

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection:

22nd Sunday: Romans 12.1-2

In this passage, St. Paul writes, "...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Paul envisions Christian sacrifice as an offering of our entire lives—our thoughts, words, deeds, relationships, work, and decisions.

According to Paul, the transformation begins with the mind. When we let God's Word change our thinking, we gradually start to perceive life differently. We learn to ask not only, "What do I want?" but also, "What does God want from me?" As a result, a fresh mind will lead to a rejuvenated heart and, eventually, a renewed way of life. Paul also reminds us that Christian faith entails more than just attending service or understanding religious doctrines. True worship is demonstrated in our daily lives. The way we treat others, forgive, serve, communicate, work, and respond to challenges can all be considered an offering to God. When we Christians live a life of testimony, we become tools for evangelization, missionary work, and discipleship.

Therefore, Scripture invites us to examine ourselves: what aspects of my life have I yet to offer to God? Maybe it's our family life, our goals, our finances, our relationships, our habits, or our worries. Thus, God urges us to submit everything before him. May the Lord take our entire lives and transform them into pleasing offerings to Him.

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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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 30, 2026

Sun.	30 Aug	9:00 am	Dec mbrs of Watson Family (Marilyn & Jim Boissonneault)
Tue.	01 Sep	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory (Linda Fleury)
Wed.	02 Sep	9:00 am	Nolda Byvelds (Tony & Corrie Byvelds)
Fri.	04 Sep	4:00 pm	Peter & Regina Fridgen and Family (Estate of Bill Fridgen)
		3:00 – 4:00 pm	Exposition & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Sun.	06 Sep	9:00 am	Thomas Pepers (Pepers Family)
Tue.	08 Sep	6:00 pm	Int of Jolicoeur Family (Mather Family)
Wed.	09 Sep	9:00 am	Nolda Byvelds (Tony & Corrie Byvelds)

Marian Mass			
Sat.	12 Sep	8:30 am	Nolda Byvelds (Mary Van Moorsel)
		8:30 – 9:00 am	Rosary ~ Mass at 9:00 am

2nd notice of Clergy Appointments ~ Please see the bulletin board

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Etransfers Available: We have set up the ability to send etransfer 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: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1,690.00 (2025: \$926.00)

Roof Repair: \$105.00

Roof Collected to date: \$27,120.00; (Total cost \$120,000) 23% of our goal!

Meetings:

KNIGHTS - Mon 14 Sept, 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

CWL - Mon 21 Sept, 7 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

Parish Council – Tue 1 Sept, 6 pm St. Mary's Meeting Room

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

Rosary Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:30 am before 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: 13 Sept Marg Zambon (613-652-4741)



Pray for those who are sick in our families and parish especially:
Ann Ramsey, Nancy Pomerleau, Fr. Sebastian Amato, Lola Kennedy, Tony Byvelds, John Ricci, Alice McNairn, and Noella Kirkwood.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Nolda Byvelds, 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.

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Fundraising: We have a committee! 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.

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.

12 Session video bible study starting Wed Sept 16 till Dec 2 at Our Lady of Grace Church Hall, 8 College Street, Ingleside, cost \$26. Register with Deborah 613-363-3471 or email at debbievdh55@gmail.com.

Harvest Spaghetti Supper Sun Oct 4 at Our Lady of Grace, Ingleside. Sittings at 4 pm; 5:10 pm and 6:10 pm. Dine-in or pre-order take out. Advance tickets required. Cost: Adults \$18; Seniors \$16; Children 6-12 \$10; under 5 free; Family pass (2 adults & 3 or more kids under 18) \$50. Info Deborah 613-363-3471 or email at debbievdh55@gmail.com.

Cemetery Masses:

September 4th at 3:00 pm St. Cecilia's, Iroquois then blessing of graves.

September 23rd at 9:00 am St. Mary's, Morrisburg then proceed to the cemetery for rosary and blessing of the graves. **Thank you** to the 14 people who came out and helped with the clean up of St. Mary's Cemetery.

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>.