

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

August 2025 Bulletin

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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 (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.

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Fr Bob Writes:

Say what we will, the greater part of our working hours goes into providing for ourselves and for others. In addition, we grow up with our attention riveted on succeeding. First of all, we want to make sure that we have enough for ourselves and our children. But then the strong consumerism of our society forces our standard of living to an ever higher level. It is all too easy to become entangled in the things that are "passing away," Like the rich man in Jesus' parable in today's gospel, we build bigger and better barns. We don't really avert to the possibility of its ending suddenly and earlier rather than later.

Today's scriptures are not a prediction of an early death. Nor does Ecclesiastes tell us to stop working. It is basically a reminder to keep perspective. We cannot risk to lose ourselves in the transient and forget or neglect that "which is above". It also tells us to use wealth generously while we are alive rather than have people fight over it after we are gone. Without calling for a rigorous poverty there is no doubting the fact that a simplicity of life keeps our vision clear. It doesn't hurt to be rather spartan. It keeps us in shape for the marathon in life that really counts. In addition, St Paul, in our second reading, reminds us that immersion in the things of this world can easily tempt us to greed and immorality. And that means we run the danger of losing everything. With our Christian values in place, we have the wealth that really counts. And when the day comes to move on, we shall have done well but not lost our freedom - or our real inheritance.

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

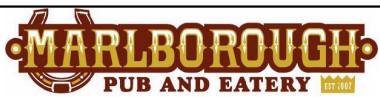
CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION / REGISTRATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

First Communion and First Reconciliation —If your child will be in Grade 2 in the 2025-2026 school year, we invite you to mark your calendars! Our one and **only** meeting to hear about these sacraments will be on Wednesday evening September 24th (6:30pm). Students are welcome and encouraged to attend with their parents.

Sacrament of Confirmation—If your child will be in Grade 6 in the 2025-2026 school year, we invite you to mark your calendars! Our one and **only** meeting to hear about this sacrament will be on Wednesday evening September 24th (7:30pm). Students are welcome and encouraged to attend with their parents.

If your child is not yet baptized, please contact the office. Plan now to attend; contact the office if you need more information.



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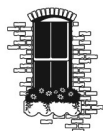
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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: Resumes in Fall

First Friday Mass: Cancelled for June. Next: September 5

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

Ladies Auxiliary: September, 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 (Rector's)

Temporal Affairs Cnc'l: 4th Tues of the month, 7pm, Hall

Announced Masses—August

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

Aug 2—Memory of Maria Graziano Grassetti by Kathy Magee

Sunday 9am at St. Clares

Aug 3—In memory of Brian McDonald by Theresa McDonald

Aug 31—In memory of David Hamilton by Reta Hamilton

Sunday, 10:30 at St. Philips

Aug 3—for Peace in the world by the Ladies Auxiliary

Mondays, 7pm at St. Philips

Aug 11—In memory of Bill Evans by John & Birgit Evans

Pope's Intentions for August 2025

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Catechism Corner

Are there various ways to pray? Yes, there is vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. All three ways of prayer presuppose recollecting one's mind and heart.

What is vocal prayer? In the first place, prayer is lifting the heart to God. And yet Jesus himself taught his disciples to pray with words. With the Our Father he left us the perfect vocal prayer as his testament to show how we should pray. While praying we should not try to think pious thoughts. We should express what is in our hearts and offer it to God as complaint, petition, praise, and thanks. Often it is the great vocal prayers - the Psalms and hymns of Sacred Scripture, the Our Father, the Hail Mary that direct us to the true substance of prayer and lead to a kind of free, interior prayer.

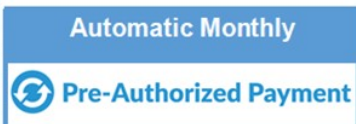
What is the essence of meditation? The essence of meditation is a prayerful seeking that starts with a sacred text or a sacred image and explores the will, the signs, and the presence of God. We cannot "read" sacred images and texts the way we read things in the newspaper that do not immediately concern us. Instead, we should meditate on them; in other words I should lift my heart to God and tell him that I am now quite open to what God wants to say to me through what I have read or seen. Besides Sacred Scripture, there are many texts that lead to God and are suitable for meditative prayer. (YOUCAT questions 500-502). **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2699-2708) and other references [here](#).

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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

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Parish News

ONE BULLETIN IN AUGUST

There will be just one bulletin for each month. If you have an announcement to submit for September, send by email by Monday Sept 1st.

PLEASE NOTE THESE CANCELLATIONS

'First Friday' Mass on Friday August 1st is cancelled. Monday Aug 4: Adoration, Mass and bible study at St Philips is cancelled. Tuesday Aug 5: Mass at St Clares is cancelled.

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED!

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ST PHILIP CEMETERY MASS-SUN. SEPT 21, 10:30

Join us for the Cemetery Mass on Sunday September 21st at 10:30 am. Weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TO RUN ALL SUMMER

All welcome. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers

LIVESTREAM CANCELLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6

We look forward to resuming our regularly-scheduled livestream services in September with the September 6th Saturday Mass. We can't wait to connect you to our regular Saturday evening Masses at that time. Thanks for your continued support and understanding. Have a blessed summer!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED— COFFEE SUNDAY

Coffee Sunday is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to socialize and build community after Mass. Thank you for all who have volunteered. We are looking for more volunteers to host Coffee Sundays starting in September. Coffee, supplies and training will be provided, we just ask that you bring treats (homemade or store-bought goodies) to share. If you are interested in hosting a Sunday, please contact Veronica Gervais at vhmgervais@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ERNIE!

Our heartiest birthday blessings go to Ernie Beaudette who celebrated 90 years this July. All the best for a happy, healthy year ahead!

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

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK SUNDAY AUGUST 10

Info: <http://stmalachyolv.com/pilgrimage.asp>
Contact: mayopilgrimage@gmail.com

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT Sat., Oct. 4th, 9am-3:30pm, St. Michael Catholic High School, 2755 County Rd. 43, Kemptville, ON. Day begins at 9am with Mass. We are blessed to have **Angèle Regnier**, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), as our guest speaker. The theme of the retreat is **"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."** Please register by Sept. 27th at www.womensfallretreat.com.

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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/1st Communion – Next Enrollment is September 2025
Sacrament o/t Sick-on request,&after every Mass on last wkend of month

Have a Safe & Happy Summer

BREAKING NEWS DURING THE SUMMER

Should there be new or breaking news to report during the summer, you'll find it on our website: www.stphilips-church.com. Our weekly 'Parish News' email (comes out Thursdays) will continue through August and will also contain news updates. To subscribe to the weekly email, please email the office at: welcomhome1819@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Caroline Acker, Fred Schubert, Peter Maitland, Fr Ruddick, Fr Bob, Gerry van Gaal, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, Fr McCormick, MJ Wilson, Theresa Slatery, 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.

VISION FOR ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA-CORNWALL

Visit the Diocese webpage to see Archbishop Damphousse's vision: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/vision/>

ADORATION AT ST PHILIPS—ALL WELCOME— We are so blessed to offer adoration on Mondays from 2-6:45 and Thursdays from 3-6pm.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE DURING THE SUMMER

Looking for news from the Diocese? Check out their website: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/events-mec/>

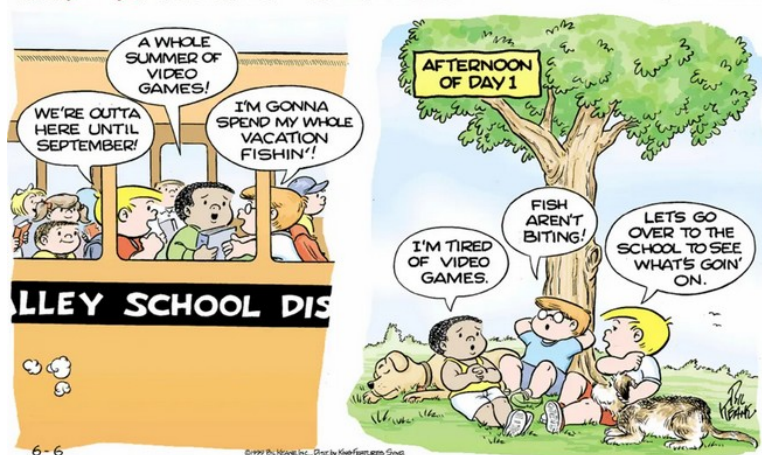
HEART OF WORSHIP—August 26, 7pm at Holy Redeemer. In person or www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata

SEPTEMBER 30th is the "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation."

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.

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