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St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

March 16, 2025, Second Weekend of Lent

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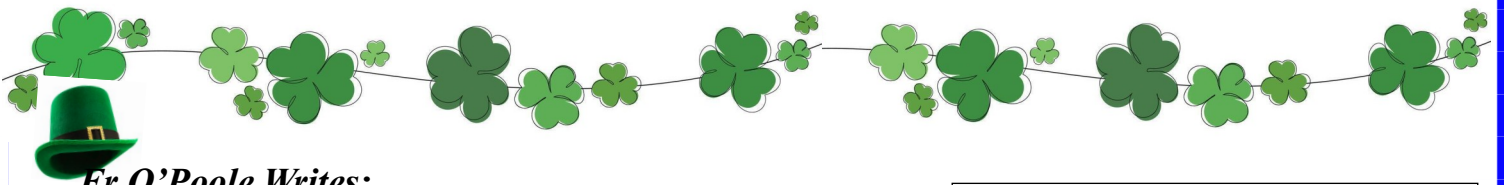
Sunday Masses: St Philip: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 10:30am & 12:30 (Charismatic Mass) St Clare: Sunday 9am

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)

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Fr O'Poole Writes:

In our gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus, we hear that Jesus took his closest apostles, Peter, James and John, and went up the mountain and was transfigured before them. People in ancient times believed the world to be stationary. The place of God or gods was up above, controlling what happened down below like a puppeteer with puppets or a child with a playhouse moving furniture and dolls about. To get closer to God or gods, people went up on mountains, natural or artificial (high altars or pyramids). Such was the case with Moses at Mt Sinai, as well as Elijah on Mt Carmel and also Mt Sinai accompanying Jesus in this transfiguration scene. They represent the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah), the two main branches of God's revelation to the Jewish people.

Why did Peter suggest that they build "tents" for these three characters, Moses, Elijah and Jesus? According to the most common interpretations of this passage, Peter suggested tents so that Moses and Elijah would remain for some time, that giving each person their own tent was a way of expressing their individual importance, and that the Jewish way of entering into an intimate conversation was to meet within a tent. The word "tabernacle" refers to a tent. The prayer shawl ("tallit" or "tallis") with which Jewish men customarily place over their head during prayer is symbolic of entering a tent to converse with God.

God the Father speaks directly to the apostles to confirm Jesus' identity as that identity is visually shown in the transfiguration. The Father had previously spoken a somewhat similar message at Jesus' baptism. In those baptismal texts, the Father adds "Listen to him". Here again that phrase is repeated. It takes on special meaning as we recall the presence of Moses and Elijah there on the mountain with Jesus. As the Jewish people had been directed to listen to Moses, Elijah and the other prophets as representatives of God, now the word of Jesus is given a priority as God's most authoritative voice.

Peter, James and John did not at that time comprehend the fullness of what they had seen and heard. The same is true of us. None of us can fully comprehend the reality of God. We receive glimpses, enough for us to continue on with day-to-day life in this world with faith and hope in what lies beyond our understanding based on faith in Jesus and his word.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the **faith** you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of **charity** enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed **hope**
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and in the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

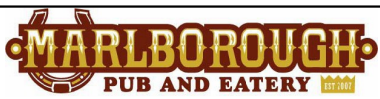


PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Temporal Affairs Committee (TAC) is pleased to present the financial report to the parish.

Copies can be found at the entrance of the church, and also on our website at:

https://www.stphilips-church.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/StPhilip_2024_financial-report_parishionersv1.2.pdf



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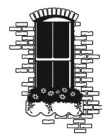
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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 & Thursdays, 3-6:45pm

Apostles Div Mercy: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 1pm, 63 Lennox

Bible Study: After 7pm Mass on Mondays

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

Euchre: Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: Mar 19, April 2

First Friday Mass: Next: Mar 7, 6:30pm. Adoration follows

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

Ladies Auxiliary: Wed March 19, 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

Sunday 9:00 at St. Clares

Mar 16—In memory of Shawn Moore by Bob & Colleen Moore

Sunday, 10:30 at St. Philips

Intentions of the Holy Father—March 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Catechism Corner

What does it mean to learn from Jesus how to pray?

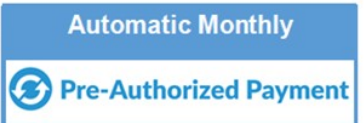
Learning from Jesus how to pray means entering into his boundless trust, joining in his prayer, and being led by him, step by step, to the Father. The disciples, who lived in community with Jesus, learned to pray by listening to and imitating Jesus, whose whole life was prayer. Like him, they had to be watchful and strive for purity of heart, to give up everything for the coming of God's kingdom, to forgive their enemies, to trust boldly in God, and to love him above all things. By this example of devotion, Jesus invited his disciples to say to God Almighty, "Abba, dear Father". If we pray in the Spirit of Jesus, especially the Lord's Prayer, we walk in Jesus' shoes and can be sure that we will arrive unfailingly in the heart of the Father. **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2606-2616) and other references [here](#).

Please Consider Donating



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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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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

SPECIAL COFFEE SUNDAY MARCH 16

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ST PATRICK'S DAY SHAMROCKS

The Knights of Columbus will have Shamrocks available in the church vestibule March 8-9 and March 15-16. All donations are in support of the Resident's of Saint Patrick's Home. Your support with a free will offering would be most appreciated.

OLV ST PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE MARCH 16-

Our Lady of the Visitation Banquet Hall 5338 Bank Street on Sunday March 16th from 2 to 7 pm. Dance to favourites by Kings Creek Country and then tuck into a delicious served meal (Guinness Pot Pie, mashed potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, buns, butter, apple crumble cheesecake and tea and coffee). Licensed bar. All tickets preordered and pre-paid. Order a table of 8 to 10 and pay \$35 pp. (with individual tickets \$40 each). Call 822-2007 or email office@olvottawa.ca Proceeds to building restoration.

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FALLOWFIELD at St. Patrick Parish, Fallowfield (15 Steeple Hill Crescent) on Saturday, March 22nd, at 6pm. Enjoy live music, dancing, and a traditional corned beef dinner, with performances by talented musicians and a cash bar. Info: <https://stpatriksfallowfield.com/event/ceilidh-2025/>

HEART OF WORSHIP ADORATION TUES MAR 25

at Holy Redeemer Parish Kanata 7- 8:30pm – Spiritual talk by Fr. Hezuk Shroff – Praise and Worship music – Confessions – Silent prayer time – Fellowship – Livestream link: www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata

ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION MAY 15

Be present for the official launch of our new Archdiocesan vision, presented by Archbishop Marcel Dampousse. Come be empowered with the mission. Infinity Convention Centre, doors open at 6 pm for a cocktail hour, followed by the main programming from 7 pm – 9 pm. Appetizers will be served. Tickets are \$65 and on sale now. Visit ottawacornwall.ca/events/archbishops-reception/ to purchase your tickets today.

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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 9am-1:30pm—open virtually-email or phone us
Wednesday 9am-1:30pm—drop in, phone or email us
Thursday 9am-1:30pm—open virtually-email or phone us

FIRST FRIDAY MASS—APRIL 4 6:30PM

All are welcome! Mass at 6:30pm followed by a holy hour of adoration from 6-7pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available during this time.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND APRIL 24-27

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Office Hours: Virtual Tues & Thurs – 9am-1:30pm. Wed: In Person 9-1

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

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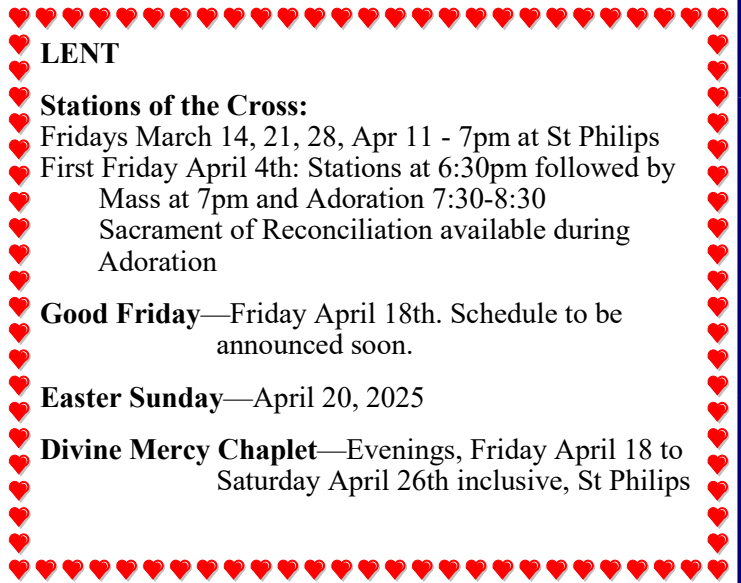
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Reconciliation: First Fridays 7-8pm; OR

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Confirmation/1st Communion – Next Enrollment is September 2024

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Stations of the Cross:

Fridays March 14, 21, 28, Apr 11 - 7pm at St Philips
First Friday April 4th: Stations at 6:30pm followed by
Mass at 7pm and Adoration 7:30-8:30
Sacrament of Reconciliation available during
Adoration

Good Friday—Friday April 18th. Schedule to be announced soon.

Easter Sunday—April 20, 2025

Divine Mercy Chaplet—Evenings, Friday April 18 to Saturday April 26th inclusive, St Philips

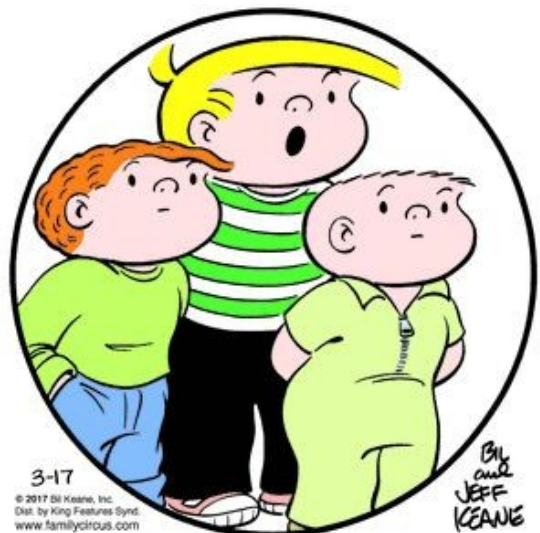
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PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Bernadette Nagle, Caroline Acker, Fred Schubert, Peter Maitland, Fr Ruddick, Fr Bob, Fr McCormick, Gerry van Gaal, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, MJ Wilson, Theresa Slattery, Michael Lawless, Suzanne Denis, Elizabeth vanGalder, Lorraine Wannamaker, healthcare workers, those affected by illnesses, 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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