

# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

March 30, 2025, Fourth Weekend of Lent

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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](http://www.stphilips-church.com) (right side of homepage under the 'Donate Now' button)

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### Fr Bob Writes:

This Sunday's gospel gives us Jesus' parable of the "Prodigal Son," or perhaps it should be called the parable of the "Forgiving Father?" Either way, no more striking account of God's understanding and love for the sinner is to be found in the scriptures than in Luke's story. Found only in Luke, the story is told with the literary artistry of the Lucan pen.

Note that the parable is addressed to the Pharisees and scribes who were complaining that Jesus ate with "sinners." They are the older brother in the parable while those they considered as sinners are represented by the younger brother. The people in this latter group were Jewish in background and belief but had chosen pathways in life which caused them to leave the embrace of the Jewish community. Tax collectors worked for the Romans and were, therefore, not welcome in synagogues. Prostitutes were excluded for their lifestyle as were a number of other "sinners" for one reason or another. Although not publicly practicing their religion, they still felt a desire in their heart to be at peace and reconciled with God, evident in their attraction to Jesus. Previously they had not been given an opening to come back to God, only judgement.

Jesus could read their hearts and received them as the father in the parable received his returning prodigal son. His openness gave them an opportunity for reconciliation with God, resulting in a celebration. At times, we may tend to be like the Pharisees, judging and rejecting people rather than opening a door for restoration and reconciliation with God. We need to make a conscious effort to take Jesus' approach if we are to call ourselves Christians. Through the father in the parable, Jesus also challenges us to be understanding and patient with those who differ from ourselves in the way they think and act ... to look for the commonality which binds us together in the same family.

(With thanks to Fr Denny Dempsey)

### 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*



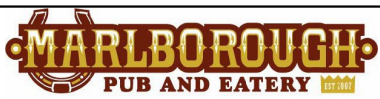
### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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





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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: April 2, 16, 30  
**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

## Catechism Corner

### What can we learn from the way in which Mary prayed?

To learn from Mary how to pray means to join in her prayer: "Let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Prayer is ultimately self-giving in response to God's love. If we say Yes as Mary did, God has the opportunity to lead his life in our life.

### What are the words of the "Hail Mary"?

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(YOUCAT questions 479-480)

**Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2617-2618) and other references [here](#).

## Announced Masses—March

### Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

**March 22**—In mem of Frank Wrona by Edward Gendosz (Best Friend/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

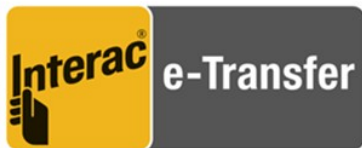
**April 7**—In mem -Alex Kannawin by Lucie & Richard Guitard

### Intentions of the Holy Father—March 2025

#### For families in crisis

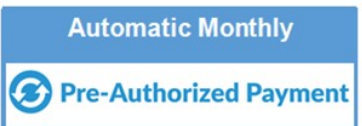
**Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.**

## 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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**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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**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).

### 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.

### MINI 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

### 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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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesdays at 12 noon  
**Hall Rentals:** Office (613-838-2314)  
**Parish Schools:** St. Philips Catholic School - 613-838-2466  
Sacred Heart High School (Stittsville) - 613-831-6643  
**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/1<sup>st</sup> Communion** - Next Enrollment is September 2024  
**Sacrament o/t Sick**-on request, & after every Mass on last wkend of month

## Schedule for Lent / Holy Week / Easter 2025

### Stations of the Cross at St Philips:

Fridays March 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

### Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Clares:

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, followed by 7pm Mass. Mass is followed by a 'Poor Man's Supper' in the Hall

### Wednesday April 9, 7pm-Evening of Reconciliation At St Philips

**Tuesday April 15—5pm**—Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral

**Holy Thursday April 17-Mass of the Lord's Supper** St Philips, 7:30pm. Adoration in Hall until midnight.

### Good Friday April 18

10am-Way of the Cross (no walk) at St Paul's Anglican  
3pm-Passion of the Lord—St Philips  
3pm-Passion of the Lord—St Clares  
7pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet (nightly til Apr 26th)-StPhi

**Divine Mercy Chaplet—7pm** Evenings, Fri. April 18 to Saturday April 26th inclusive, St Philips

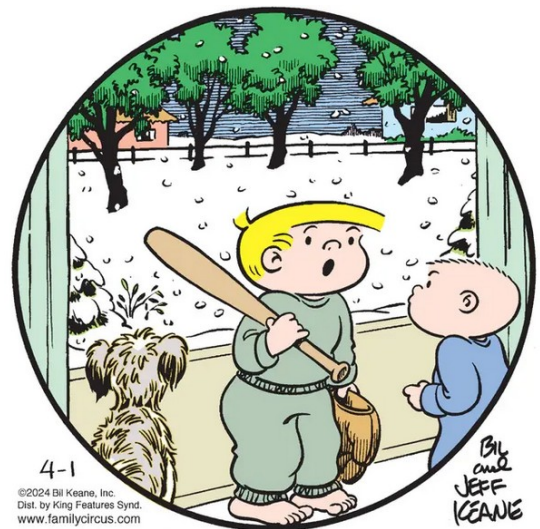
**Holy Saturday— April 19-8pm-Easter Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday—April 20—9am Mass-St Clares**  
-10:30 Mass St Philips  
-12:30 Mass—Lift Jesus Higher

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

## 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



"Know what I think, Mommy?  
God's pulling an April Fools'  
trick."

## Ministries:

### St Philip Ministries:

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Cemetery - Brian Goss 838-4269  
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Coffee Sunday-Veronica Gervais 791-2723  
Live-Stream-Patrick McIver

### St Clare Ministries:

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