

**Father Oliver's Weekend Reflection:**

Ascension Ephesians 1.17-23

Today we remember that forty days after the Resurrection, Jesus returned to the Father not to leave us behind, but to remain with us in a new way, filling the world with His presence and love.

Ascension faith is not only the belief that Christ has gone to heaven; it is the conviction that because He reigns in glory, we must now see everything in the light of His victory. That is why Paul prays that the eyes of our hearts may be opened. Ascension, therefore, completes the Resurrection. The risen Christ is not simply alive again; He is exalted above every earthly and spiritual authority. Every throne, empire, power, ideology, and force is ultimately beneath Him.

This passage invites us to acknowledge that Christ is actively reigning, encouraging us to place our trust in His power even when faced with turmoil and uncertainty. It urges us to embrace a perspective where our true lives are deeply connected with Him in glory, motivating us to live with hope and confidence regardless of the challenges that surround us.

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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.

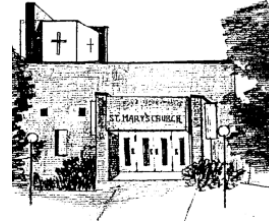
**Reconciliation:** Confessions heard half hour before Mass or by appointment.

**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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**Ascension of the Lord ~ May 17, 2026**

Sun. 17 May 9:00 am Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the people)

**No Masses May 18 to 22 ~ Priests Retreat**

Sun. 24 May 9:00 am Alie Stuyt (Georgette Stuyt)

Tue. 26 May 9:00 am June Finn (Pat Bisson)

Wed. 27 May 9:00 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus

Sun. 31 May 9:00 am Robert Miller (Mila & Mike Miller)

**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 be used for eg. Roof, Regular Collection etc.

# Ascension of the Lord

**Collection:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: \$1,518.00 (2025: \$1,399.00)  
Roof Repair: \$655.00; Papal Charities: \$20.00

**Roof Collected to date: \$23,180.00;** (Total cost \$120,000)

## Meetings:

**KNIGHTS - Mon 11 May,** 7 pm St. Mary's Mtg Room (AGM & Elections)

**CWL - Mon 18 May,** 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

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

**Confirmation: 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: June 14<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** Fidelis Ajawara (Father Cosmas's Father), Bill McSheffrey, Robert Miller, Father Stan Alanen, Julie Watters (nee Durivage), Margaret Lortie; Jim Kelly, Juliet Gremlie, Catherine Lortie, Tina Serviss, and Beat Schraner.



## Rosary before Mass Sundays for the month of May:

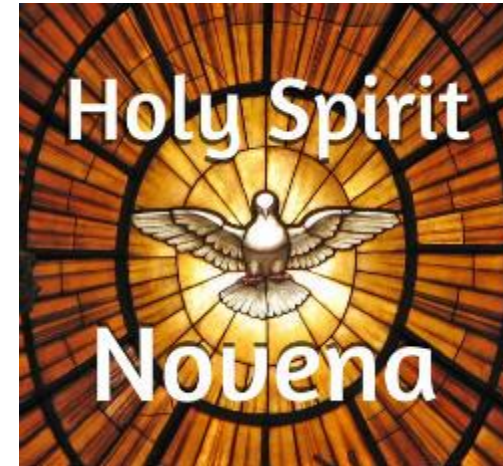
The rosary will begin 20 minutes before Mass.

Led by the CWL and the Knights of Columbus.

**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.

# May 17, 2026

**The Pope's Pastoral Works – May 17,** Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters. Response to Christ's appeal for his needy brothers and sisters will someday hear his words. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.



**Novena to the Holy Spirit:** The Easter season culminates on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. Christians have prepared for Pentecost for over 2000 years by joining together for 9 days of prayer. Everyone across the three Parishes of Chesterville, South Mountain and Morrisburg are invited to join in praying the Novena to The Holy Spirit from Fri. May 15<sup>th</sup> to Sat. May 23<sup>rd</sup>. St. Mary's, Morrisburg will have Mass on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm with Adoration and to start the Novena. The Novena will also be said before Sunday Mass on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners are

encouraged to pray the Novena on their own so the 9 days can be completed in its entirety. Copies of the Novena will be available at the back of the Church.

**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.



## Parish Picnic will be on June 13<sup>th</sup>

Mass will be at 5:00 pm followed by fellowship and bbq.  
More information closer to the date!