

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection:

16th Sunday Matthew 13.33

My reflection is on the parable that states, "The kingdom of God is like yeast that a woman took and kneaded into three measures of flour. Eventually, the entire mass of dough began to rise."

Yeast works quietly and transforms the loaf from within. Similarly, the Kingdom of God often grows quietly in our hearts and communities. In the same way, God's work is usually not dramatic or immediate; it unfolds through simple acts of faith, love, and perseverance. In the modern world, we are frequently drawn to things that are outstanding and successful right. We assess outcomes by looking at numbers, popularity, and outward accomplishments. Jesus, however, reminds us that God's approach is distinct. A simple prayer, a kind word, forgiveness after a disagreement, or a hidden act of charity may seem small, but these are the "yeast" that God uses to transform lives. Christians are meant to be a transformative presence in society. By living lives characterized by honesty, compassion, justice, humility, and hope, we contribute to bringing the values of God's Kingdom into our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities.

Let us ask the Lord for the humility to trust His quiet work, the patience to wait for His timing, and the courage to be the yeast that helps build His Kingdom wherever we are.

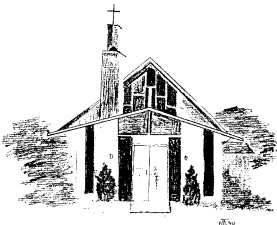
Liturgy and Sacraments:

- 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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 19, 2026

Sun.	19 July	9:00 am	Richard de Vette (Georgette Stuyt)
Tue.	21 July	6:00 pm	Peter & Regina Fridgen & Family (Estate of B Fridgen)
Wed.	22 July	9:00 am	James Glenn Doyle (Dennis & Louise Doyle)
Sun.	26 July	9:00 am	Agnes Cassidey (Pat Bisson)
Tue.	28 July	6:00 pm	Robert & Ida Gale (Fred & Sandy Diegel)
Wed.	29 July	9:00 am	Bill & Claire McClung (Nancy & Chris Richer)
Sun.	02 Aug	9:00 am	Intention of Filomena Zambon (Zambon Family)

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.

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Collection: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1,050.00 (2025: \$2,175.00)
Roof Repair: \$25.00; Repairs and Maintenance: \$320.00

Roof Collected to date: \$24,330.00; (Total cost \$120,000)

Meetings:

Bible/Faith Study: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays after the 6 pm Mass in St. Mary's Mtg Room

Rosary Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 pm before the 6 pm Mass

Parish Activities:

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

AA Meeting: Wednesday, 8:00 pm,

Coffee Social: **09 August** 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 Erna Jakel, Florence McManus, Bill McSheffrey, Robert Miller, 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.

Spiritual Speakers Series: To honour the Archdiocese's 200th Anniversary, a special speakers' Series has been planned for Aug 13–15th at different parishes. All are welcome to attend! See the poster at the back of the Church for more details.

Holy Hour of Prayer with the Pilgrim Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Monday July 20, at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's Church in Morrisburg. All welcome, presented by the Knights of Columbus.

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Fundraising/Event Notice: We have a committee! Those still interested please reach out to Brent Mather. If you have ideas for fundraising please reach out to the office by email and they will be forward to the committee for consideration. Thank you for those who have volunteered. Keep checking here for updates and announcement of events.



First Notice ~ Donor match for Roof Donation!

If there is a combined total donation of \$500 for the roof this week and next weekend Mass, we have a donor who will match to a total of \$500 to the amount collected.

17th Annual Women's Fall Retreat: Sat., Oct. 24, 2026, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, at St. Michael's Catholic High School in Kemptville. Guest speaker Melanie Rabishaw reflects on the 200th anniversary theme of the Archdiocese of Kingston: "To know Christ and the power of His resurrection". Join us for Holy Mass, inspiring reflections, worship, personal prayer and fellowship. Registration (\$50) is limited to 100 participants: romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/womens-fall-retreat.

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.

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; 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>.