

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

April 26, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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.

Donation Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Payment Plan Forms: Help yourself - at the entrance of church

Fr Bob Writes:

For each of the three years in the liturgical cycle, the gospel selected for this Fourth Sunday of Easter presents the theme of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, to coincide with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. What does it mean for Jesus to be the "gate" through which the sheep enter and leave the pen? This has an affinity to Jesus' saying at the Last Supper (John 14:6): "I am the WAY, the truth and the life". There is a bit of a different focus here, however, for Jesus refers to false shepherds who try to steal the sheep, to get to them without going through Jesus the gate. Who were the false shepherds to whom Jesus refers? What was going on in the Church at the time John wrote his gospel? John says in 20:31 that he wrote his gospel that people "might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God".

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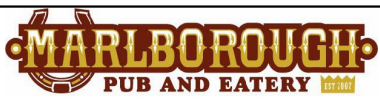
From the very first sentence and throughout the gospel, John emphasizes the divinity of Jesus. Most certainly, there were people promoting a belief in Jesus as a good man, a prophet of God, but not divine. Some years earlier, Paul had warned in his letters about preachers following him proclaiming a different gospel, promoting their own agenda.

In each age throughout the centuries there have been preachers who used the gospel to serve and promote their own interests and theories. The age in which John wrote his gospel certainly had its share. Jesus, Son of God, is both the Shepherd and the gate. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us ask God to keep sending us teachers, both clerical and lay, who will keep preaching the truth about Jesus as Christ and Lord.

With thanks to Fr Denny Dempsey



The Knights of Columbus will be participating in this years Village Garage Sale. Date of sale is expected to be 9 May 26 from 8am-2pm. We are looking for gently used items to sell of the garage sale which will be used for various charitable activates within the parish communities. You may drop off your donations in the St Philip's hall before and after masses on the following dates, 25-26 Apr, 2-3 May or Friday 8 May (10-2pm) only as all items need to be inspected for serviceability and cleanliness. We ask that your donation is in good working order and is complete as we sometimes need to refund an item without receipts and it becomes challenging. What we cannot sell, ends up in a landfill that is taken from any profits that are made. They are not accepting books or next to skin clothing such as socks and underwear. Hamburger and Hotdog sales will also be available. If you have a larger item that you wish to donate but require assistance to transport, contact John Evans at 613-558-9620.



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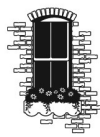
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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: 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—Intenaions of Rosemary Logan by Michelle & Michael Lotan

Monday—7pm at St Philips

April 20—intentions of members of Ladies Auxiliary

Catechism Corner

Why do we hand on the faith?

We hand on the faith because Jesus commands us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19).

No genuine Christian leaves the transmission of the faith exclusively to specialists (teachers, pastors, missionaries).

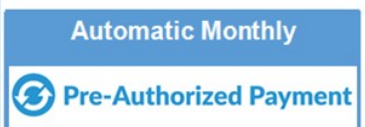
We are Christ for others. This means that every genuine Christian would like God to come to other people, too. He says to himself, "The Lord needs me! I have been baptized and confirmed and am responsible for helping the people around me to learn about God and to come to the knowledge of the truth' (1 Tim 2:4b)." Mother Teresa used a good comparison: "Often you can see power lines running alongside the street. Unless current is flowing through them, there is no light. The power line is you and I! The current is God! We have the power to allow the current to flow through us and thus to generate the light of the world: JESUS - or to refuse to be used and, thus, allow the darkness to spread." (YOUCAT question 11) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (68-73) and other references [here](#).

Please Consider Donating



Set up an E-Transfer from your bank and email to us at: WelcomeHome1819@gmail.com

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.



Flexible and easy to set up—helps provide predictability and reliability to the parish finances. You can start or end anytime you wish. Wish to enroll? Download [form HERE](#) and email to the office with a photo of a void cheque. You will receive a tax receipts from the parish next February.



Click [HERE](#) to be sent to the CanadaHelps.org website to make your secure donation. CanadaHelps.org will send us your donation (less 4% service fee) and they will issue you an immediate tax receipt by email.



Donate by Cash of Cheque—donations in numbered envelopes (or in an envelope with your name & address) can be dropped in the collection plate. OR cheques can be mailed to the office.

Why is it important to support the parishes financially?

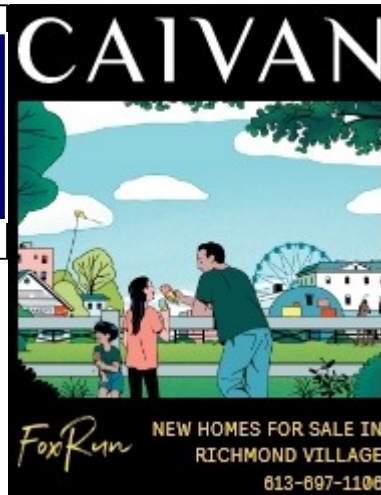
Just like any other charity or non-profit organization, it costs money to keep St. Philip Parish and St. Clare Mission afloat. For example, the annual operating expenditure budget of St. Philip Parish is approximately \$155,000, which goes towards paying for the following items:

- 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

APRIL 25th—FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT!

Book tickets by April 22! 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 e-transfer to stphilipsladiesaux@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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

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.

LOST AND FOUND BASKET

If you've lost anything over the winter, please check out the lost and found at the church entrance.

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.

FAMILIES IN CRISIS/HELPING YOU COPE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES ADDICTION

Embarrassed, angry, fearful, anxious, hurt, frustrated or shameful? **You're Not Alone.** Join Wayne Burke at St. Mary's Parish in Carleton Place, the following Thursdays in May from 6:30-8:30pm in the boardroom for a powerful 4-part workshop *helping you cope with your loved one's affliction*. May 7 - The Family Roles; May 14- Change, Acceptance, Letting Go; May 21- Family of Origin; May 28- Relationships – Developing a Personal Plan Call St. Mary's Parish office at 613-257-1284 to sign up.

GARAGE SALE MAY 9TH—SAVE THE DATE!

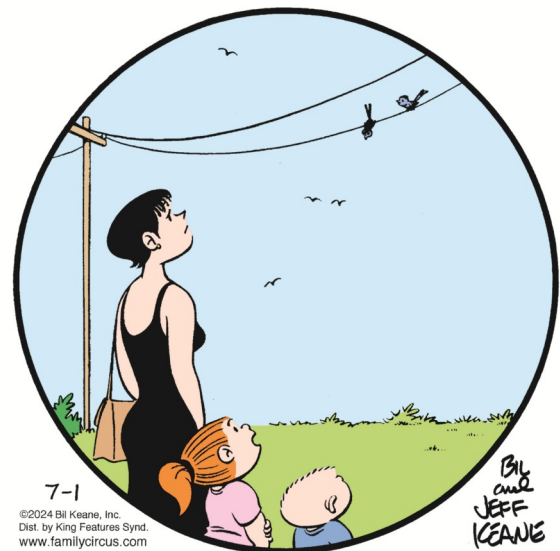
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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

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

HEART OF WORSHIP ADORATION EVENING

Tuesday, April 28th at Holy Redeemer Parish (44 Rothesay Dr.) @7:00pm - 8:30pm – Spiritual talk – Praise and Worship music – Opportunity for Reconciliation– Silent prayer time – Fellowship – Livestream link: www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata



“What happens if a bird is afraid of heights?”

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