

Father Oliver's Weekend Reflection:

11th Sunday Exodus 19.1-6

Before giving the Law, God reminds the Israelites of what He has done: "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself."

These words reveal God's true nature. He is not a distant ruler imposing demands on His people; rather, He is a loving Savior who actively rescues, protects, and guides us. The image of carrying Israel "on eagles' wings" speaks of God's tender care and protection. Before asking for obedience, God reminds them of His love. God then invites Israel into a special relationship: "If you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples." Although the whole earth belongs to God, He chooses Israel to be a people set apart, a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. Their vocation is a mission to reveal God's presence to the world. Through Baptism, we enter into a covenant with God. Like Israel, we are rescued not from Egypt's slavery, but from sin through Christ's saving work. And God guides us through life's challenges, drawing us closer to Him.

We are called to reflect God's holiness, offer spiritual sacrifices through prayer and service, and help others encounter the Lord. For, our faith is not just personal; it is meant to be a witness to 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!

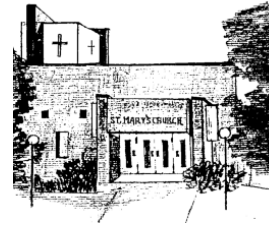
Marriage: 9-12-month notice is needed for the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Each couple is required to participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

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

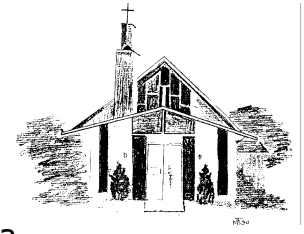
Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of Anointing is given on request, especially before going to the hospital, or at the hospital or at home.

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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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 13, 2026

Sat. 13 June 5:00 pm Intention of Fred & Celeste Guse
Parish Picnic/BBQ 6:00 pm

Sun. 14 June **NO MASS**

Tue. 16 June 9:00 am Gilda De Melo (The Family)

Wed. 17 June 9:00 am Bill & Claire McClung (Murray Richer)

Sun. 21 June 9:00 am Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the people)

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.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection: Corpus Christi: \$4,680.00 (2025: \$910.00)
Roof Repair: \$705; Repairs & Maintenance: \$405; Education of Priests: \$250

Roof Collected to date: \$24,095.00; (Total cost \$120,000)

Meetings:

CWL - Mon 15 June, 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room: All Members asked to attend

Important Mtg to decide future of the CWL Council

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

Parish Activities:

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

AA Meeting: Wednesday, 8:00 pm,

Coffee Social: None in June; next 12 July Marg Zambon (613-652-4741)



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

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

Kingston 200 Years of Faith: Celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston with this inspiring article from *The Catholic Register*:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/item/3721-historic-kingston-endures-200-years>

Discover how our faith community continues to grow and "endure" with hope.

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 the cheque to Community Food Share and put in the collection basket marked Food Bank. Sponsored by the Knights.

June 13, 2026



Education of Seminarians and Priests Collection June 21,

The Ecclesiastical Education Fund for Priests and Seminarians is a combination of a seminary fund and the fund for continuing education priests. The sources of money for this fund are: the annual collection for the education of priests/seminarians, bination stipends and donations.

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.

Knights of Columbus Council 11725 Annual BBQ Fundraiser: Will take place on Saturday, July 11th, pickup at St. Mary's Morrisburg time to be determined. Tickets are \$25 in advance and include ½ chicken, 2 sides and a dinner roll. E-transfer to Knights11725@gmail.com or cash to Graham at 613-214-1968.

Charity Raffle: The Knights of Columbus presents its Ontario Charities Raffle (License #RAF1526797) in support of the Birthright, St. Vincent de Paul, Special Olympics and local projects. Open only to Ontario residents 18 or over; *\$500 early bird draw June 22*; 50:50 grand prize Aug 31. Tickets are 10 for \$10, 40 for \$20, 125 for \$50 and 300 for \$100, contact Grand Knight Graham Darling 613-214-1968 or online at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/295>.



Parish Picnic is on June 13th

Mass will be at 5:00 pm
followed by fellowship and bbq.
Bring your own lawn chair!

To Register for the BBQ please complete this form:

<https://forms.gle/dALibkLxFSGG93j4A>