

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

April 21, 2024—4th Sunday of Easter

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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**

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:

Our gospel this weekend focuses on the theme of "Jesus the Good Shepherd," to relate to this Sunday being the 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations.' Whether or not they had anything to do with sheep, Jewish people identified with the shepherd image in which their tradition was so deeply grounded. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were shepherds. Moses became a shepherd when he fled from Egypt to Midian. David was a shepherd at the time he was anointed the future king by Samuel. Matthew speaks of God's appointed ruler who will "shepherd my people Israel" (2:6), the people needing direction for their lives "like sheep without a shepherd" (9:36) and the division of people at the end of time "as a shepherd separates sheep from goats" (25:32). The parable of the shepherd seeking out the lost sheep is found in all three synoptic gospels. John 10 reiterates a number of times that Jesus is the "Good Shepherd."

Who are the "sheep that do not belong to this fold" that Jesus mentions in our gospel this weekend? This is generally believed to refer to the Gentiles or pagans, people of non-Jewish race and religious background who will hear Jesus' voice through the proclamation of the gospel.

The last verses of this text indicate Jesus' awareness and acceptance of his call. Although deeply anxious about his impending death, indicated by the blood in his sweat during prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus chose to complete his mission in this world. His sacrificial death was not forced upon him against his will. Sometimes we are blessed to know that certain challenges placed before us in this life are part of God's plan which will result in good for others and eternal blessings for ourselves. Will we have the strength to say "yes" to God in such moments?

Pentecost is May 19: Retreats for your Consideration

... in Ottawa, from the Servants of the Cross

Road to Pentecost Prepare for the feast of Pentecost with a virtual Pentecost Novena and a book reading of the inspiring book - *The Cross and the Switchblade*. A story of a country preacher who listened to the Lord and, step by step, answered a call to do greater things. Is "crossing that chicken line" and believing his call on your life a challenge for you? Join us for this transformational weekend. Let's meet over a weekend and read this amazing book together. Let's share the Gospel to all those we meet. Register on our website:

<https://servantsofthecross.ca/empower/road-to-pentecost/> No cost-Free will offering

Saturday, May 11th - 10:00am - 3:45pm (Lunch included)

Sunday May 12th - 12:00pm - 4:45pm

St. Augustine's Parish



Pentecost Retreat *Let's come together for the birthday of our Church - Pentecost!*

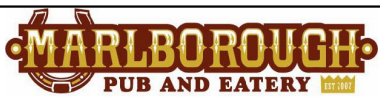
Archbishop Marcel Damphousse will celebrate our Vigil Mass. Among the many speakers, Bishop Yvan Matthieu will bless us with a talk on the scriptural basis for evangelization. Filled afresh with the Spirit, we will go out on mission from the retreat. Registration: \$35 dollars per person OR \$60 per couple. Blessed Sacrament Parish.

To register, click here: <https://servantsofthecross.regfox.com/pentecost-retreat-2024>

Friday, May 17th (6:30 - 9:00pm)

Saturday, May 18th, (9:45am - 9:30pm)

Meals: Lunch and Supper are provided.



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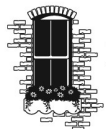
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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 (444-01228)
 Bible Study: After 7pm Mass on Mondays
 Coffee Sunday: Sundays weekly after 10:30am Mass, Hall
 Euchre: Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: May 1 & 15
 First Friday Mass: Next: June 5, 7pm. (none in May)
 Knights of Columbus—2nd Tues of mo-7:30 in Hall
 Ladies Auxiliary: Wed May 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 (Rectory)
 Temporal Affairs Cnc'l: 4th Tues of the month, 7pm, Hall

Announced Masses—April

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

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

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

April 14—In memory of Bill de los Santos by Rosemary Logan
 April 28—In memory of Johnathan Riddell by Colleen & Bob Moore
 May 5—In memory of David Hamilton by Reta Hamilton

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

April 21—In memory of Jacques Bergeron by Mike & Michelle Lotan
 April 28—In memory of Christina Hakim by Betty Dolan
 May 5—For members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and their families

Monday, 7pm at St. Philip Parish

Apr 22—For the intentions of Rosemary Logan by Michelle Lotan
 Apr 29—In memory of Philip Mayr by John & Birgit Evans

Catechism Corner

May a Christian speculate in the stock market or in Internet stocks? A Christian can speculate in the stock market or in Internet stocks, as long as he does so within the parameters of normal business practices for prudently investing one's own or someone else's money and does not thereby break any other commandments. Speculating in stocks becomes immoral when dishonest means are used (for instance, insider information); when the transaction puts one's own or another's life savings at risk instead of insuring an income; when such speculation becomes an addiction, as with games of chance.

How should we treat property that belongs to everyone? Vandalism and deliberately damaging public facilities and common property are forms of theft, and restitution must be made.

May a Christian make bets and play games of chance? Betting and gambling are immoral and dangerous when the gambler risks his livelihood. It becomes even worse if he risks the livelihood of other people, especially of those who are entrusted to his care. Morally speaking, it is a highly dubious practice to wager large sums on a game of chance while others lack the bare necessities of life. Betting and gambling, furthermore, can be addictive and enslave people. (YOUCAT questions 432-434)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (2409) and other references [here](#).

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For the Role of Women

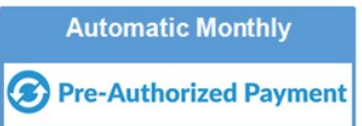
We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Please Consider Donating



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.



Flexible and easy to set up—helps provide predictability and reliability to the parish finances. You can start or end anytime you wish. Wish to enroll? Download [form HERE](#) and email to the office with a photo of a void cheque. You will receive a tax receipts from the parish next February.



Click [HERE](#) to be sent to the CanadaHelps.org website to make your secure donation. CanadaHelps.org will send us your donation (less 4% service fee) and they will issue you an immediate tax receipt by email.



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

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The daytime Bible study classes will be completing the last six sessions of the Gospel of Matthew. You are welcome to join in even if you have not attended previous classes. We meet at 9:30 on Thursday mornings in St Philips hall beginning Thursday, April 18th. The study will run until May 25th

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SAT APRIL 20, 6PM

St. Phillips Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a family fun night on Saturday April 20th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. We will be serving Shepherds pie and a fun evening of Bingo. Cost is \$15/person or maximum \$35 per-family. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Veronica Gervais at stphilipsladiesaux@gmail.com or 613 791 2723. Tickets will also be available to purchase after masses in April. Please purchase by April 17th. Click [HERE](#) for the poster & details.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Hike for Life: Sat April 27th at 9am www.actionlife.org
National March for Life-Thurs May 9 www.marchforlife.ca

SCREENING OF ROE CANADA-Wed May 2, 7pm, at Blessed Sacrament Parish. See <https://roecanada.com>

GARAGE SALE – WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!

The Knights of Columbus will again be participating in the Richmond Village Garage Sale which is expected to be held May 11, 2024. The Knights are asking parishioners to donate any gently used household items, children's toys, tools, or clothing etc, that are in good repair that can be sold at the sale in order to generate funds to support community initiatives. We ask that items are serviceable and cleaned prior to drop off. You may drop off your items to the parish hall before the weekend masses beginning April 20. No collection May 4). Remember to SAVE THE DATE! Come and visit our garage sale on May 11th. A cash BBQ will also be available during the Garage Sale.



PENTECOST RETREATS

Pentecost is coming soon: Sunday May 19. See the front page of the bulletin for retreats put on by the Servants of the Cross.

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

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](#). Thanks to our volunteers!

UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS– May 1st and May 15th

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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



STEEPLE DONATIONS—OUR SINCERE THANKS

Our sincere thanks to all who have donated (with a special focus on the rebuilding of the steeple) to St Philips since the February 14th fire. The staff and students of St Philip school recently made a generous contribution of over \$2,500. THANK YOU!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

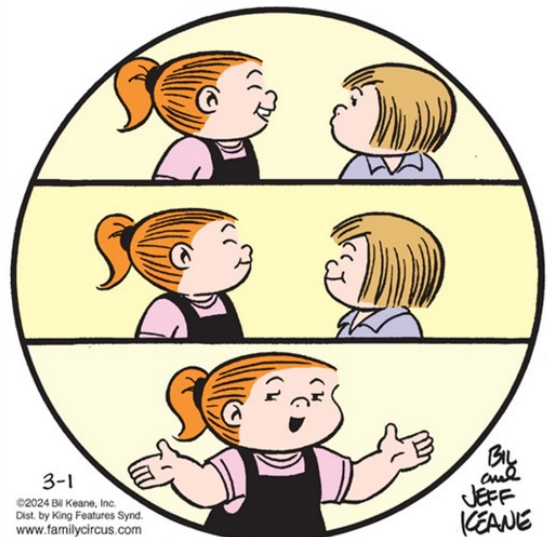
Please pray for Mavis Lewis, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Mary Fitzpatrick, Jean Robert Séguin, Gerry van Gaal, Fr Bob Poole, Cecilia, Rosie, Mavis Lewis, Sheldon Seward, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, Melissa Doyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Vickers, Heather Murphy, MJ Wilson, Tracy Haddad, Samson Purdy,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

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Wednesday 9am-1:30pm—drop in, phone or email us
Thursday 9am-1:30pm—email or phone us
Contact: welcomhome1819@gmail.com / 613-838-2314

HEART OF WORSHIP—TUESDAY APRIL 30

Tuesday, April 30th at Holy Redeemer Parish (44 Rothesay Dr.) @7:00pm - 8:30pm – Spiritual talk by Fr. Ken Lau – Praise and Worship music – Confessions – Silent prayer time – Fellowship – Livestream link: www.YouTube.com/



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