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# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

January 11, 2026—Baptism of the Lord

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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:

Baptism is called the gate of the sacraments, or the entrance way to the church itself. All the promises of salvation, converging from various biblical sources, become real in baptism. The baptism of Jesus, which we celebrate this weekend, is found in three of the gospels, each with a different shade of meaning. But more than the baptism of Jesus is recounted; the baptismal theophany points to our own baptism as well. The Father acknowledges Jesus as Son and favoured one, upon whom God's Spirit rests. In the recognition, there are echoes of the first servant song, our first reading today. In the second reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, there is emphasis on the access to salvation now open to all people.

In the gospel for this weekend, Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus, we see Jesus coming from Galilee to Judea expressly for baptism. The problem which this creates for John the Baptist, as reflected in various ways in the gospels, is actually the problem of the early church, in reconciling the sinless Jesus with the reception of a sinner's baptism. This explains John's reluctance to proceed with baptising Jesus, whom John recognizes as the one who should baptize *him*. Jesus' response recognizes the difficulty, but still insists in going ahead with the baptism, "*to fulfil all righteousness*". Jesus is saying that, although it seems difficult to understand, yet he believes his Father's will requires this step of obedience and submission. Jesus indicates that he comes as Savior in sharing the lot of a sinful people and being recognized as God's Son and servant. The recognition of Jesus by the Father as his Son, is coupled with his being the one "*with whom I am well pleased*," a reference to Jesus as the "servant of the Lord" in keeping with the Isaian prophecy of our first reading. Jesus is the one who fulfils the Isaian prophecy in bringing salvation to the nations through a spirit of total submission to God's will.

Thus Matthew teaches that the baptism of Jesus is the moment of the decisive fulfilment of God's plan; it inaugurates the messianic era. It is the anointing of Jesus for his messianic mission, as the spirit of God always comes to an individual to enable him to accomplish a specific task. What task has the gift of the Spirit in our baptism, been preparing for you and me?



### Jubilee Year of Hope Ends January 6th

#### Holy Door Closes as Faithful Prepare for Special 2033 Jubilee Marking Jesus' Death and Resurrection

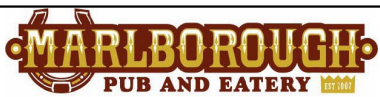
As Pope Leo XIV closes the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on Jan. 6, the feast of the Epiphany, and the 2025 Jubilee Year comes to an end, the Catholic Church begins to anticipate another jubilee — one that will mark 2,000 years since Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

Although traditionally a jubilee only happens every 25 years, the Holy Door is slated to reopen for a special 2033 Jubilee when the Church will celebrate the Holy Year of the Redemption. To mark the occasion, Pope Leo has called on people to travel to the Holy Land, where Jesus once lived and died.

The Holy Father concluded his talk by inviting listeners "to travel together on the spiritual journey that leads to the Jubilee of the Redemption in 2033, with the prospect of a return to Jerusalem," the press office said.

From: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/268899/holy-door-closes-as-faithful-prepare-for-special-2033-jubilee-marking-jesus-death-and>





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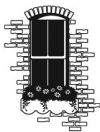
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## Parish Life—Regular Activities

### 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

**Apostles Div Mercy:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 1pm, 63 Lennox

**Bible Study:** Tuesday afternoon, 2pm in parish Hall

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

**Euchre:** Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: Jan 7, 21, Feb 4, 18

**First Friday Mass: Next: 6:30pm**—February 6, March 6

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

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Jan 14, Feb 11- 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 (Rectorry)

**Temporal Affairs Cnc'l:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month, 7pm, Hall

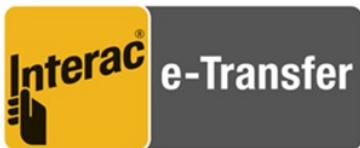
## Catechism Corner

Join us weekly in this space in the bulletin as we look at the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* from its very first entry. We'll go slowly, taking one entry a week, starting next week. Before we start, here is something of interest:

**Why the Catechism Is So Important** I was recently in conversation with a convert to Catholicism and he told me that he was reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). But because I was curious, I asked why; why read the *Catechism* when there are countless other spiritual readings? He responded that he is reading the *Catechism* because it is challenging. His introduction to it in RCIA opened a humbling and life-changing door. Every question that he has had was answered in the *Catechism*. He said that it made him question his faith, and the answers he found helped strengthen it. He saw all of the connections in the *Catechism*, like how Scriptural interpretation has been carried out and how the ancient Church is present in Vatican II documents. For him, reading the *Catechism* has been a journey of conversion, an increase in wisdom, and a return to the heart of the Church.

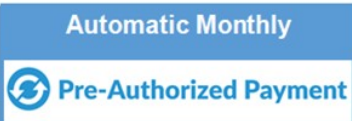
From: July 11, 2022 Brady Beckerman <https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/why-the-catechism-is-so-important?>

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## Announced Masses—January

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

**Jan 3**—Philip, Martha, Herbert Moloughney by Paul Moloughney

**Jan 17**—In memory of Robert Pearson by Stephen Heidemann

**Feb 7**—Philip, Martha, Herbert Moloughney by Paul Moloughney

### Sunday 9am at St. Clares

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

**Jan 4**—Intentions of Erin Brown by Stittsville Mothers group

### 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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A note from St Clares CWL:

What a generous and supportive Christian community we are. Even when all things are more expensive, you continue to show your generous heart to those who are in need. We may be small in numbers, but we have big hearts.

1. We were able to raise \$805.00 for the Youville Centre Christmas dinner (amazing).
2. Our Bake/Craft/Raffle sale netted \$1418. These funds will be used to support many deserving charities.
3. Richmond Food bank benefitted from your generous donations of canned/dried food items. CWL was able to make a monetary donation on behalf of our Parish.

### 'IN PERSON' OFFICE HOURS/FURNACE REPAIR

Due to a furnace repair required in the rectory/office building, our 'in person' Wednesday office hours will resume by the end of January (provided the furnace repair is complete). Our regular (virtual) office hours will be as follows: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1:30pm. Please phone us at 613-838-2314 or email the office at welcomehome1819@gmail.com.

**FR JIM BLEACKLEY LECTURE ON INDIGENOUS JUSTICE: NIIGAAN SINCLAIR** Join St. Joseph's Parish for the inaugural "Fr. Jim Bleackley Lecture on Indigenous Justice". This event, taking place at 7pm on February 12, features Niigaan Sinclair (son of Murray Sinclair), a prominent activist based in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The event is sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish, admission is a freewill offering towards Kateri Native Ministry. For more information, contact Mikayla at [info@st-josephs.ca](mailto:info@st-josephs.ca) or 613.233.4095 x251

### SERVANTS OF THE CROSS COME AND SEE

**WEEKEND** You're Invited! The Servants of the Cross ([servantsofthecross.ca](http://servantsofthecross.ca)) are hosting a COME AND SEE for young single women who are discerning the consecrated life. It will be a time to discover your vocation and a time to connect with our Community. Join us either in-person or on Zoom from **Feb. 20 – 22nd, 2026** (Friday – Sunday). Register by Friday, Feb. 13th, 2026. contact: Sr. Penelope Micae Nguyen, SC, Vocations Director, 613-551-0899 or [vocations@servantsofthecross.ca](mailto:vocations@servantsofthecross.ca). [www.servantsofthecross.ca](http://www.servantsofthecross.ca) "Come and See" and let the Lord speak to your heart.

### Pope's Intentions for January 2026

#### For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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**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 2025  
**Sacrament o/t Sick**—on request, & after every Mass on last wkend of month

### PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2026 DONATION BOX

2026 donation boxes are available as you leave the church today. Please begin using them now. Boxes are pre-assigned with your name on them. If you are new to the parish, pick up one of the 'unassigned' boxes and then phone the office to register your box (your info needed for your tax receipt).

### 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.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Dcn Louis, Kay Lawless, Caroline Acker, Fred Schubert, Peter Maitland, Fr Ruddick, Fr Bob, Gerry van Gaal, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, MJ Wilson, Theresa Slattery, Michael Lawless, Suzanne Denis, Elizabeth van-Galder, 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.

### LIVING FOR GREATNESS NET RETREAT (Gr 6-8)

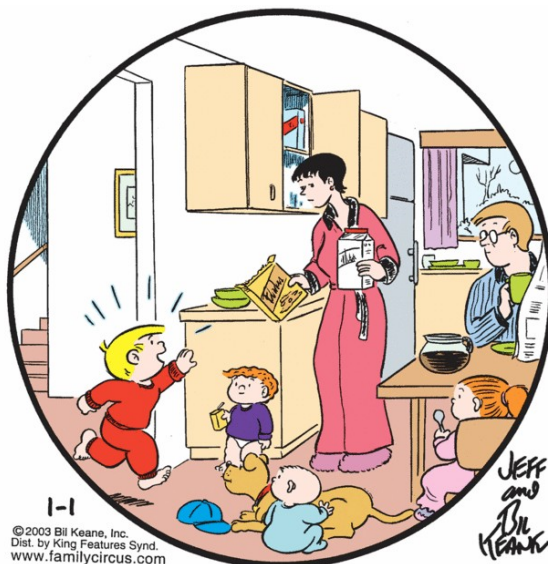
God has a plan for each of us. During this retreat, attendees explore how to hear him and have the strength to follow him. The retreat day includes games, skits, dynamic talks, small-group discussions where kids can share honestly about faith and life, and a time of guided prayer and worship. Cost is \$25/person and includes lunch. The retreat runs from 10am-4:30pm on Saturday, Jan 17, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. It is open to youth in grades 6-8. [Click here to register.](https://ottawacornwall.ca/events-mec/) Info: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/events-mec/>

### THE BUS STOP AND THE BREAKROOM: JAN 21, 6:45PM- CATHOLIC WITNESS THAT WORKS

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