

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

January 25, 2026—3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

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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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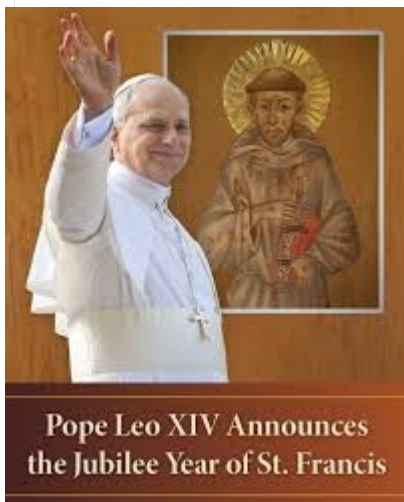
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Fr Bob Writes:

During the first few weeks of the new year, we are always given excerpts from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The community of Corinth, as Paul's letters indicate, suffered more from divisions and rivalries than any other community to which Paul wrote. The Church wants to present us with a mirror in which we can see some of the conflicts that we discover in our own parish communities. Paul will later go so far as to tell the Corinthians that they were eating and drinking a judgement on themselves for carrying their divisions into the Eucharistic celebration (1 Corinthians 11; 17-34).

Paul will reference in our second reading this Sunday a certain Apollos. He was a dynamic preacher from Alexandria in Egypt converted to Christ by Priscilla and Aquila in Ephesus. Paul will also reference Cephas, which was the Hebrew name for Peter. People in Corinth were identifying with one or another minister in an unhealthy spirit of feeling superior to converts of other ministers, ultimately getting in the way of their identifying with the whole community of Christians and leading to competition and division. Some parishes in our archdiocese are currently being merged due to shortage of priests and changing demographics. The major challenges to these mergers arise from the strong identification of people with their particular parish as compared with the broader Catholic Christian community. Today, as in Paul's time, loyalties to individuals and groups are fine unless they become the source of competition, division and resistance to seeing oneself as part of a fuller Christian community.



Pope Leo XIV proclaims Franciscan Jubilee Year

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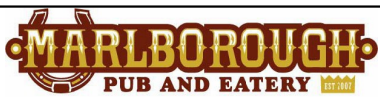
On the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi in 1226, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special jubilee year along with plenary indulgences.

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a "Special Year of St. Francis" to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a [plenary indulgence](#).

This Franciscan Jubilee Year, considered a gift for the entire Church and an occasion for authentic spiritual renewal, was inaugurated on Jan. 10 with a [decree](#) issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See.

Until Jan. 10 of next year, the faithful can obtain this grace under the usual conditions — sacramental confession, Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope — by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

Furthermore, the elderly, the sick, and those who, for serious reasons, cannot leave their homes can obtain the plenary indulgence by spiritually joining in the jubilee celebrations and offering their prayers, pains, or sufferings to God.



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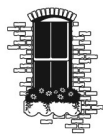
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Parish News

DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY—FEB 8TH

Sunday, February 8, 2026 will be celebrated as Dignity of Human Life Sunday throughout the Archdiocese of Ottawa–Cornwall.

‘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.

FEB 12: 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.

HEART OF WORSHIP ADORATION EVENING

Tuesday, January 27th at Holy Redeemer Parish (44 Rothesay Dr.) @7:00pm - 8:30pm – Spiritual talk by Francine Dilawri– Praise and Worship music – Opportunity for Reconciliation – Silent prayer time – Fellowship – Livestream link: www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata

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

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/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 Kay Lawless, Caroline Acker, Fred Schubert, Peter Maitland, Fr Ruddick, Gerry van Gaal, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, MJ Wilson, Theresa Slattery, Michael Lawless, Suzanne Denis, 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.

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).



LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY ON FEBRUARY 18 !



“Yes! God decided to wrap up the year in snow!”

Ministries:

St Philip Ministries:

Pastoral Council-Fr Bob Poole 838-2314

Temporal Affairs– Dan McKenna dann2846@gmail.com

Children’s Liturgy – Julie McBane

Sacristans – Betty Dolan 838-3181

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers– Christina Murdock 324-3287

Ladies Auxiliary – Ronald McKenna

Knights of Columbus – John Evans jte65@outlook.com

Cemetery – Brian Goss 838-4269

St Vincent de Paul - David Vickers 838-2314

Coffee Sunday—Veronica Gervais 791-2723

Live-Stream—Patrick McIver

St Clare Ministries:

Pastoral Council Ryan O’Connor

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Finance Chair – Anastasia Bowles 257-8249

Lectors, Sacristans – Ada Gorrie 838-2490

Cemetery – Jerome O’Connor 838-2704

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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

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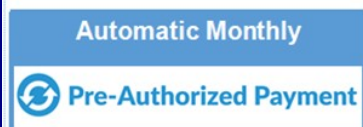
Why did God create us? God created us out of free and unselfish love. When a man loves, his heart overflows. He would like to share his joy with others. He gets this from his Creator. Although God is a mystery, we can still think about him in a human way and say: Out of the "surplus" of his love he created us. He wanted to share his endless joy with us, who are creatures of his love. (YOUCAT question 2) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (11-25) and other references [here](#).

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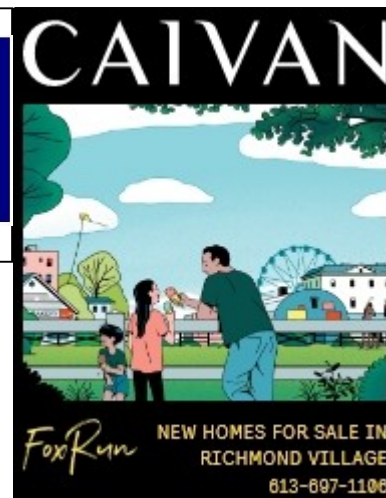
Why is it important to support the parishes financially?

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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A Pastoral Word from your Archbishop

As your Archbishop, I am deeply aware of the questions, fears, and uncertainties that many people face when dealing with serious illness, suffering, or the end of life—whether for themselves or for someone they love. These moments touch us all, and they deserve compassion, clarity, and care.

This pamphlet is offered to help explain the difference between palliative care and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), using simple and respectful language. It is not meant to judge or blame, but to inform, to accompany, and to encourage thoughtful reflection. As a Church community, we believe that every person deserves to be cared for with dignity, tenderness, and hope, especially during times of vulnerability.

Understanding Palliative Care and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

Palliative care is a specialized approach within the Canadian healthcare system that focuses on comfort, dignity, and quality of life for people living with a serious or life-limiting illness. It can be provided at any stage of illness and alongside other medical treatments.



A Pastoral Message

To all who are living with illness, caring for a loved one, or facing difficult decisions, please know that you are not alone. Our Church wishes to walk with you, to listen, and to support you with understanding and compassion.

May we continue to build a society where care, presence, and solidarity are at the heart of how we respond to suffering. May we never forget that dignity does not disappear with illness, and that love has the power to bring comfort even in the most challenging moments.

With my prayers and blessing,



✠ Marcel Dampousse
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

The purpose of palliative care is not to cure disease, but to relieve suffering and support the whole person—physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. It helps manage pain and symptoms such as shortness of breath, nausea, or anxiety, while also offering support and guidance to families and caregivers.

At its heart, palliative care reflects our shared responsibility to care for one another. It affirms that every life has value and that no one should face illness, frailty, or death alone. Through presence, listening, and practical help, palliative care offers reassurance and human connection.

Palliative care is not “giving up.” Many people in Canada receive palliative care while continuing other treatments. Its goal is to help people live as fully and comfortably as possible for as long as they live.

Palliative care can be provided in many settings: at home through home-care services, in hospitals, in long-term care homes, or in hospices when additional support is needed. Care is flexible and adapts to each person’s needs, wishes, and circumstances.

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), by contrast, intentionally brings life to an end. Palliative care takes a different path. It does not hasten death but walks with the person through illness with gentleness and respect, focusing on comfort, dignity, and care until natural death.

Choosing palliative care means choosing accompaniment, support, and compassion—trusting that every life remains worthy of care until the very end.