

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

May 3, 2026—Fifth 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)

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Fr Bob Writes:

The temple of Jerusalem was among the most impressive and beautiful buildings in the world of its day. The reconstruction begun by King Herod the Great many years before the birth of Jesus was still continuing during Jesus' public ministry (John 2:20 indicates that, at that time, the temple had been under construction for 46 years) and would continue for many years after his death. St Peter, in our second reading today, uses the image of temple construction to express the unity of Christians as a living temple built up for God's glory. Into this living temple, people may enter and experience the presence of God. Paul uses the same image in his letter to the Ephesians (2:19-22).

The image of the stone rejected, in our second reading today, comes from Psalm 118:22 in which the stone rejected becomes the cornerstone. The other stones in a building are to be aligned or oriented in relation to the cornerstone. So it is with us in relationship to Jesus Christ. There is an account of Michelangelo carving his famous sculpture of David from a rejected stone. Due to numerous irregular veins that rendered it prone to fracture easily, the huge block of marble had previously been rejected by many more experienced sculptors. Michelangelo "saw" David in the stone and then "freed" him with his carving. Many of Jesus' contemporaries could not see God present in him, but those who received the gift of spiritual vision would be freed by him.

(with thanks to Fr Denny Dempsey)

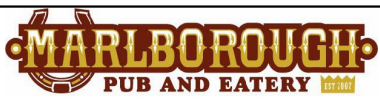


CHARITY GARAGE SALE & BBQ

May 9—Come one come all! The Knights of Columbus will be participating in this year's Village Garage Sale. Date of sale is May 9th from 8am-2pm. We are looking for gently used items to sell of the garage sale which will be used for various charitable activities within the parish communities. You may drop off your donations in the St Philip's hall before and after

masses on the following dates: May 2-3 or Friday May 8th (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. We 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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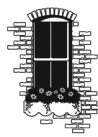
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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—June 5th

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—

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—May

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

May 2—In memory of Philip Mayr by John & Birgit Evans

Sunday 9am at St. Clares

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

May 24—In memory of Kristen O'Connor by Shirley & Jerome

May 31—In mem of Julie Thistle-Zappa, Sam & Jasmine Thistle by Colleen Thistle and family.

Sunday, 10:30 at St. Philips

May 3—Happy repose of soul of Mona McLinton by Betty Dolan

May 10—In memory of Teresa Pivar by Maria Pivar and family

May 17—Intentions of the St Philip Ladies Auxiliary

Monday—7pm at St Philips

May 4—In memory of Rudy Mayr by John & Birgit Evans

May 11—In memory of Pat Monuk by Joanne Denis

June 1—In memory of Caroline Rusin by Rosemary Logan

Catechism Corner

How can we tell what belongs to the true faith?

We find the true faith in Sacred Scripture and in the living Tradition of the Church.

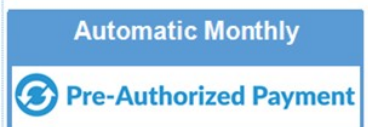
The New Testament developed out of the faith of the Church. Scripture and Tradition belong together. Handing on the faith does not occur primarily through documents. In the early Church it was said that Sacred Scripture was "written on the heart of the Church rather than on parchment". The disciples and the apostles experienced their new life above all through a living fellowship with Jesus. The early Church invited people into this fellowship, which continued in a different way after the Resurrection. The first Christians held fast "to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). They were united with one another and yet had room for others. This is part of our faith to this day: Christians invite other individuals to come to know a fellowship with God that has been preserved unaltered since the times of the apostles in the Catholic Church. (YOUCAT question 12) **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (74-87) 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.



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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.

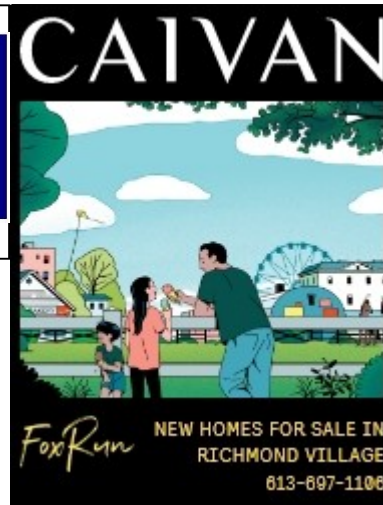
Why is it important to support the parishes financially?

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

MASSIVE GARAGE SALE MAY 9TH, 8AM-2PM — YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THESE TREASURES!

Donate in advance (drop off your donations in the St Philip hall before and after masses on

May 2&3 or Friday May 8th (10-2pm only) and then plan to come and find treasures on Saturday May 9th in St Philips hall. Mouth-watering lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs will 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.

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

2025 TAX RECEIPTS-CALL THE OFFICE

Tax receipts (which have been in both church entries since the end of January) have now been moved to the office. Please email the office if you need it emailed to you.

Saintly Routine – A Seminar on Developing YOUR Rule of Life. Inspired by Fr. Bob Bedard, CC Founder

On Friday, May 1, the Companions will celebrate their 41st anniversary as a community. We'll celebrate with testimonies, praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration, and a talk by Fr. Mark Goring, CC. We'll be reflecting on Fr. Bob's Rule of Life and how you can develop your own Rule of Life. Everyone is welcome! Bring a pen and your journal!

Details: St. Mary's Parish (100 Young St. Ottawa, ON) in the church proper. Friday, May 1, 7-9pm. This is a free event. To help us for planning purposes, please register here. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/5dqjzn>

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

... on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The faithful are invited to participate in a special time of prayer on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, during which a communal consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place. This time of prayer will offer an opportunity for reflection, devotion, and spiritual renewal, as we entrust ourselves to the maternal care of Our Lady and deepen our commitment to Christ. Wednesday May 13th, 7PM, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa). The program will include the screening of The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary, the communal consecration, and the May 13 hymn with candles. All welcome. Info: [613-722-7661](tel:613-722-7661) or office@fatimaparish.ca

Pope's Intentions for May 2026

That everyone might have food Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

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Embarrassed, angry, fearful, anxious, hurt, frustrated or shameful due to someone you love having major issues with isolation, anxiety, depression, prescription or illegal drugs, alcohol, gambling, shopping, eating disorders, and/or abuse (sexual, verbal, physical, emotional)?

You're Not Alone. You are invited to 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 or register at stmary.carletonplace@archkingston.ca

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

GIVE IT UP FOR THE EARTH – SIGN THE OPEN LETTER to end equivalency agreements prolonging coal fired electricity generation in Canada – Citizens for Public Justice. <https://cpj.ca/canadian-political-leaders-will-you-give-it-up-for-the-earth/>

WE PRAY FOR THOSE MAKING SACRAMENTS

In early June, we have 40 children celebrating their Confirmation! Kindly keep all of these people in your prayers.



"Isn't this great! Look at all the dandelions our lawn is growing this year!"

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