

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

January 18, 2026—2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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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:

Today's liturgy of the word couples John the Baptist's recognition of Jesus and his mission with Isaiah's second song of the suffering servant. What is said of the mission of Jesus is to be duplicated in the life of every Christian. As Paul indicates in the second reading, the Christian is "consecrated" and "called" just as was Jesus himself.

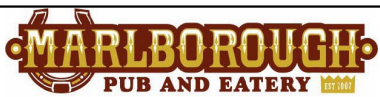
The second reading today ties in closely with the overall theme of election: initiated in the servant, fulfilled in Jesus, and continued in every Christian and the church as a whole. This election results in our forgiveness and is also the source of our mission. The servant theme is also continued in the church's ministry, applied by Paul to his own calling (Acts 13:47; Galatians 1:15; Romans 15:2). We so easily forget that our election carries with it a real sense of responsibility. Our call signifies a consecration or sacredness before the Lord. It also means that we have been forgiven. Yet the Christian life is not restricted to the sanctuary. The servant was missioned as was Jesus. Paul identifies himself as an apostle, one who is sent. The same is true of us, sent to the neighbourhood, the workplace, the town or the city. We are called to bring a deep commitment to Christian values to the world. How well are we doing with this?



From: Living With Christ January 2026 Newsletter

“Just as at sea, those who are carried away from the direction of the harbour bring themselves back on course by a clear sign, so scripture may guide those adrift on the sea of life back into the harbour of the divine will.” St. Gregory of Nyssa (c. 335–394)

On January 18-25 we observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We see God's desire for unity throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament, God tells Israel in Leviticus 19:18, “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself.” We hear the same words echo in the New Testament in Mark 12:29-31 in the Golden Rule, but also when Paul tells the followers of Christ that they “represent ‘one body and one spirit,’ united in a single hope. This metaphor signifies the Church as a unified entity transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition. (LWC January, p. 184)” Let us therefore “support one another and celebrate our diverse gifts and talents, let us reflect the heart of Christ and further his work on earth.” For resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026, please visit the World Council of Churches at <http://www.oikoumene.org/> or weekofprayer.ca



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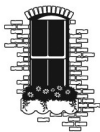
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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: 2nd & 4th 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 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: 1st Tues of month, 8pm, Hall

Prayer Meeting—Resumes in April

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—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

Jan 31—In memory of Pat Monuk requested by Joanne Denis

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

Sunday 9am at St. Clares

Jan 18—In mem of Sam & Jasmine Thistle by Colleen & family

Sunday, 10:30 at St. Philips

Jan 4—Intentions of Erin Brown by Stittsville Mothers group

Catechism Corner

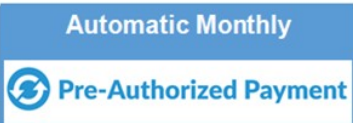
For what purpose are we here on earth? We are here on earth in order to know and to love God, to do good according to his will, and to go someday to heaven. To be a human being means to come from God and to go to God. Our origin goes back farther than our parents. We come from God, in whom all the happiness of heaven and earth is at home, and we are expected in his everlasting, infinite blessedness. Meanwhile we live on this earth. Sometimes we feel that our Creator is near; often we feel nothing at all. So that we might find the way home, God sent us his Son, who freed us from sin, delivers us from all evil, and leads us unerringly into true life. He is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). (YOUCAT question 1) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (1-10) and other references [here](#).

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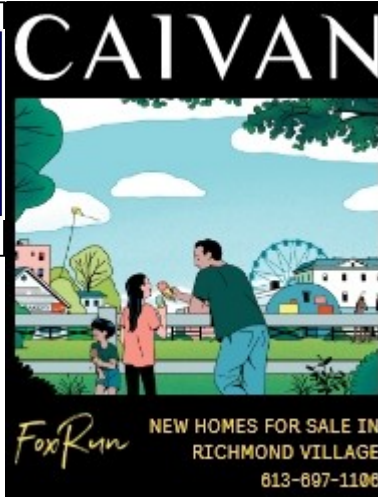
Why is it important to support the parishes financially?

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 within the parish.

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Parish News

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

All are welcome on Thursday January 22nd, 12:10-1pm at St Paul University Mazenod Chapel Laframboise hall for an ecumenical service for the week of prayer and Christian Unity. More here: weekofprayer.ca

'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 welcomhome1819@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 or 613.233.4095 x251

SERVANTS OF THE CROSS COME AND SEE WEEKEND You're Invited! The Servants of the Cross (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. www.servantsofthecross.ca "Come and See" and let the Lord speak to your heart.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: FEBRUARY 6, 6:30PM

All are welcome! At St Philips on Friday Feb 6th. Mass starts at 6:30pm, followed by a holy hour of adoration from 7-8pm.

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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Office Hours: Virtual Tues & Thurs – 9am-1:30pm. Wed: In Person 9-1

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

Hall Rentals: Office (613-838-2314)

Parish Schools: St. Philips Catholic School – 613-838-2466

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Reconciliation: First Fridays 7-8pm; OR

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Confirmation/1st Communion – Next Enrollment is September 2025

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

THURSDAY PRAYER MEETING ON HIATUS

The Thursday evening prayer meeting is on hiatus, resuming in April. See you then

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.

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

Can I share the Gospel at work without getting cancelled? Let's talk through the practical nuts-and-bolts of witnessing and evangelization in every day settings. *This event is part of the Why Not More Young Adult Series.* St. George Parish Info: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/why-not-more/>

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