

Father Oliver's Weekend Reflection: 4th Sunday of Lent Eph 5.8-14

I want to reflect on Paul's statement: "You were once darkness, but now you live as children of light in the Lord." This verse emphasizes the terrible impact that sin and alienation from God have on the human heart. Our identity, however, transforms because of baptism and Christian faith. We no longer belong to darkness; rather, we belong to light.

The world today is full of depression. Conflict, terror, injustice, and misery can be felt all around us. Sometimes we favor darkness because it conceals our sins, shortcomings, and compromises. But Christians are not supposed to whine about the darkness. We are supposed to provide light. Light lets us see clearly. In the same way, Christ shows the reality of our life. According to Paul, the fruit of light includes goodness, righteousness, and truth. People should be able to see Christ in how we live. Our homes, workplaces, and communities require Christians who demonstrate love, honesty, and justice in their daily lives. Furthermore, Christ's light reveals what needs healing. Not to humiliate, but to liberate us. In addition, when we lack God's grace, we become susceptible to the temptations of greed, injustice, dishonesty, and indifference. Yet, each time we choose love, forgiveness, honesty, or compassion, we illuminate the world with a renewed sense of hope and goodness. These everyday actions serve as beacons, reminding others of the transformative power of living in the light.

So today, God's Word asks each of us a simple question: Are we living as children of light? May Christ help us wake up, walk in the light, and let our lives reflect His love for the world.

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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.

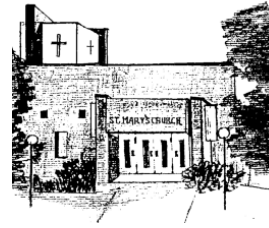
Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

Sick List: Please call the office if anyone needs prayers, a visit or is seriously ill.

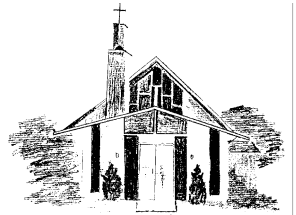
If you are unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time, please contact St. Mary's.

Arrangements can be made for reception of the Holy Eucharist in the home.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 15, 2026

Marian Mass			
Sat.	14 Mar	8:30 am	Margaret Lortie (Robert Lortie) Mass at 9:30 am Lenten Penitential Service: March 14th 8:30 – 9:30 am
Sun.	15 Mar	9:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the people)
Tue.	17 Mar	9:00 am	Margaret Lortie (Peter Pepers)
Wed.	18 Mar	9:45 am	Sihle Tsabedze (Zambon Family) Stations of the Cross: 9:00 am – 9:45 am led by the CWL
Sun.	22 Mar	9:00 am	Anna Marie & Beat Schraner (The Family)
Tue.	24 Mar	9:00 am	Peter & Regina Fridgen & Family (Estate of B Fridgen)
Wed.	25 Mar	9:45 am	Albertha Smit (Zambon Family) Stations of the Cross: 9:00 am – 9:45 am led by the Knights

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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.

Collection: 3rd Sunday of Lent: \$1,175.00 (2025: \$1,379.00)
Roof Repair: \$20.00; Repairs & Maintenance: \$510.00

Roof Collected to date: \$15,505.00; (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: April 5

(1st Reconciliation & rehearsal May 5, 6 pm; 1st Communion May 8, 6 pm)

Confirmation: March 29; April 26 (**Confirmation on Friday June 5, 6 pm**)

Parish Activities:

Choirs: St. Mary's: Jim Boissonneault (543-3435) new members are welcome!

AA Meeting: Wednesday, 8:00 pm,

Coffee Social: March 8th Marg Zambon (613-652-4741)



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

Pray for the repose of the soul of Bill McSheffrey, Robert Miller, Father Stan Alanen, Julie Watters (nee Durivage), Margaret Lortie; Jim Kelly, Juliet Gremli, Catherine Lortie, Tina Serviss, and Beat Schraner.



Liturgical Ministers **Ministry Training/Refresher:** This is for Communion Ministers, Readers and Ushers. It will take place in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday March 17th at 6:30 pm, for about 1/2 hour. Those who are interested in joining the ministries are welcome to attend.

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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.

Rosary Group ~ starting April 7th: Father Oliver would like to start a rosary group on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month after the 9:00 am Mass led by Ray Gremli.



2026 Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday: April 2; 7:00 pm St. Mary's

Good Friday: April 3; 2:00 pm Stations (CWL); 3:00 Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday: April 4; 8:00 pm St. Mary's

Easter Sunday: April 5; 9:00 am St. Mary's

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.



Bus Trip ~ 200th Anniversary of Kingston: You're invited! Join with fellow parishioners and take a coach bus trip to the Archdiocese's 200th Anniversary Holy Mass and reception, in Kingston on Sat April 18th, cost \$40 per person. Bus will pick up from Chesterville, South Mountain and St. Mary's, Morrisburg. Please see poster and sign up sheet at the back of the Church.

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, 50/50 grand prize is April 26. Tickets are 10 for \$10, 40 for \$20, 125 for \$50 and 300 for \$100 or online at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/295> or call Graham Darling at 613-214-1968.