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St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

April 12, 2026—Divine Mercy 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)

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Sunday, April 12th is the Feast of Divine Mercy

From: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/feast-13356>

Concerning the Feast of Mercy, Jesus said:

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (Diary 300)

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (Diary 341)

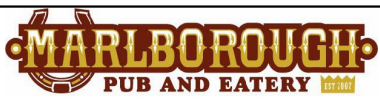
This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (Diary 420)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (Diary 1109)





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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—May 1st

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—April

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

Sunday 9am at St. Clares

April 5—In mem of Claire Nesbitt by Shivaun/Eric Lehmann

April 19—Intentions of Maria Girth from a friend

May 3—In memory of Shaun Moore by Bob & Colleen Moore

Sunday, 10:30 at St. Philips

April 5—In memory of Dick Hudson by the family

April 12—Souls of Wilf Hughes & Jonathan McKenzie by Michelle and Michael Lotan

April 19—Intentions of Rosemary Logan by Michelle & Michael Lotan

Monday—7pm at St Philips

April 20—intentions of members of Ladies Auxiliary

Catechism Corner

With Jesus Christ, has everything been said, or does revelation continue even after him?

In Jesus Christ, God himself came to earth. He is God's last Word. By listening to him, all men of all times can know who God is and what is necessary for their salvation. With the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the revelation of God is perfect and complete. To make it comprehensible to us, the Holy Spirit leads us ever deeper into the truth. God's light breaks so forcefully into the lives of many individuals that they "see the heavens opened" (Acts 7:56). That is how the great places of pilgrimage such as Guadalupe in Mexico or Lourdes in France came about. The "private revelations" of visionaries cannot improve on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one is obliged to believe in them. But they can help us understand the Gospel better. Their authenticity is tested by the Church. (YOUCAT question 10)

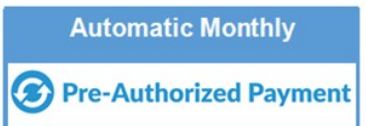
Dig Deeper: CCC section (66-67) and other references [here](#).

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Please ensure you include your full name and mailing address, and your parish 'Donation Box Number' (if you have one). You will receive a tax receipts from the parish in February next year.



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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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—2-4pm ADORATION Join us Sunday April 12th for adoration at St Philips from 2-4pm for Divine Mercy Sunday. For more information on Divine Mercy, visit: The John Paul II Centre for Divine Mercy at: <https://jp2centre.com/>. For those wishing

to join a celebration remotely, you can join the celebration from Holy Redeemer Parish on their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/holyredeemerparishkanata/streams>

WE PRAY FOR THOSE MAKING SACRAMENTS

This weekend, we have 30 children celebrating their First Eucharist! In April and June, we have over 60 students making the sacraments of First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation this spring. Kindly keep all of these people in your prayers.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

You can find copies of the new financial report at the church entrance OR on the website at this link: Click this link for St Philip's 2025 Financial Report: https://www.stphilips-church.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/St-Philip-2025-Financial-Report_Final-1.pdf

ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (APRIL 26, 2026). Find it here on our website:

<https://www.stphilips-church.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Good-Shepherd-Sunday-Archbishops-Pastoral-Letter.pdf>. There will be a special collection for 'Vocation Works' on this weekend.

OFFICE CLOSED WEEK OF APRIL 13TH.

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.

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.

Pope's Intentions for April 2026

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

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.

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** for those with mental illness and support Bill C-218.

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.

GARAGE SALE MAY 9TH—SAVE THE DATE!

Also, save any goods you have to donate to the Knights ... details soon on how to drop those off.

APRIL 26—COLLECTION FOR 'VOCATION WORKS'

There will be a special collection for 'Vocation Works' on this weekend. Kindly use your numbered collection envelope marked 'Vocation Works' or print 'Vocation Works' on any envelope, also including your full name and address for tax receipt purposes.



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