

Father Oliver's Weekend Reflection:

3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 2.14, 22-28

After the resurrection, Peter boldly addresses the crowd with unwavering clarity and authority. No longer gripped by fear, his words now reflect a deep conviction, empowered by the Holy Spirit working within him.

Peter's speech to the crowd highlights that the unfolding events are not merely random or chaotic, but instead reveal the fulfilment of God's purpose. He invites everyone to see that Jesus lived an open, accessible life, displaying unmistakable divine power—a life witnessed by many. Despite this, Jesus was crucified. Peter boldly proclaims, "But God raised him, freeing him from the agony of death, because he couldn't be held by it." This powerful statement reveals a profound truth: when one's life is united with God, death itself loses its grip and is ultimately defeated. Thus, the resurrection serves as a lasting testament to the unwavering strength of faith, demonstrating the ultimate triumph of divine life over death. This passage prompts us to consider a few key points: First, faith turns fear into courage. We, like Peter, may step back, doubt, or even fail—but the Spirit has the power to transform us as witnesses. Second, God works through brokenness. The cross demonstrates that human sin is real and awful, yet it is not the ultimate word. God's plan is greater than our failings. Third, we are urged to live in hope, even in the midst of sorrow and uncertainty.

Ultimately, it is essential to recognize that the resurrection of Jesus transforms everything, and life cannot remain unchanged in its wake. We are called to trust, to turn our hearts towards repentance, and to embrace a way of living that reflects the conviction that death and despair do not have the final word.

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.

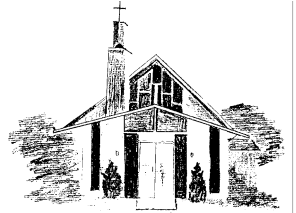
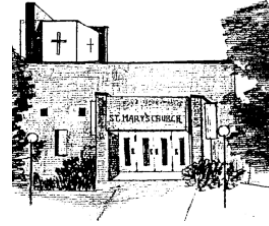
Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

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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Sun.	19 Apr	9:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the people)
Tue.	21 Apr	9:00 am	Carmen Weatherhead & Bernadette Hutchison (V&R Greml)
Wed.	22 Apr	9:30 am	Peter & Regina Fridgen & Fam (Estate of Bill Fridgen) School Mass
Sun.	26 Apr	9:00 am	Jim Kelly (Sandra and Allan Brunt)
Tue.	28 Apr	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory (Linda Fleury)
Wed.	29 Apr	9:00 am	Deceased of the Cassidy Family (Pat Bisson)
Fri.	01 May	4:00 pm	Peter & Regina Fridgen & Fam (Estate of Bill Fridgen)
		3:00 – 4:00 pm	Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Parish Picnic will be on June 13th

Mass will be at 5:00 pm followed by fellowship and bbq.

More information closer to the date!

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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: Divine Mercy Sunday: \$1,322.00 (2025: \$1,375.00)
Easter: \$15.00; Repairs and Maintenance: \$370.00; Roof: \$20.00

Roof Collected to date: \$17,320.00; (Total cost \$120,000)

Meetings:

KNIGHTS - Mon 11 May, 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

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

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

Rosary Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesday after 9 am Mass

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

First Communion: 1st Reconciliation & rehearsal May 5, 6:00 pm;

1st Communion May 8, 6:00 pm

Confirmation: April 26 (**Confirmation on Friday June 5, 6:00 pm**)

Parish Activities:

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

AA Meeting: Wednesday, 8:00 pm,

Coffee Social: **April 12th** 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 Gremlie, 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.

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Religious Items for Free: Please see the back of the Church for some items that have been donated to the Church. Free to take home with you.

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 at 613-214-1968.

Faith, Hope and Love Retreat: May 2nd, Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Cardinal cost \$10. Doors open at 8:30 am; retreat 9:00 am to 2:00 pm lunch include. Guest Speaker is Deacon Greg Vaughn. Register by email to stmarkcwlprescott@gmail.com before April 15th. See bulletin board for poster.

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.

High School Bursaries: Any high school student from our parish planning to attend post-secondary school in September should see their guidance counselor or a member of the CWL to obtain a bursary application. Applications are due by May 1st.



Food Bank Collection: Please bring can goods, kraft dinner, pasta sauce, baby/junior food, shampoo, toilet paper, juice, peanut butter or any non-perishable food. A cash donation can be made, please make cheque to Community Food Share and put in the collection basket marked Food Bank. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Do you need help getting to Mass? If you are in need of a ride to Mass during the weekend please contact Knights of Columbus member Peter Patenaude (613-641-2015). If you have space and can offer someone a ride please contact Peter.