

**GOOD FRIDAY:**

**-- Passion of Our Lord: 3:00 pm, (St. Mary's)**



This is the only day of the year when there is no celebration of Mass anywhere in the world as we remember and mourn for our Lord who, at the ninth hour, (3 pm) was so cruelly crucified and died for our sins. Once more, the Passion is read, Intercessions are offered, the Cross is venerated, and Holy Communion is received; then we leave the Church in silence. This is a day of fasting and abstinence from our principal food, which for the majority of Canadians, usually means meat.

**-- Stations of the Cross:**

**Friday, April 3 2:00 pm, (St. Mary's)**



Following an ancient custom of pilgrims making the Way of the Cross in the Holy Land, we also journey with Jesus as He prepares to offer the atonement for our sins. The sins of the world past, present and future. The Stations remind us, of how we are called to carry our own crosses and follow after Him.

**EASTER VIGIL MASS:**

**8:00 pm, Saturday, April 4, St. Mary's, Morrisburg**

This solemn feast is filled with symbols: FIRE is used to light the Paschal Candle, from which the candles of the congregation are lit; SCRIPTURE READINGS remind us of God's promise to send us a Saviour; BELLS accompany the singing of the Gloria; HOLY WATER is used to bless the congregation; our Baptismal Promises are reaffirmed in the PROFESSION OF FAITH; and the first EUCHARIST of Easter is celebrated. **Catechumens/elect** are received into the Church.



The tomb is empty; Jesus is risen from the dead!

**EASTER SUNDAY:**

**9:00 am, Sunday, 5 April, St. Mary's, Morrisburg**



Easter is the holiest and most solemn feast of the Christian calendar. Easter celebrates our Lord's victory over sin and death and is the hope and promise of our eternal life. We renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection. **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**ST. MARY'S - ST. CECILIA'S**

~ Passion (Palm) Sunday 29 March 2026 ~



**2026 Holy Week Schedule**

**Mass of Chrism:**

10:30 am, Tue, 31 March, St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston

At this Mass, His Grace Archbishop Mulhall and all the priests renew their sacred vows of ordination. His Grace the Archbishop consecrates the Holy Oils used for the celebration of the sacraments, and these are distributed to the parishes.



**Holy Thursday: 7:00 pm, Thur, April 2, St. Mary's, Morrisburg**

Commemorating the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Eucharist as a Sacrament and the establishment of the New Covenant of His love and mercy. In an act of service Christ washed the feet of His disciples. After Mass, the Altar is stripped. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until **9 pm**, then the Church will be kept open and parishioners feel free to pray until Good Friday's Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm.



**Etransfers Available:** We have set up the ability to send etransfers to the Church, please use [StMary.Morrisburg@archkingston.ca](mailto:StMary.Morrisburg@archkingston.ca) in the remarks area please give your name and what you wish the money to applied.

**Collection:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: \$1,566.00 (2025: \$3,210.00)  
Roof Repair: \$50.00;

**Roof Collected to date: \$17,175.00;** (Total cost \$120,000)

**Meetings:**

**KNIGHTS - Mon 13 April,** 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room *\*Special Vote\**

**CWL - Mon 20 April,** 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

**Bible/Faith Study:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

**Rosary Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday after 9 am Mass **starting April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Sacramental Preparation:** Meetings will be held after the 9 am Mass Parents:

**First Communion:** April 5 (**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & rehearsal May 5, 6 pm;**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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.



**Good Friday – April 3:** Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.

**Fast and Abstinence** Good Friday 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.

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

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



**Bus Trip ~ 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kingston:** You're invited! Join with fellow parishioners and take a coach bus trip to the Archdiocese's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Holy Mass and reception, in Kingston on Sat April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. We need 22 more people signed up to fill the bus!

**50/50 Raffle Tickets:** The Knights of Columbus presents its Ontario Charities 50/50 raffle. 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>.