

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

March 29, 2026—Palm Sunday

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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)

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:

Love made me welcome; yet my soul drew back,

Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack

From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,

If I lacked anything.

"A guest", I answer'd, "worthy to be here:"

Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear

I cannot look on Thee."

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,

"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame

Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not, " says Love, "who bore the blame?"

"My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat"

So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert



Help Not Harm for those with Mental Illness

Bill C-218 is currently being debated in Parliament to stop the forthcoming expansion in March 2027 of MAiD to those with mental illness. A vote on the Bill is expected by mid-April 2026 (earliest).

The Archdiocese of Toronto under Cardinal Leo has launched a Help Not Harm Canada campaign to garner support for the Bill. You can visit the website here:

<https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/>

The website allows individuals to easily send emails urging support for the Bill to their own MPs, with copies to the PM and Minister of Justice, once they register.

It's a very simple process that could literally be the difference between life and death for thousands of vulnerable Canadians! Here is a bit more information:

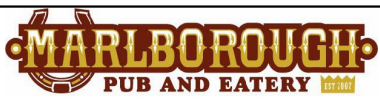
In Canada, new laws will take effect next year. As of [March 17, 2027](https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/), those suffering solely from a mental illness will be eligible to pursue Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). This despite the fact that years of study have demonstrated that:

- Suicidal thoughts can be symptoms of illness.
- Recovery is possible with proper treatment and support.
- Care gaps remain - some may seek death because they can't access help.

The most vulnerable face greater risk - poverty, abandonment, and disability can push them toward despair.

Contact your Member of Parliament and tell them to stop the expansion of [MAiD](https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/) for those with mental illness and support Bill C-218 - *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)*; "The Right to Recover Act".





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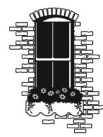
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Parish News

EVENING OF RECONCILIATION—WED APRIL 1ST

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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

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

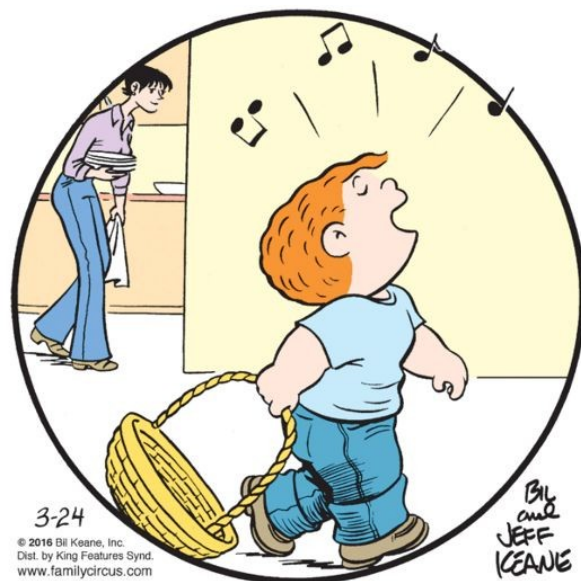
APRIL 25th—FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT!

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 by Apr. 22nd.

HELP NOT HARM CAMPAIGN FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS: The Archdiocese of Toronto under Cardinal Leo has launched a Help Not Harm Canada campaign to garner support for the Bill C-218. You can visit the website here: <https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/>. See more information on the front of this bulletin.

DONATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

....can be made here: <https://devp.org/>



“... gonna find out who's naughty and nice – the Easter Bunny's comin' to town ...”

Ministries:

St Philip Ministries:
Pastoral Council-Fr Bob Poole 838-2314
Temporal Affairs— Dan McKenna 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
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 Ryan@unreserved.com
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: 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: 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 (Rectorry)

Temporal Affairs Cnc'l: 4th 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.

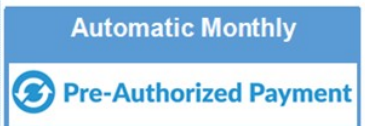
(YOUCAT questions 6-7) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (54-65) and other references [here](#).

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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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