

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection: 6th Sunday 1 Cor 2.6-10

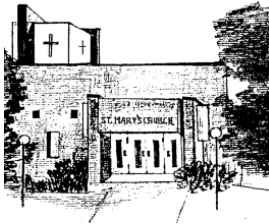
St. Paul reminds us today that he speaks wisdom, but not the type that the world typically honors. Not the knowledge of power, prestige, or sound arguments. Instead, he speaks of God's invisible wisdom, which can be understood only through the Spirit. Such insight is what we must strive for.

We like to believe that if we work hard enough, study enough, or plan well enough, we will be able to figure out everything—including God. However, Paul kindly explains, "God is not solved; God is revealed." This is why the rulers of the world failed to acknowledge God's wisdom; they were looking in the wrong place. They expected power, domination, and certainty, but instead found God's knowledge in Christ crucified. Thus, what appeared to be a weakness became a strength, and what appeared to be defeat became redemption. Nonetheless, this insight will not remain hidden forever. Paul says, "God has revealed it to us through the Spirit." The Holy Spirit allows our eyes to perceive meaning where others see nothing, hope where they see loss, and life where they see death.

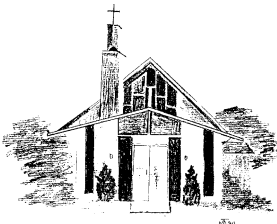
This passage encourages us to consider what type of wisdom we are relying on. Is it the world's wisdom—success, control, and self-reliance? Or is it God's wisdom, which encompasses trust, humility, love, and surrender? So today we are urged to stop trying to grasp things on our own. Instead, we are urged to open our hearts, embrace the Spirit, and believe that God is working in ways we cannot yet perceive.

Liturgy and Sacraments:
Baptism & Instruction in the Catholic Faith: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on Sundays as needed. Parent preparation is required.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Those wishing to join the Catholic Church please call the office (613-543-2544). Classes starting soon!
Marriage: 9–12-month notice is needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Each couple is required to participate in a Marriage Preparation course.
Reconciliation: Confessions heard half hour before Mass or by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.
Sick List: Please call the office if anyone needs prayers, a visit or is seriously ill. If you are unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time, please contact St. Mary’s. Arrangements can be made for reception of the Holy Eucharist in the home.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 15, 2026

Marian Mass			
Sat.	14 Feb	8:30 am	Int of Joseph Zambon & Family (Zambon Family) 8:30 – 9:00 am Rosary ~ Mass at 9:00 am
Sun.	15 Feb	9:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the people)
Tue.	17 Feb	9:00 am	The Boulerville Sisters (Fred & Sandy Diegel)
Ash Wednesday			
Wed.	18 Feb	9:45 am	Int of Nicholas Zambon & Family (Zambon Family) School Mass
Sun.	22 Feb	9:00 am	Anna Marie & Beat Schraner (Rita Rimann)
Tue.	24 Feb	9:00 am	Bonnie & Wayne Lynch (Fred & Sandy Diegel)
Wed.	25 Feb	9:45 am	Int of Jocelyn Arnott (Zambon Family) Stations of the Cross: 9:00 am – 9:45 am led by the Knights

Etransfers Available: We have set up the ability to send etransfers to the Church, please use StMary.Morrisburg@archkingston.ca, in the remarks area please give your name and what you wish the money to be used for eg. Roof, Regular Collection etc.

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Collection: 5th Sunday: \$1,934.00 (2025: \$2,010.00)
Catholic Mission \$310.00; Archdiocesan Lenten \$200.00;
Repairs and Maintenance: \$595.00; Roof Repair: \$3,640.00;
Roof Total Collected: \$11,915.00 (Total cost \$120,000)

Meetings:

KNIGHTS - Mon 9 March, 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room
CWL - Mon 16 March, 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room (No Meeting Jan & Feb)
Bible/Faith Study: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room
Sacramental Preparation: Meetings will be held after the 9 am Mass
First Communion: March 1; April 5
Confirmation: February 22; March 29; April 26

Parish Activities:

Choirs: St. Mary's: Jim Boissonneault (543-3435) new members are welcome!
AA Meeting: Wednesday, 8:00 pm,
Coffee Social: **February 8th** Marg Zambon (613-652-4741)



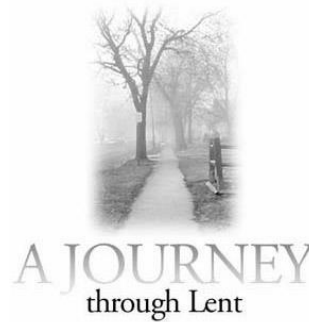
Pray for those who are sick in our families and parish especially:
Tony Byvelds, Bridget Van Der Zweep, John Ricci, Robert Miller, Alice McNairn, Noella Kirkwood, and Louise Altimas.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Father Stan Alanen, Dr. Edward O'Brien (brother of Archbishop O'Brien), Chuck Richer, Julie Watters (nee Durivage), Margaret Lortie; Jim Kelly, Juliet Gremli, Catherine Lortie, Tina Serviss, and Beat Schraner.

Tax Receipts are ready for pick up in the back of the Church, please only take the one for you, and not for someone else, if not picked up they will be mail. Included with your tax receipt is a letter from Father Oliver and a copy of the financial report.

Free Will Offering for Missals and Word Among Us if you are able, please consider helping with the cost of these items, the box is located at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

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Lent for Christians is a solemn period in which we reflect on the way we live our lives by imitating the 40 days of Jesus's sojourn in the desert. This period of purification assists us in our spiritual growth. Sundays, because it is a solemn feast day is not one of the 40 days of Lent.

Lent will start Ash Wednesday, February 18

Every Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, The Way of the Cross will be held at 9:00 am before the 9:45 am School Mass led by the CWL and the Knights.

Fast and Abstinence Ash Wednesday are mandatory days of Fast and Abstinence for Catholics.

Fasts? Those 18 - 59 years old. One regular and two small meals.

Abstains? Those 14 years old until death.

Abstinence means from your principal food. For 99.9% of people, this ordinarily means MEAT.

Exceptions? Those truly ill are excused from fasting, but not from abstinence.

Parents: Even though your children may be under the age limit, it doesn't hurt them to do some type of fasting and even abstinence.



Fundraising Committee Needed! Please consider joining this committee to help our parish reach its goals and be a part of uplifting our parish! Help make a difference in your parish!

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for volunteers to sign up to be on this committee.

50/50 Raffle Tickets: The Knights of Columbus presents its Ontario Charities raffle tickets in support of their local projects. Open only to Ontario residents over 17 the \$500 early bird draw is February 17, 50/50 grand prize is April 26. Tickets are 10 for \$10, 40 for \$20, 125 for \$50 and 300 for \$100 or call Graham Darling at 613-214-1968 or online at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/295>