



# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

March 23, 2025, Third Weekend of Lent

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Weekday Masses: Mondays 7pm (St Philip) & Tuesdays 7pm (St Clares) What's On Weekly—See Page 2

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### Fr Bob Writes:

In our gospel for this Sunday, Jesus reminds us that there is a day of reckoning for all. We should learn from misfortunes that occur rather than feel that we are immune. Now is the time to bear fruit. Every day is a gift and a moment of growth. Luke deals with a not uncommon problem in the early Christian community: a sense of complacency in view of the delay in the Lord's return. It is not unlike the situation in Corinth which Paul addresses in the second reading. In the preceding chapter (Luke 12), Jesus has emphasized the need for alertness and repentance. One way to escape self-examination is to stand apart from the plight of others with an attitude of "This couldn't happen to me." There is no extra-biblical testimony to Pilate's barbaric act or to the tower's collapse at Siloam. The traditional Hebrew understanding of the direct relationship between one's sin and subsequent disaster, although much questioned, was still in possession in Jesus' time (see John 9:3). Jesus there bypasses any consideration of this just retribution theory and reminds his hearers that there is a lesson in tragedy for everyone. Before God there is no exception of persons. The only lesson to be learned is one of alertness and repentance.

The story of the fig tree in the latter part of our gospel passage could have been used to point out God's patience and forbearance in dealing with human failure. In its present context, however, it is a warning. At a given moment, if conversion does not take place, time will run out.

### 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*



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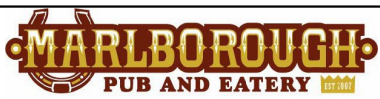
### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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:

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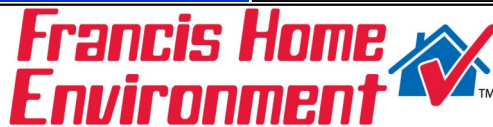
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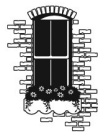
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## Parish Life—Regular Activities

### 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 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

March 22—In mem of Frank Wrona by Edward Gendosz (BF)

March 30—In mem of Frank Wrona by Edward Gendosz (BF)

April 5—In mem of Frank Wrona by David & Elizabeth Vickers

### Sunday 9:00 at St. Clares

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

### Sunday, 10:30 at St. Philips

March 23—In mem of Frank Wrona by Edward Gendosz (BF)

March 29—In mem of Frank Wrona by Edward Gendosz (BF)

April 6—In mem of Frank Wrona by Edward Gendosz (BF)

### Mondays, 7pm at St. Philips

April 7—In mem -Alex Kannawin by Lucie & Richard Guitard

### 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

### Why can we be confident that our prayer is heard by God?

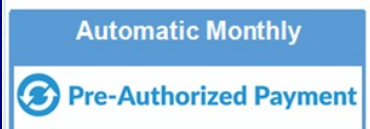
Many people called on Jesus during his earthly life for healing, and their prayers were answered. Jesus, who rose from the dead, listens to our petitions and brings them to the Father. Even today we know the name of the synagogue official: Jairus was the name of the man who begged Jesus for help, and his prayer was answered. His little daughter was deathly ill. No one could help her. Jesus not only healed his little girl, he even raised her from the dead (Mk 5:21-43). Jesus worked a whole series of well-attested cures. He performed signs and miracles. The lame, the lepers, and the blind did not ask Jesus in vain. There are testimonies also of prayers answered by all the saints of the Church. Many Christians can tell stories of how they called to God and God heard their prayer. God, however, is not an automat. We must leave it up to him how he will answer our petitions. (YOUCAT questions 477-478) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2606-2616) and other references [here](#).

## Please Consider Donating



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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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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](http://www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN MAKING SACRAMENTS** We have over 60 students making the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation this spring. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

## FIRST FRIDAY MASS—APRIL 4, 7PM

All are welcome! Mass at 7pm followed by a holy hour of adoration from 7:30-8:30pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available during this time. Note that the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:30pm.

## WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND APRIL 24-27

This weekend could be for you! More info at: [www.OttawaCursillo.ca](http://www.OttawaCursillo.ca).

**DOWNEAST CEILIDH MARCH 22 ST PATRICKS 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://stpatricksfallowfield.com/event/ceilidh-2025/>

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2025! At Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, May 4, 2:30 pm**. The registration form is now available at <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg>. Please register before Easter.

**LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 30** St Basil's Church, 3-5pm. Join Bishop Mgr Yvan Mathieu as he deepens our understanding of the Jubilee Year of Hope and its relationship with Laudato Si's call to stewardship of our Common Home. Light refreshments served. Info: [creation@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:creation@ottawacornwall.ca).

**NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND MINISTRY.** Join St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St., on March 28 (7-9 pm) for an evening of praise, prophecy, teaching, and healing. Theme: Trusting in God Most High. Speaker: Fr. Ken Lao, CC, St. Mary's Parish associate pastor. The Prayer and Prophetic Ministry members will be available to pray for you in person. Info: [613-745-7774](tel:613-745-7774)

**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/](http://ottawacornwall.ca/events/archbishops-reception/) to purchase your tickets today.

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesdays at 12 noon  
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## LENT

### Stations of the Cross:

Fridays March 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

**Divine Mercy Sunday**—Adoration 2-4pm, St Philips

**INVITATION TO RENEW ACTION LIFE MEMBERSHIP** Membership is essential in the support of all of Action Life's activities, and it forms the basis we need to continue our work in support of life. The cost of annual membership is \$25 for a regular member, \$5 for students and \$15 for seniors. Note that the Hike for Life will be Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> this year. See the website at [actionlife.org](http://actionlife.org), or email [info@actionlife.org](mailto:info@actionlife.org) for more information.

## 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.

## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

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