

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

April 5, 2026—Easter Sunday

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Fr Bob Writes:

Our responsorial psalm today, the celebration of Easter, is a thanksgiving psalm, psalm 118. Here the sentiments of an individual, perhaps the king, represents the experience of the collective Israel. The psalm expresses gratitude to God for deliverance in liturgical terms connected with temple worship. The exhortation to collective praise of God for his covenant fidelity is extended to the nation of Israel (v2) then to the priests (v3), and Jewish converts (v4). Cornelius, the centurion mentioned in our first reading, represents the latter category. Those who were "God-fearers" represented those of Gentile origin, who had come to faith in the God of Israel. They would be the first to receive the good news of Christ's resurrection.

"*The right hand*" is the warrior's source of strength and protection, here used figuratively for God's power to deliver his people. He has brought Israel from the edge of defeat and destruction to live again in his presence. This insignificant country, demeaned by the great powers of the time, has become a centre-piece

of the international scene solely because of God's evident favour. This psalm finds its place in the Easter liturgy in being applied to Christ brought back from death to life, and in his rejection by his own people leading to his becoming the cornerstone of a new people of God. The risen Christ becomes for us, his followers, the new beginning of a fresh relationship to God,

This latter verse: "*the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone*" is repeatedly applied to Jesus' ironic position in the new dispensation, the refrain acclaiming the day of the Lord, fitting for Easter, expresses the psalmist's sense of joy.

Happy Easter to all our parishioners!!



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.

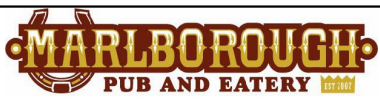
- Recovery is possible with proper treatment and support.

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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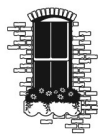
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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—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

Through his Resurrection, did Jesus return to the physical, corporeal state that he had during his earthly life? The risen Lord allowed his disciples to touch him; he ate with them and showed them the wounds of his Passion. Nevertheless, his body belonged no longer only to this earth, but rather to the heavenly kingdom of his Father.

The risen Christ, who bore the wounds of the Crucified, was no longer bound by space and time. He could enter through locked doors and appear to his disciples in various places in a form in which they did not recognize him immediately. Christ's Resurrection was, therefore, not a return to a normal earthly life, but rather his entrance into a new way of being: "For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him" (Rom 6:9).

What changed in the world as a result of the Resurrection? Because death is now no longer the end of everything, joy and hope came into the world. Now that death "no longer has dominion" (Rom 6:9) over Jesus, it has no more power over us, either, who belong to Jesus. [655, 658] (YOUCAT questions 107-108)

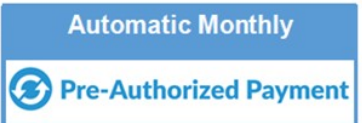
Dig Deeper: CCC section (645-658) and other references [here](#).

Please Consider Donating



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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.



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.



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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

LIVESTREAM OVER EASTER TRIDUUM

Great news! Our livestream team have expanded our livestreaming for Easter – we're livestreaming the Thursday 7:30pm Mass, the Passion at 3pm on Good Friday, the 8pm Saturday Easter Vigil, as well as Easter Sunday Mass. Mass will be played by livestream in the hall (if numbers require) on Holy Thursday and again on Easter Sunday (in addition to the 'regular' streaming on the YouTube channel).



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—2-4pm ADORATION Join us Sunday April 12th for adoration at St Philips from 2-4pm for Divine Mercy Sunday.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE MAKING SACRAMENTS
This weekend, we have 10 adults being Baptized and making their Confirmation! 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.

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. St Joseph, Hope of the Sick, Patron of Dying, intercede for us

“Even though we are baptized, what we constantly lose and betray is precisely that which we received at baptism. Therefore, Easter is our return every year to our own baptism ... our own ‘passage’ or ‘pascha’ into the new life in Christ.”

- Alexander Schmemmann

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.

TRIDUUM AND EASTER MASSES

Thurs April 2-Mass of the Last Supper-7:30pm*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 Sat April 4 -Easter Vigil Mass, St Phil,8pm*
- Followed by Reception in hall
Easter Sunday Mass-9am St Clares & 10:30am* St Philip
***These Masses will be livestreamed**

Divine Mercy Novena—Starts Friday Apr 3, at St Philip prayed 7pm nightly through Sat. April 11

Divine Mercy Sunday—2-4pm Adoration at St Philips

Cancellations:

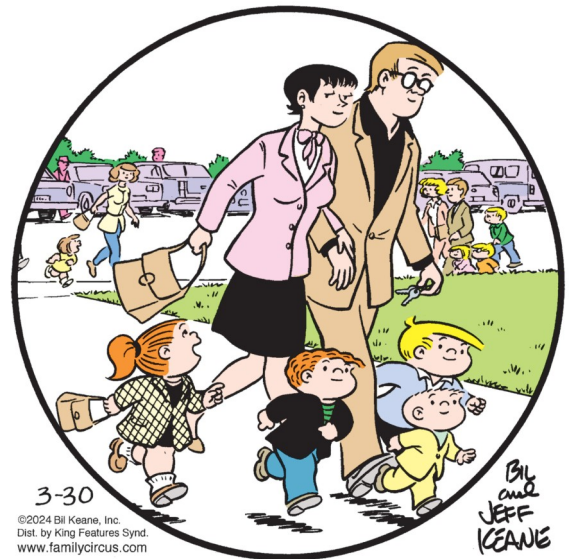
Friday April 3 - No First Friday Mass at St Philips
Monday April 6 - No 7pm Mass at St Philips
Tuesday April 7 - No 7pm Mass at St Clares

GOOD FRIDAY—COLLECTION FOR ‘HOLY LAND’

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.



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