, a reflection given by Father Francis Donnelly, CC, other short prayers and ending with Consecration to the Divine Mercy for the whole world. Benediction and Veneration of the blessed Divine Mercy image and 1st class relics of St. Faustina, Blessed Fr. Michael Sopocko, St. John Paul II, St. Maximillian Kolbe and St. Therese of Lisieux.

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES CONTINUES

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

2023 TAX RECEIPTS

Any Tax receipts which have not been picked up have been mailed out this week.

EARLY BIRD PRICING FOR DEANTHA EDMUNDS early bird pricing extended for the Deantha Edmunds concert taking place on April 19th at Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. This will be an evening of beautiful music that you don't want to miss. Until Monday, March 25th you can purchase the \$35 Premium General Admission ticket for just \$28, a 20% savings. Go to IRFconcert.eventbrite.ca for all the details.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Friday April 5th, 7pm followed by a holy hour of adoration. Note: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 6:30 this evening.

PLEASE PRAY - FOR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN UNION WITH CREATION- Friday March 22, 7pm. Coinciding with World Water Day, we will present a 15 min. Way of the Cross with slides and music with reflections in union with Creation. This will be followed by a 12 min. video on World Water Day and the spirituality and role of humans towards God's gifts of the water we all share. 7-7:30pm at Holy Redeemer Parish

ALPHA COURSE AT ST MAURICE PARISH

Join us for the Alpha Course starting on April 8th. The Course will run Monday evenings from 6:30pm-8:45pm until June 24th. Alpha is an opportunity to explore questions of life, meaning, and faith. It is ideal for spiritual seekers, those curious about Christianity, or those who have been away from the Church for some time. All are welcome. No cost and registration is open to anyone 18+. Dinner is included. Bring a friend and we hope to see you soon! Check our website for more details and to register: <https://www.stmauriceparish.com/Alpha1>

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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

Schedule for Lent / Holy Week / Easter 2024

Stations of the Cross (at St Philips) -- Fridays March 15th and 22nd at 7pm

Stations of the Cross (at St Clares) - Tuesday at 6:30, followed by 7pm Mass

Wed March 20, 7pm-Evening of Reconciliation at St Philip
Palm Sunday (March 23-24) - Regular Mass Schedule

Tuesday March 26 - **5pm** Chrism Mass (NotreDame)

Holy Thursday (Mar 28) - **7:30-** Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (Mar 29) - **10am**—Way of the Cross (no walk) at St Andrew's Presbyterian
3pm-Passion o/tLord— St Phil
3pm-Passion o/t Lord-St Clare
7pm-Divine Mercy Chpt-St Phil (continues nightly til Sat April 6)

Holy Saturday(Mar 30) - **7pm**-Divine Mercy Chaplet

8pm-Easter Vigil, St Philip

Easter Sunday (March 31) - **9am**-Mass St Clare,

10:30am— Mass St Philip,

12:30—Mass, Lift Jesus Higher

7pm-Divine Mercy Chpt-St Phil

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Divine Mercy Sunday (Apr 7)-Events at Holy Redeemer

Visit www.holyredeemer.ca

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS for those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25 and 20 years of marriage. It will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica on **Sunday, April 14 at 2:30 pm**. Please register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg>. **Please register before Easter.**

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Mavis Lewis, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Mary Fitzpatrick, Jean Robert Séguin, Gerry van Gaal, Fr Bob Poole, Cecilia, Rosie, Mavis Lewis, Sheldon Seward, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, Melissa Doyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Vickers, Heather Murphy, MJ Wilson, Tracy Haddad, Samson Purdy, Ray Lalonde, Theresa Slatery, 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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10). Are you interested in experiencing contemplative prayer? Christian Meditation meeting at Our Lady of Fatima, Saturdays @ 9:45am. Info: Theresa Ziebell 613-722-1693.

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Cemetery – Brian Goss	838-4269
St Vincent de Paul - David Vickers	838-2314
Coffee Sunday—Veronica Gervais	791-2723
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