

# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

March 22, 2026—Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Deacon: Dcn Louis Seward

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**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](http://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:

Is this a Fast, to keep  
the larder lean?

And clean

From fat of veal and sheep?

No: 'tis a Fast to dole

Thy sheaf of wheat

And meat

Unto the hungry soul.

Is it to quit the dish

Of flesh, yet still

To fill

The platter high with fish?

It is to fast from strife

And old debate,

And hate;

To circumcise thy life.

Is it to fast an hour,

Or ragged to go,

Or show

A down-cast look and sour?

To show a heart grief-rent;

To starve thy sin,

Not bin;

And that's to keep thy Lent.

Robert Herrick



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2026 RAFFLE REPORT

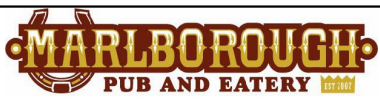
The Knights of Columbus 2026 Charity Raffle concluded on Feb 22nd with the winning tickets drawn during our Parish Breakfast. This year's winners are:

1. Jen Munro - Weekend Retreat at Mont Tremblant Chalet
2. Rob Greene - 100-Level Tickets (and Parking) to Ottawa Senators vs Carolina
3. Thea Strong - Cordless, electric Chainn Saw
4. Tom Louks - Car Detailing Certificate
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Thanks to our sponsors for their generous donations: Theresa Kelly/Steve da Costa, Gisele/Peter Moore, Flynn Landscaping and Ryan O'Connor. As a result of this year's Raffle, the Knights donated \$3,500 to the Richmond Food Bank, \$2,600 to St. Philip and \$900 to St Clare.

A heartfelt **Thank You** to all our parishioners for the continued support of this important fundraiser.





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## Parish News

### EVENING OF RECONCILIATION—WED APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

Mark your calendars— join Fr Bob and a number of other priests at St Philips on Wednesday April 1st for an evening of Reconciliation. All will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation privately with one of the priests. Evening begins at 7pm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

**St Clares**— Every Tuesday at 6:30, followed by Mass in the church and a Poor Man's Supper in the hall. Please join us.  
**St Philips**—Fridays during Lent. March 6th at 6:30pm. All other Fridays (Feb 27, March 13, 20, 27) at 7pm

### CHRISM MASS MARCH 31, 5PM (HOLY WEEK)

at the Notre-Dame Cathedral. The Chrism Mass is a special annual Mass where our Archdiocese gathers together to receive the new holy oils for the year. Priests renew their vows and the Archbishop blesses three different oils which are then distributed to parishes: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism.

**PICK UP YOUR 2025 TAX RECEIPT AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.** Should you prefer to have it emailed to you, please email the office.

### 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.

### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2026! At Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, May 3, 2:30 pm.** The registration form is now available at <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kg>. Please register before April 16 to ensure your place! Info: [annmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:annmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca).

**PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN MAKING SACRAMENTS** We have over 60 students making the sacraments of First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation this spring. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

### 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  
Please phone us at 613-838-2314 or email the office at [welcomhome1819@gmail.com](mailto:welcomhome1819@gmail.com).

### Pope's Intentions for March 2026

#### For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## Parish Directory :

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

### LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASSES

**Palm Sunday Mar 29** - Regular Weekend Mass Schedule  
**Tues Mar 31**—Chrism Mass at Notre Dame, 5pm  
**Wed April 1** - Evening of Reconciliation at 7pm, St Philip  
**Thurs April 2**—Mass of the Last Supper-7pm, St Philip  
- Followed by Adoration until midnight  
**Good Fri Apr 3** - Way o/t Cross-@St Andrews, 10:30am  
- Passion of/t Lord, 3pm (St Philip& Clare)  
- Divine Mercy Novena, St Philips,7pm  
**Easter Saturday April 4** - Easter Vigil Mass, St Phil,8pm  
- Followed by Reception in hall  
**Easter Sunday Mass**-9am St Clares & 10:30am St Philip  
**Divine Mercy Novena**—Starts Friday Apr 3, at St Philip  
prayed 7pm nightly through Sat. April 11

### Cancellations:

**Friday April 3** - No First Friday Mass at St Philips  
**Monday April 6** - No 7pm Mass at St Philips  
**Tuesday April 7** - No 7pm Mass at St Clares

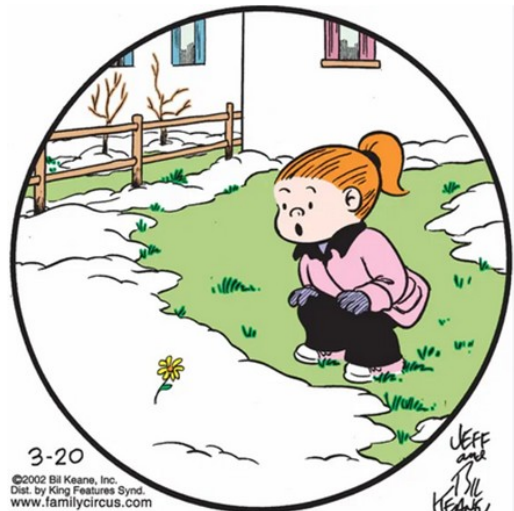
### HEART OF WORSHIP ADORATION EVENING

Tuesday, March 24th at Holy Redeemer Parish (44 Rothesay Dr.) @7:00pm - 8:30pm – Spiritual talk by Michael Browning – Praise and Worship music – Confessions – Silent prayer time – Fellowship – Livestream link: [www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata](http://www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata)

### APRIL 25th—FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT!

St. Philip Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Family Fun Night on Saturday April 25th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Come join us for a lasagna meal and an evening of Bingo. Cost is \$15/person or max \$40/family. For more information or to buy tickets contact Veronica Gervais at 791-2723, or etransfer to [stphilipsladiesaux@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipsladiesaux@gmail.com) by Apr. 22nd.

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“Uh-oh! Somebody must've told that flower winter was over.”

## Ministries:

### St Philip Ministries:

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Temporal Affairs— Dan McKenna [danno2846@gmail.com](mailto:danno2846@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](mailto:jte65@outlook.com)  
Cemetery – Brian Goss 838-4269  
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Coffee Sunday—Veronica Gervais 791-2723  
Live-Stream—Patrick McIver

### St Clare Ministries:

Pastoral Council Ryan O'Connor [Ryan@unreserved.com](mailto:Ryan@unreserved.com)  
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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: Apr 1, 15, 29

**First Friday Mass: Next: 6:30pm**—March 6. None in April

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

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Mar 11, April 8 - 7 pm in Hall

**Pastoral Council:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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**—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month (Rectorry)

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

## Announced Masses—March

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

**Mar 7**—In memory of Philip, Martha, Herbert Moloughney by Paul Moloughney

**Mar 14**—for Peace in our world by Bernadette Nagle

**Mar 21**—For the intentions of St Philips Ladies Auxiliary

### Sunday 9am at St. Clares

**March 8**— In mem of Bob Maxwell by Josephine Gerraghty

**Mar 15**— In memory of Shawn Moore by Bob & Colleen Moore

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

**Mar 15**—In memory Doris Calagoure by the family

**Mar 29**—for souls in Purgatory by Bernadette Nagle

## Catechism Corner

### What does God show us about himself when he sends his Son to us?

God shows us in Jesus Christ the full depth of his merciful love.

Through Jesus Christ the invisible God becomes visible. He becomes a man like us. This shows us how far God's love goes: He bears our whole burden. He walks every path with us. He is there in our abandonment, our sufferings, our fear of death. He is there when we can go no farther, so as to open up for us the door leading into life.

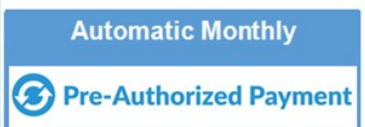
(YOUCAT questions 6-7) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (54-65) and other references [here](#).

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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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