

Father Oliver’s Weekend Reflection:

19th Sunday Matthew 14.31

Today I would like to reflect on the verse that says: Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

We tend to start with faith in God, but when hardships arise—such as illness, financial constraints, broken relationships, or worry about the future—we might lose sight of Christ and get absorbed by our worries. Doubt rarely begins with a lack of faith; rather, it begins when our focus shifts from the Lord to the storm. But the most consoling aspect of this passage is Jesus' immediate reaction. He didn't wait for Peter to get stronger or more needy. Jesus was already there to save him at his lowest point. This serves as a reminder that God's mercy is never far away. When we shout out, "Lord, save me," He hears us and reaches forth His saving hand.

Today, Jesus urges us to focus on Him rather than the waves of fear and anxiety. May we never be afraid to call on the Lord in our times of weakness, realizing that His hand is stronger than every fear and His love is greater than every storm.

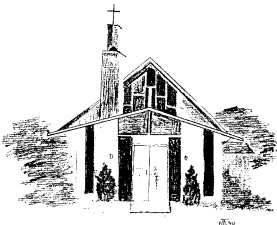
Liturgy and Sacraments:

- 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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Office closed August 10 till 14

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 9, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 16, 2026

Sun.	09 Aug	9:00 am	Myrna Watson (Jim & Marilyn Boissonneault)
Tue.	11 Aug	6:00 pm	Past & Present Mbrs of the Knights of Columbus
Wed.	12 Aug	9:00 am	Int of Betty Car (Bridget & Ted Van Der Zweep)
Sun.	16 Aug	9:00 am	Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the people)
Tue.	18 Aug	6:00 pm	Erna Jakel (Marianne & Peter Coligan)
Wed.	19 Aug	9:00 am	John & Madelaine Diegel (Sandy & Fred Diegel)
Wed.	19 Aug	11:00 am	Funeral for Nolda Byvelds
Sun.	23 Aug	9:00 am	Clara Pepers (Pepers Family)

Clergy Appointments ~ Please see the bulletin board

19th & 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2,257.00 (2025: \$2,336.00)
Repairs & Maintenance: \$115; Roof Repair: \$270.00; Matching Donation: \$500.00

Roof Collected to date: \$26,505.00; (Total cost \$120,000) 22% of our goal!

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 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.

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.

August 9 & 16, 2026

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.

This Weekend At the back of the church, we have a young parishioner who has volunteered to help with fundraising by making and selling bracelets, keychains and necklaces.

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.



St. Mary's Cemetery Clean-Up Day: Monday August 10th from 10 am till noon. Everyone welcome, bring your own gloves and brush for cleaning the stones!

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.

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>.