

# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

March 10, 2024—4th Sunday of Lent

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Deacon: Dcn Louis Seward

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St Clare's 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

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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:

During the Exodus from Egypt, the people of Israel complained about the food. So God led them into an area infested with a type of venomous snake whose bite caused a severe burning sensation and even death for some. The people realized that there were worse things than bad food and asked God's forgiveness for their complaining. God told Moses to "make a seraph and mount it on a pole. If anyone, who has been bitten, looks at it, he will recover" (Numbers 21:8). The instrument of suffering was converted into the sign of healing grace.

The image of Jesus suffering on the cross is converted into the ultimate sign of healing grace. The cross was the instrument, but it is looking to Jesus that brings us the healing saving grace of God. That is why we Catholics generally prefer the crucifix with the image of Jesus on it.

As someone once said "At the cross, man's biggest "NO" to God becomes God's biggest "YES" to man!"



### How is your Lent going?

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 (which release each week).** 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/> and

Second Sunday of Lent: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/2nd-sunday-of-lent-bishop-mathieu/>





## 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: 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 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

## Announced Masses—March

### Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

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

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

### Monday, 7pm at St. Philip Parish

**Mar 18**—In memory of Elizabeth Whinn and Emilie Braund by Rosemary Logan

**April 8**—In Celebration of Michael Lotan's birthday by Michelle Lotan

## Catechism Corner

### What is regulated by the Seventh Commandment:

#### "You shall not steal" (Ex 20:15)?

The Seventh Commandment not only forbids taking something away from another person, it also requires the just management and distribution of the earth's goods; it regulates the question of private property and the distribution of the proceeds from human work. The unjust distribution of raw materials is also indicted in this commandment. In the first place, the Seventh Commandment actually forbids only taking someone else's property unlawfully. However, it also addresses the human endeavor to make just social arrangements in the world and to plan for its beneficial development. The Seventh Commandment says that we are obliged in faith to advocate the protection of the environment as part of creation and to conserve the earth's natural resources. (YOUCAT questions 426-427)

### 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.

## Please Consider Donating



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Set up an E-Transfer from your bank and email to us at: WelcomeHome1819@gmail.com

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 OR CHEQUE

**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

### EVENING OF RECONCILIATION WED MARCH 20

A great way to prepare for Easter! Join us at St Philips at 7pm for a liturgy of the word, followed by the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have several priests on hand for the evening.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST MARCH 17

The Knights of Columbus and Coffee Sunday volunteers will be hosting a parish breakfast on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass. There will be no cost for the event, however goodwill donations will be gratefully accepted. Please come and join your fellow parishioners in fellowship and celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY RAFFLE WINNERS!

The charity raffle results have been posted onto the parish website (available here: <https://www.stphilips-church.com/2024/02/25/st-philip-and-st-clare-knights-of-columbus-awards-prizes-in-2024-charity-raffle-thank-community-for-its-tremendous-support/>). Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donations to St Philips, St Clares and the Richmond Food Bank.

### LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES CONTINUES

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

### THE OFFICE IS OPEN

The office continues to be open on a hybrid work model.  
Tuesday 9am-1:30pm—email or phone us.  
Wednesday 9am-1:30pm—drop in, phone or email us  
Thursday 9am-1:30pm—email or phone us.  
Contact: [welcomhome1819@gmail.com](mailto:welcomhome1819@gmail.com) / 613-838-2314

### 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).

**TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY MARCH 8, 7:30PM** at Danby's Roadhouse. Register by contacting Sharon Steward at [sharstewart11@gmail.com](mailto:sharstewart11@gmail.com) or call 819-360-0315. Dine in by 6:30 by reserving a table or snack on appetizers.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY EVENT SUNDAY MAR 17

at Our Lady of the Visitation. See poster at back of the church, or visit <https://olvottawa.ca/church/>

### 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 in this large undertaking, kindly send as follows: "Subject: Please Email Tax Receipt to YOUR NAME"

### EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC WITH DEANTHA EDMUNDS

recent Order of Canada recipient who has performed for both Pope Francis and King Charles. ([www.deanta.ca](http://www.deanta.ca)). The April 19<sup>th</sup> concert (7:30 pm) will be held at Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. proceeds will benefit the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. [journeyforhealing.ca](http://journeyforhealing.ca). Tickets: [IRFconcert.eventbrite.com](http://IRFconcert.eventbrite.com) or 613-933-1138, ext. 22. Tickets are \$50, \$35\* and \$25. Purchase today to benefit from \*early bird pricing. [www.deantha.ca](http://www.deantha.ca).

## 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

## Preliminary Schedule for Lent / Holy Week

**Stations of the Cross (at St Philips)** -- Fridays March 8, 15 and 22 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** - Chrism Mass (downtown)

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

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

**Holy Saturday (Mar 30)**—Easter Vigil, St Philip

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

**10:30am**— Mass St Philip,

**12:30**—Mass, Lift Jesus Higher

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT CLARES

This Lent, St Clare's will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Tuesday at 6:30, followed by 7pm Mass and then soup and bread afterwards. All welcome.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST PHILIPS

Every Friday evening during Lent. Please note the times as follows: March 8, 15 and 22 at 7pm.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for 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.

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



"It's okay to pray for something little, Jeffy. Everything's little to God." ☺

## Ministries:

### St Philip Ministries:

Pastoral Council—Fr Bob Poole 838-2314

Temporal Affairs— Dan McKenna [danno2846@gmail.com](mailto:danno2846@gmail.com)

Children's Liturgy – Tina Sul 301-1585

Sacristans – Betty Dolan 838-3181

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers— Christina Murdock 324-3287

Ladies Auxiliary – Sharon Crossan 790-7720

Knights of Columbus – John Evans [jte65@outlook.com](mailto: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:

Pastoral Council Ryan O'Connor [Ryan@unreserved.com](mailto:Ryan@unreserved.com)

Finance Chair – Anastasia Bowles 257-8249

Lectors, Sacristans – Ada Gorrie 838-2490

Cemetery – Jerome O'Connor 838-2704

CWL—Ada Gorrie(838-2490) / Tilly O'Connor 838-5103