

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

May 11, 2025, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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 Bob Writes:

This Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday." It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask God to raise up spiritual leaders in our midst who can lead his people in hearing God's voice and following through in discerning his will for his people.

The 3 year cycle follows the shepherd discourse in John's gospel (John, chapter 10), in presenting three different themes: Christ is the sheep gate (year A), Christ as the model shepherd (Year B), and the care of the flock (Year C).

Today's gospel speaks of the Christian response to Christ as a willingness to hear his voice and follow his lead. The Church of John's time was beset by persecution from without, especially with its definitive break with the synagogue (John, 9:34ff), and the opposition of Rome, and with difficulties from within on the part of false teachers (cf 1 John 2:18; 4:1). The end of the shepherd discourse encourages the believer in the presence of these hardships.

The mutual recognition of Christ and his followers bespeaks a close adherence and assures the Spirit-life which begins here, but continues into eternity (John 6:40). There is, moreover, no need to fear the marauders who attempt to invade the sheepfold. (John 10:1). That overarching protective power of the Father will protect the faithful. The Father has entrusted them to Christ and thus they will never be wrested from his grasp (the hand of the Father and the Son here become one). The Father and Jesus work in perfect concert. They constitute an inseparable unity. The Son's power is not other than the Father's.

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.

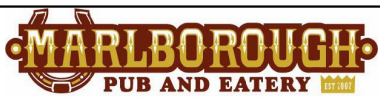
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

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

Amen

Franciscus





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Parish 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: 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 April 23, 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

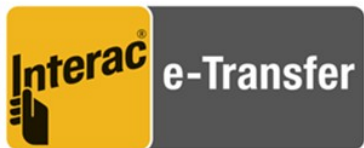
Catechism Corner

What does it mean to praise God?

God needs no applause. But we need to express spontaneously our delight in God and the rejoicing in our hearts. We praise God because he exists and because he is good. We thereby join even now in the eternal praise of the angels and saints in heaven. (YOUCAT questions 488-489)

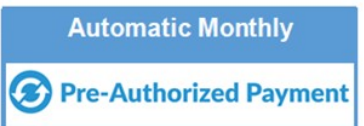
Dig Deeper: CCC section (2636-2642) and other references [here](#).

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.

Announced Masses—May

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

May 3—In memory of Rudy Mayr by John & Birgit Evans
May 10—For the children making first Eucharist by Ladies Aux
May 17—In mem of Suzanne McNally by Sharon Crossan & fam
May 24—In memory of Frank Wrona by Ladies Auxiliary
May 31—In memory of Caroline Rusin by Rosemary Logan
June 7—For those ill and all who mourn, by Ladies Auxilia

Sunday 9am at St. Clares

May 4—In memory of David Hamilton by Reta Hamilton
May 18—In mem of Kristen O'Connor by Shirley, Jerome & fam
May 25—IMO Bettina & James Colby, by Christian & Peter Kelly
June 1—For the Lemeux family by Anastasis & Steve Bowles

Sunday, 10:30 at St. Philips

May 11—In memory of Pat Monuk by Joanne Denis
May 18—In mem of Clair Paquet by Wanda & John van Dorst

Mondays, 7pm at St. Philips

May 5—Intentions of Reta Hamilton by Betty Dolan

Requiem Aeternam ("Eternal Rest")

V. Eternal rest grant unto Francis, O Lord.

R. And let the perpetual light shine upon him.

And may his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

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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EASTER MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP DAMPHOUSSE <https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/2025-easter-message-archbishop-marcel-damphousse/>

ARCHDIOCESE JUBILEE YEAR PAGE: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/jubilee-2025/>

FROM CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM: We are proud of the growth of our program; it has been a joy to work with your children, who brighten our hearts each week with their intelligence, kindness, and humor. As our group continues to expand, we are seeking volunteers. If you are interested in assisting during Sunday liturgy or future initiatives, please email Tina. Teens are welcome and encouraged and we are happy to sign off volunteer hours. Additionally, we are exploring new materials for our crafts (let us know of sensitivities or allergies). Feel free to reach out with feedback or info: email tina.m.sul1977@gmail.com or see us after Mass.

REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS— See the webpage of our Diocese: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/passing-of-pope-francis/>

WE ARE STILL LIVE-STREAMING MASSES! Join us online at: www.stphilips-church.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY DURING THE CONCLAVE Further to the statement by the College of Cardinals on April 30th, inviting the faithful to pray for them during this Conclave, and in view of the Conclave itself which begins this Wednesday, May 7, please find with this message, for your information. Link to a newly launched CCCB webpage dedicated to the Conclave, which contains relevant information and resources: In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/about/apostolic-nunciature/pope-francis/the-election-of-a-new-pope/>

GRAND ULTREYA WEDNESDAY JUNE 4 The Ottawa Cursillo Movement invites you to join them for a beautiful evening starting with Mass, then short inspiring talks, heartfelt fellowship and delicious food. This special celebration brings together friends from across the region to reconnect and renew our shared mission in Christ. You don't need to have made a Cursillo to attend ... come see what it's all about! 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima

ADORATION AT ST PHILIPS—ALL WELCOME— We are so blessed to offer adoration on Mondays from 2-6:45 and Thursdays from 3-6pm. Come spend as long as you'd like in the presence of Jesus.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS
 Tuesday 9am-1:30pm—open virtually-email/phone
 Wednesday 9am-1:30pm—drop in, phone or email
 Thursday 9a-1:30pm—open virtually-email/phone

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PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS
 Please pray for Bernadette Nagle, Caroline Ack-er, 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 Dying, intercede for us.

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JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE Why the Jubilee? Pope Francis declared 2025 as a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church. Established in 1470 by Pope Paul II to occur every 25 years, the Jubilee is a sacred time for transformation through God's holiness. It invites Catholics worldwide to renew their relationship with God, one another, and creation, celebrating the central Christian theme of hope.

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 offers an opportunity for all to embark on a pilgrimage of hope—whether locally in our dioceses, cathedral or shrine, or Canada's National Shrines, or by journeying to Rome. Over the coming months, there will be plenty of opportunities and resources to help you observe this special year of grace in our diocese. See below on how you can take part of the Jubilee Year of Hope. See more info at: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/jubilee-2025/>



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