

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

April 28, 2024—4th Sunday of Easter

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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: 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)

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Fr Bob Writes:

The first letter of John, which forms the second reading during these weeks of the Easter season, puts great emphasis on putting our words into practice, *"love not in word and speech but in deed and truth."* The word for love here is "agape," the God-like love rooted not in emotion but in the will. The Greek word for "heart" is "Kardia" (see our word "cardiac." The Latin is "cor" from which the English word "core" is derived. The figurative use of the word heart was more encompassing in the Bible times than in modern language. Heart was more than that organ pumping blood. It meant the "core" of one's physical being, intellect, and will. While you and I may desire in our heart to follow

God's will perfectly, there is something at the very core of our being that keeps us doing that... something which, if it were to be the key spokesman for our conscience, would condemn us.

"Who will condemn us?" Paul asks in Romans 8:34, if Jesus is the one who intercedes for us and God is the one who acquits us. Here John touches on that same theme. Where our hearts might condemn us, God is greater than our heart. This is not a statement of presumption or satisfaction with imperfection but of encouragement not to let our sins weigh us down, to do our best to put our faith into practice.

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!*

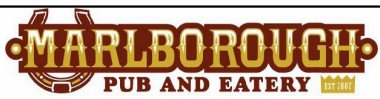
Archbishop Marcel Damphousse will celebrate our Vigil Mass. Among the many speakers, Bishop Yvan Matthieu will bless us with a talk on the scriptural basis for evangelization. Filled afresh with the Spirit, we will go out on mission from the retreat. Registration: \$35 dollars per person OR \$60 per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

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

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 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

Tuesday, 7pm at St. Clares Mission

Apr 30—In memory of Mike Girth by Maria Girth

Catechism Corner

Is it permissible to "buy" and "sell" human beings?

No human being, not even parts of a human being, may be turned into commodities, nor may a person make himself a commodity. Man belongs to God and has been endowed by him with freedom and dignity. Buying and selling people, as is common practice nowadays, and not only in prostitution, is a profoundly reprehensible act. Trafficking in organs for transplantation and in embryos for the biotech industry or in children for purposes of adoption, the recruiting of child soldiers, prostitution the age-old injustice of trafficking in human beings and slavery is reappearing everywhere. People are deprived of their freedom, their dignity, and their right of self-determination, even of their lives. Others reduce them to objects with which their owner can make a profit. Human trafficking in the strict sense should be distinguished from dealings between sports teams. Here, too, there is talk about "buying" and "selling" players, but of course these are transactions that presuppose the athletes' free consent. **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2414-2415) and other references [here](#).

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

For the Role of Women

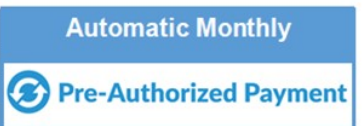
We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

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.



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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

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>

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The daytime Bible study classes will be completing the last six sessions of the Gospel of Matthew. You are welcome 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

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

OLV AFTERNOON TEA MAY 5

2-4pm an old-fashioned English Tea with delicately filled sandwiches, dainty desserts, scones with jam and cream and a choice of specialty teas. Prizes for best Fascinators! Pre-paid tickets \$25, children \$10. Email office@olvottawa.ca. The event supports 'Dress For Success', Harmony House and OLV restoration fund.

SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION MAY 4 & 5

For the 'Pastoral Works of the Holy Father'

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Parish Schools: St. Philips Catholic School – 613-838-2466
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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



CATHOLIC CHALLENGE WEEKEND—MAY 10-12 at Sacred Heart High School, Stittsville. Endorsed by the Diocese, this is a weekend for youth aged 16-25. A fun way to discover your faith with others ... The emphasis in the Challenge Weekend is a youth-to-youth approach, a live-in weekend environment, a group discussion format and a team approach. The focus of Challenge, as in Cursillo, is on the post-weekend support. Through Ultreyas ("meeting place") and other Challenge and Cursillo gatherings, the community provides support for those trying to live as Christians. www.ottawachallenge.ca

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.

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 / 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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