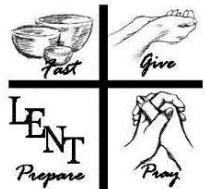


Father Oliver's Weekend Reflection: 5th Sunday Isaiah 58.6-10

During Isaiah's time, the people were engaged in various religious practices such as fasting, praying, and humbling themselves before God. However, God responds to them with a firm statement: "This is not the fast I choose." The reason for this is that their acts of worship had become disconnected from their treatment of others.

God redefines authentic fasting, worship, and religion as something that extends beyond the temple or sanctuary into everyday life. He says, "To loosen the bonds of injustice... to share your bread with the hungry... to shelter the homeless poor... to clothe the naked. "Here, Isaiah is saying that the world will know God not through our words but through how we treat those who are vulnerable. As a result, the hungry, impoverished, and forgotten become the meeting point for God and humanity. In other words, if our prayers do not influence how we live, something is lacking. God is not impressed by rituals that leave oppressive systems unaffected, nor by prayers that disregard the suffering standing in front of us. God seeks a heart that sees, notices, and responds.



So today, Isaiah poses a difficult yet life-giving question: What type of worship do we offer God? One that concludes with "Amen" and does not go any further or one that continues in deeds of justice, compassion, and love?

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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.

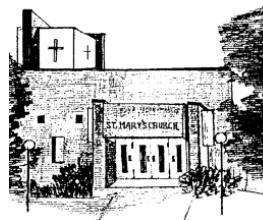
Reconciliation: Confessions heard half hour before Mass or by appointment.

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 8, 2026

Sun. 08 Feb 9:00 am Adrian Tindal (The Family)
Tue. 10 Feb 9:00 am Monica Woodmass (The Woodmass Family)
Wed. 11 Feb 9:00 am Tina Serviss (The Boularice Family)

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 Boularice Sisters (Fred & Sandy Diegel)
Ash Wednesday
Wed. 18 Feb **9:45 am** Int of Nicholas Zambon & Family (Zambon Family)
School Mass

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection: 4th Sunday: \$1,584.00 (2025: \$1,585.00)

Catholic Mission \$336 (2025: \$515); Repairs and Maintenance: \$200.00;
Roof Repair: \$450.00;

Roof Total Collected: \$8,275.00 (Total cost \$120,000)

Meetings:

KNIGHTS - **Mon 9 Feb**, 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:
Father Stan Alanen, 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 Dr. Edward O'Brien (brother of Archbishop O'Brien), Chuck Richer, Julie Watters (nee Durivage), Margaret Lortie; Jim Kelly, Juliet Greml, Catherine Lortie, Tina Serviss, and Beat Schraner.

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.

Food Bank Collection Please bring any non-perishable food. A cash donation can be made, please make the cheque to Community Food Share and put in the collection basket marked Food Bank. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

February 8, 2026



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.

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.

Financial Report: There are copies at the back of the Church for those who wish to take one. Those who have tax receipt will have a copy in their envelope.

Mass Intentions The parish has a shortage of weekday Mass Intentions, cost \$20. Please consider gifting a Mass intention for someone who is celebrating a special occasion. Having a Mass in memory of a loved one is a wonderful way to remember.

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>



A JOURNEY
through Lent

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.