# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission



Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

April 7, 2024–Divine Mercy Sunday Pastor: Father Bob Poole Deacon: Dcn Louis Seward Website: www.stphilips-church.com Email: WelcomeHome1819@gmail.com



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) Register as a Parishioner: Fill out the form found at the church entrance and drop in collection basket. Donation Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Payment Plan Forms: Help yourself – at the entrance of church

### **Today is the Feast of Divine Mercy!**

From: www.thedivinemercy.org/ message

See also: https://marian.org/divine-mercy/ what-is-it

Page 3 of the bulletin: 'Divine Mercy Promises'

Page 4 of the bulletin: details of the Divine Mercy celebration on Sun April 6, 2-4pm at Holy Redeemer Parish

**Divine Mercy Message & Devotion** The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow

through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B** - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.



The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

#### F.I.N.C.H.

Jesus told St. Faustina, **"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy"** (*Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 300; see also 699).

# The five elements of the **devotion** (represented by the acronym **F.I.N.C.H**.:

Feast (www.thedivinemercy.org/mercysunday/ewtn) Image (www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/image) Novena (www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena) Chaplet (www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet) Hour (www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/hour) ... have attached to them some of the most powerful and extraordinary promises of any devotion.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

For a full understanding of Divine Mercy, we recommend <u>*Divine Mercy Message and Devotion*</u>, by Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC.

Listen to a <u>30-minute crash course</u>. Visit: (www.thedivinemercy.org/message/divine-mercy-crashcourse) by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.

### Jesus, I Trust in You!



# **Divine Mercy Promises**

1."The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death." [745]

2."When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one."[1541]

3."Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior. "[1541]

4."Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death." [687]

5."Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." [687]

6."To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak." [1521]

7."At three o" clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My P as s i o n, p a r t i c u l a r l y in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of me in virtue of My Passion." [1320]

8. "Souls who spread the honour of My mercy I shield through their entire life as a tender mother her infant, and at



the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." [1075]

9."I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory. [48]..."The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous....These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance

on the Cross. These rays shield souls from the wrath of My Father." [299]

10."I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: "Jesus, I trust in You." [327]

11."By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminded of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works." [742]

12."I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." [699]

13."Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." [1731]

Excerpts taken from the Diary of St Faustina Kowalska, "Divine Mercy in My Soul, © 1987, Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA 01263



Join us: Feast of the Divine Mercy Holy Redeemer Parish 4 Rothesay Dr (at Eagleson Rd) Kamata, Ontario, Canada Sunday April 7th 2024, 2-4 p.m.

Come and give thanks to God for His great gift of Mercy upon the world this special day!!

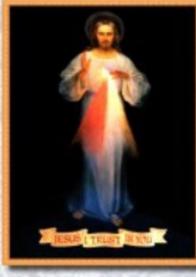
#### Agenda:

- Reflection by Fr. Francis Donnelly, CC
- † Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions,
- f Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy, prayers and Consecration to Divine Mercy
- † Benediction
- † Veneration of the Blessed Image of Divine Mercy and First Class Relics of St. Faustina; Blessed Michael Sopocko; St. John Paul II; St. Maximillian Kolbe; St. Therese of Lisieux

**Divine Mercy materials** sold in the Foyer beginning at 1:30 p.m. and after service. Light refreshments in the parish hall.



EMERCYS



Ask for Mercy! **Receive Mercy!** Be Merciful!



#### Jesus said to Saint Faustina:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain COMPLETE FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND PUNISHMENT. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. (Diary, 699)"

For more information call Maria Pirrone: (613) 254-7220 For more information on Divine Mercy: www.thedivinemercy.org

## 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: 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: 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

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#### **POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR MARCH**

#### <u>For the Role of Women</u>

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



DONATE

BY CASH OR CHEQUE

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 <u>form HERE</u> and email to the office with a photo of a void cheque. You will receive a tax receipts from the parish next February.

Click <u>HERE</u> 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.

### 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

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish April 7-In mem of Simone Naipaul-Dear and Kyram Dear by Cynthia Green

April 14-In memory of Dorothy Walsh by Betty Dolan

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

#### <u>Monday, 7pm at St. Philip Parish</u>

**Apr 8-**In Celebration of Michael Lotan's birthday by Michelle Lotan -For intentions of all who are sick in our parish, especially the terminally ill, by the Ladies Auxiliary

Apr 22-For the intentions of Rosemary Logan by Michelle Lotan

### Catechism Corner

On this Divine Mercy Sunday: But we have Baptism, which reconciles us with God; why then do we need a special sacrament of Reconciliation? Baptism does snatch us from the power of sin and death and brings us into the new life of the children of God, but it does not free us from human weakness and the inclination to sin. That is why we need a place where we can be reconciled with God again and again. That place is confession. It does not seem like a modern thing to go to confession; it can be difficult and may cost a great deal of effort at first. But it is one of the greatest graces that we can receive again and again in our life. It truly renews the soul, completely unburdens it, leaving it without the debts of the past, accepted in love, and equipped with new strength. God is merciful, and he desires nothing more earnestly than for us, too, to lay claim to his mercy. Someone who has gone to confession turns a clean, new page in the book of his life. (YOUCAT question 226)

**Dig Deeper:** CCC section (1425-1426) and other references here.

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.



### Parish News

#### **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).

#### 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.

### MANY CONGRATULATIONS

... to the students making their First Communion this Saturday April 6th at 2pm. Please continue to pray for these children!

### 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 <u>stphilipsladiesaux@gmail.com</u> or 613 791 2723. Tickets will also be available to purchase after masses in April. Please purchase by April 17th. Click <u>HERE</u> for the poster & details.

### WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND APRIL 25-30

The Ottawa Cursillo Movement is holding a Women's Weekend April 25-30 at Centre de L'Amour in Plantagenet. The weekend is called a Cursillo (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 visit the website at https://ottawacursillo.ca/.

#### ALPHA COURSE AT ST MAURICE PARISH

Starting on April 8th. 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 Check our website for more details and to register: <u>https://www.stmauriceparish.com/Alpha1</u>

#### 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 <u>https://roecanada.com</u>

# Parish Directory :

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### Feast of Divine Mercy

**Divine Mercy Sunday (Apr 7)**-Events at Holy Redeemer parish (44 Rothesay Dr Kanata) Visit www.holyredeemer.ca

2-4pm—Reflection by Fr Francis Donnelly,

- -Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
- Sacrament of Reconciliation,
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung),
- prayers and Consecration to Divine Mercy, Benediction,
  Veneration of the blessed image of Divine Mercy and First Class relics of St Faustina, Blessed Michael Sopocko, St John Paul II, St Maximillian Kolbe & St Therese of Lisieux.

#### All welcome!

**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: <u>https://</u> forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg. **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 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.



"How do Easter lilies know what date to open up their flowers?"

### Ministries:

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Pastoral Council-Fr Bob Poole	838-2314
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St Vincent de Paul - David Vickers	838-2314
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