

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection:

17th Sunday Romans 8.28-30

Have you ever been overwhelmed by troubles or uncertainty in your life? In such times, Romans 8:28-30 urges us to trust God's loving plan: "All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose." This is not to say that every tragic occurrence is inherently beneficial. But when we entrust our life in God's hands, He can bring grace, growth, and hope even amid sorrow.

Every situation, whether favorable or challenging, is under God's power, and He actively manages circumstances to benefit people who have a relationship with Him and are committed to His mission. This verse underscores God’s omniscience and His predetermined plan for believers to grow in likeness to Christ, with Jesus as the preeminent example. Thus, Suffering, illness, betrayal, loss, and injustice are not good in themselves. Rather, Paul assures us that God is so powerful and so loving that He can bring good even out of painful and difficult situations.

This reality is evident throughout the Bible. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, yet God used this tragedy to save many lives. Jesus faced rejection, pain, and death on the cross, yet God turned that apparent defeat into victory through the Resurrection and the salvation of the world. God never wastes our sorrow when we put it in His hands. For, Faith means believing that even when we cannot understand His ways, His love remains constant and His purposes are good.

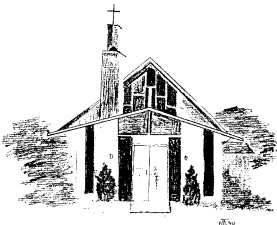
Liturgy and Sacraments:

- 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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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 26, 2026

Sun.	26 July	9:00 am	Agnes Cassidy (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)
No Mass Tuesday and Wednesday Father away			
Fri.	07 Aug	4:00 pm	Int of Ian Weatherhead (Val & Ray Gremli)
		3:00 – 4:00 pm	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Sun.	09 Aug	9:00 am	Myrna Watson (Jim & Marilyn Boissonneault)

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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: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2,629.00 (2025: \$1,806.00)
Roof Repair: \$430.00; Repairs and Maintenance: \$10.00

Roof Collected to date: \$24,760.00; (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. Sebas\tian 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.

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Fundraising: 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 from last week and this weekend Mass, we have a donor who will match to a total of \$500 to the amount collected.

ONLY NEED \$70 TO REACH THE \$500

July 19th collected: \$430.00 July 26th 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>.